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Oil Pollution Research Public Meeting Notice Published

The U.S. Coast Guard announced today the Federal Register publication of a notice of a public meeting in Seattle, Washington in May 2010 to hear comments on the priorities of oil pollution research, including projects in the Arctic environment.

The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) established the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research (ICCOPR). The ICCOPR was commissioned with 13 member agencies and is chaired by the Coast Guard. The Federal Oil Pollution Research and Development (R&D) Technology Plan defines the roles of each federal agency involved in oil spill research and development. The current version of the plan is in need of revision and the ICCOPR is coordinating an update during the next two fiscal years. Public comments from this meeting will help to inform the update of the plan.

The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon) at the Westin Seattle, 1900 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101. The public is encouraged to participate by submitting written or verbal comments at the meeting.

The Notice may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2010-0212.

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