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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Region 1 Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region 1 Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Augusta, will hold a public meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 28, 1998 at the Portland Resource Hub, 441 Congress Street, Portland, Maine, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or other present.

For further information, write or call Mary McAleney, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 40 Western Avenue, Augusta, Maine 04330, 207-622-8242.

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Region II Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region II Advisory Council located in the geographical area of Buffalo, New York, will hold a public meeting at 10:00 a.m. on October 21, 1998, at Buffalo Office Interiors, 1418 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York to discuss matters that may be presented by members of the Advisory Council, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration or others present.

For further information, write or call Franklin J. Sciortino, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, Room 1311, 111 West Huron Street, Buffalo, New York 14202—(716) 551-4301.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution, Notice of Meeting

The Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution (SPMP), a subcommittee of the Shipping Coordinating Committee, will conduct an open meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of this meeting will be to review the agenda items to be considered at the forty-second session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 42) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). MEPC 42 will be held from November 2-6, 1998. Proposed U.S. positions on the agenda items for MEPC 42 will be discussed.

The major items for discussion for MEPC 42 will begin at 9:30 a.m. and include the following:

- a. Harmful effects of the use of anti-fouling paints for ships;
- b. Inadequacy of waste reception facilities at ports and terminals;
- c. Implementation of the Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response, and Cooperation Convention (OPRC) convention and associated conference resolutions;
- d. Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water;
- e. Prevention of air pollution from ships;
- f. Identification and protection of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas;
- g. Interpretation and amendments of MARPOL 73/78 and related codes;
- h. Promotion of implementation and enforcement of MARPOL 73/78 and related codes;
- i. Irradiated Nuclear Fuel Code related matters;
- j. Role of the human element with regard to pollution prevention;
- k. Formal safety assessment including environmental indexing of ships.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information or documentation pertaining to the SPMP meeting, contact Lieutenant Commander John Meehan, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-MSO-4), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; Telephone: (202) 267-2714.

Dated: September 16, 1998.

**Stephen M. Miller,**

*Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2898]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee International Maritime Organization (IMO) Legal Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, October 08, 1998, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the 78th session of the IMO Legal Committee, which will be held October 19-23, 1998, in London. The meeting will address: provision of financial security for passenger claims, provision of financial security for other maritime claims, compensation for pollution from ships' bunkers, a draft convention on wreck removal, as well as other matters. This meeting will also be a further opportunity for interested members of the public to express their views on whether the United States should ratify the Hazardous and Noxious Substance Convention, adopted in London in May, 1996.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting, up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, or to submit views concerning the subjects of discussion, write to either Captain Malcolm J. Williams, Jr., of Lieutenant William G. Rospars, U.S. Coast Guard (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593, or by telephone (202) 267-1527, telefax (202) 267-4496.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### Shipping Coordinating Committee Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea Working Group on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue; Notice of Meetings

The Working Group on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea will conduct open meetings at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, October 7, and December 9, 1998, February 17, March 31, and June 30, 1999. These meetings will be held in the Department of Transportation Headquarters Building, 400 Seventh