Request for Public Comment on Accommodation Service Provided on Vessels Engaged in U.S. Outer Continental Shelf Activities

Today the U.S. Coast Guard announced publication in the Federal Register of a request for public comment on the appropriate standards for the design, construction, and operation of vessels providing accommodation service on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf. The offshore mineral and energy exploration and production industry has progressively moved Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) activities into deeper waters and further offshore. Because of this, the use of vessels providing accommodation service on the U.S. OCS will continue to grow, and it is appropriate to consider standards that would be applicable to such vessels.

The Federal Register notice and related materials may be reviewed online at http://www.regulations.gov, docket number: USCG-2011-0641.

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