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## **OSHA will hold meeting of the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health**

WASHINGTON - The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will hold a [meeting](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-09-02/html/2011-22582.htm) (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-09-02/html/2011-22582.htm>) of the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH) in Portland, Maine, September 20-21, 2011.

MACOSH advises Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels, on worker safety and health in the maritime industries. The September meeting agenda includes discussions on person in water (man overboard); cargo handling equipment; confined space ventilation; selection of welding shade protection; safe entry and cleaning practices in vessel sewage tanks; best practices for eye injury reduction; toxic materials; and injury and illness prevention programs.

The meeting will be held at the Eastland Park Hotel, 157 High St., Portland, ME 04101. The full committee will meet Wednesday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Work groups will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, September 20.

MACOSH meetings and workgroups are open to the public. Individuals may submit comments and requests to speak during the meeting at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Submissions may also be sent by mail or facsimile. See the *Federal Register* notice for details. Comments and requests to speak must be submitted by September 14, 2011.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov>.

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