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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

NOTE: This checklist should be completed by the decision-maker in consultation with an **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SPECIALIST**. Please read the information on how to properly complete this checklist on pages 4-10 and make sure each question is answered using the accompanying explanations found on the pages cited after each question. Attempting to answer these questions without reading the accompanying explanations may result in an incorrect or incomplete environmental analysis.

***Project Description:**

This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes to make administrative changes to the Coast Guard requirements for merchant mariner training and service. The proposed regulation would remove the date of the radar-observer endorsement from the merchant mariner's license, allow for an apprentice mate of towing vessels to reduce sea-service time for mate(pilot) of towing vessels, and would provide an alternate path to mate (pilot) of towing vessels for master of steam/motor vessels not more than 200 gross register tons (GRT). These changes are intended to eliminate confusion and clarify training and service requirements.

Activity Year: 2006

(*Note: Checklist preparer may want to attach additional descriptive information on the proposed action such as: diagrams, site maps, and photographs.)

Part I. <u>Checklist Analysis.</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NEED DATA</u>
1. Is there likely to be a significant effect on public health or safety? (p. 5)		X	
2. Does the proposed action occur on or near a unique characteristic of the geographic area, such as a historic or cultural resource, park land, prime farmland, wetland, wild and scenic river, ecologically critical area, or property requiring special consideration under 49 U.S.C. 303(c)? (p. 5-6)		X	
3. Is there a potential for effects on the quality of the environment that are likely to be highly controversial in terms of scientific validity or public opinion? (p. 7)		X	
4. Is there a potential for effects on the human environment that are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks? (p. 7)		X	
5. Will the action set a precedent for future actions with significant effects or a decision in principle about a future consideration? (p. 7)		X	
6. Are the action's impacts individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant when considered along with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions? (p. 7-8)		X	
7. Is the proposed action likely to have a significant impact on a district, site, highway, structure, or object that is listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or to cause the loss or destruction of a significant scientific, cultural, or historic resource? (p.8)		X	
8. Will the proposed action have a significant effect on species or habitats protected by the Endangered Species Act? (p. 9)		X	
9. Is there a potential or threatened violation of a Federal, State, or local law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? (p. 9-10)		X	
10. Is the action likely to have other significant effects on public health and safety or on any other environmental media or resources that are not specifically identified in this checklist? (p. 10)		X	

Part II. Comments or Additional Information Related to Part I:

Part II. Comments or Additional Information Related to Part I (continued):

Part III. Conclusions.

1. A CE is recommended for this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. [X]
Comments: Since this Coast Guard action falls under #34 (c) of the Coast Guard's NEPA Implementing Procedures and Policy for Considering Environmental Impacts, COMDTINST M16475.1D, a CE meets this criteria.

2. An EA is recommended for this proposed action. []
Comments: _____

3. An EIS is recommended for this proposed action. []
Comments: _____

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