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PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON FATE OF LONG RANGE NAVIGATION SYSTEM

The land based navigation system may be decommissioned later this year

The Coast Guard Auxiliary wants to inform all mariners that the US Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security, is seeking public input on the fate of the Long Range Navigation System, otherwise known as LORAN-C.

The land based navigation system, operated by the US Coast Guard, may be scheduled for decommissioning later this year. At question is whether the system should be decommissioned, maintained "as is," or up-graded to an enhanced LORAN system (eLORAN), which could be used either as a back-up to the GPS (Global Position Satellite) System, or a complimentary system to GPS. .

The public is invited to submit their thoughts and comments, which must be received on or by February 7th of this year. To learn how to submit those comments, visit <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/eLORAN/E6-22421.pdf>, or call the U.S. Coast Guard Info line at 1-800-368-5647.

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