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Suspension of All Coastal Buoy Modernization Proposal Comment Collection and Activities Pending Further Aids to Navigation (ATON) System Analysis

Coast Guard District Northeast is closing the period for providing comments to the Coastal Buoy Modernization Proposal (CBMP) advertised in the Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) and directly solicited from stakeholders. The Coast Guard is extremely appreciative of the maritime public's significant engagement.

After receiving over 3,170 informative comments, the Coast Guard finds it necessary to conduct further analysis of the aids to navigation (ATON) system while ensuring port security, response to contingencies, and the safe and efficient flow of commerce. There will be no changes to ATON at this time in relation to CBMP until further analysis is complete. The LNM Proposal period will be closed out.

ATONs are critical to protecting our ports, ensuring safe navigation, and promoting a strong economy, and to facilitating \$5.4 trillion in maritime commerce and ensuring safe navigation and shipping, economic prosperity and strategic mobility. The Coast Guard will continue to assess our waterways and provide the most effective ATON system changes to support a safe, efficient, and resilient Marine Transportation System.

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