

2. DE Ott *et al.* Redundant roles for nucleocapsid and matrix RNA-binding sequences in human immunodeficiency virus type 1 assembly. *J Virol.* 2005 Nov;79(22), 13839–13847. [PubMed abs] Patent Status: U.S. Patent Application No. 11/413,614 filed 27 Apr 2006 (HHS Reference No. E–236–2003/0–US–02).

**Licensing Status:** Available for non-exclusive or exclusive licensing.

**Licensing Contact:** Susan Ano, Ph.D.; 301/435–5515; [anos@mail.nih.gov](mailto:anos@mail.nih.gov).

**Collaborative Research Opportunity:** The NCI, CCR, AIDS Vaccine Program is seeking statements of capability or interest from parties interested in collaborative research to further develop, evaluate, or commercialize whole retrovirus-like particle vaccines. Please contact Betty Tong, Ph.D. at 301–594–4263 or [tongb@mail.nih.gov](mailto:tongb@mail.nih.gov) for more information.

Dated: October 19, 2006.

**Steven M. Ferguson,**

*Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG–2006–24851]

#### **Draft Environmental Assessment, Draft Finding of No Significant Impact, and Draft Memorandum of Agreement for the Decommissioning and Excessing of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutters STORIS (WMEC–38) and ACUSHNET (WMEC–167)**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) announces the availability of, and seeks comment on, the Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed decommissioning of the USCG cutters STORIS (WMEC–38) and ACUSHNET (WMEC–167) in Ketchikan and Kodiak, Alaska. The USCG is also announcing the availability and seeking comment on a related Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) and the General Services Administration (GSA).

**DATES:** Comments and related material must reach Coast Guard Headquarters on or before November 27, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit comments by only one of the following means:

(1) By e-mail to Susan Hathaway at [Susan.G.Hathaway@uscg.mil](mailto:Susan.G.Hathaway@uscg.mil).

(2) By conventional mail delivery to Susan Hathaway, Headquarters, United States Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Engineering and Logistics, Environmental Management (CG–443), 2100 Second St., SW., Rm. 6109, Washington, DC 20593.

(3) By fax to Susan Hathaway at (202) 475–5956.

(4) Through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>. The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room PL–401, Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. You may also view this docket, including this notice and comments, on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on Simple Search and enter the docket number (24851).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Susan Hathaway, Headquarters, United States Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Engineering and Logistics, Environmental Management (CG–443), 2100 Second St., SW., Rm. 6109, Washington, DC 20593; by telephone: (202) 475–5688; by fax: (202) 475–5956; or by e-mail: [Susan.G.Hathaway@uscg.mil](mailto:Susan.G.Hathaway@uscg.mil).

To view and download the Environmental Assessment (EA), Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), please go to <http://www.uscg.mil/systems/gse/NEPAhot.htm> and scroll to ACUSHNET and STORIS Decommissioning EA for Public Review. The EA, Draft FONSI, and MOA can also be viewed and downloaded from the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on Simple Search and enter the docket number (24851). The Draft FONSI is after the cover sheet at the front of the EA and the MOA is Appendix D of the EA.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Request for Comments**

We encourage you to submit comments on the EA, Draft FONSI, and MOA. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this notice (USCG–2006–24851), and give the reasons for each comment. You may submit your comments by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket

Management Facility at the addresses under **ADDRESSES** but please submit your comments by only one means. If you submit them by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments received during the comment period.

#### **Proposed Action**

After over 60 years of continuous service, the USCGCs STORIS (WMEC–38) and ACUSHNET (WMEC–167) have reached the end of their service lives. The USCG intends to decommission the USCGC STORIS (WMEC–38) in 2007 and the USCGC ACUSHNET (WMEC–167) between 2008 and 2010, and report the vessels as excess personal property to the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) pursuant to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 and its implementing regulations at Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 102–36 (41 CFR part 102–36).

Preparation of the EA for the decommissioning of the USCGCs STORIS (WMEC–38) and ACUSHNET (WMEC–167) is being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (Section 102[2][c]) and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR Part 1500.

#### **Environmental Assessment**

An EA has been prepared that identifies and examines alternatives including a no action alternative and the preferred alternative, the decommissioning and subsequent reporting of the vessels to GSA, as well as a third possible outcome, that is beyond the control of the Coast Guard and entails passage by Congress of specific legislation that directs the vessels' disposition. The EA assesses the potential environmental impacts of these alternatives and the additional possibility of specific legislation.

As the Coast Guard has determined that the vessels are historic for purposes of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the Coast Guard has engaged in Section 106 consultation with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) in developing a MOA on the Coast Guard's intended action of decommissioning of the USCGCs STORIS (WMEC–38) and ACUSHNET (WMEC–167) and then reporting the vessels as excess personal property to

GSA. GSA also participated in the development of the MOA.

The Draft FONSI records the USCG's determination that the Proposed Action would have no significant impact on the environment.

The USCG will consider all comments received by the close of business on November 27, 2006.

Dated: October 19, 2006.

**Captain Douglas J. Wisniewski,**

*Acting Director of Enforcement and Incident Management Directorate, U.S. Coast Guard.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1663-DR]

#### Alaska; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Alaska (FEMA-1663-DR), dated October 16, 2006, and related determinations.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* October 16, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated October 16, 2006, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Alaska resulting from severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides during the period of August 15-25, 2006, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Alaska.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas, Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any

other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 of the Stafford Act is later warranted, Federal funding under that program will also be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, William M. Lokey, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Alaska to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

The Chugach Regional Education Attendance Area, Denali Borough, and Matanuska-Susitna Borough for Public Assistance.

All boroughs and Regional Education Attendance Areas in the State of Alaska are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program-Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**R. David Paulison,**

*Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management and Director of FEMA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1664-DR]

#### Hawaii; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Hawaii (FEMA-1664-DR), dated October 17, 2006, and related determinations.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* October 17, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated October 17, 2006, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Hawaii resulting from an earthquake that occurred on October 15, 2006, and related aftershocks, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Hawaii.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B) under the Public Assistance program in the designated areas, as well as Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate, subject to completion of Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs), unless you determine that the incident is of such unusual severity and magnitude that PDAs are not required to determine the need for supplemental Federal assistance pursuant to 44 CFR 206.33(d). Direct Federal assistance is authorized.

Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Other Needs Assistance is later warranted, Federal funding under that program will also be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director, Department of Homeland Security, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Michael L. Karl of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Hawaii to have been