MARAD Announces Comment Period for Future Use of the Historic Vessel NS Savannah



NS (Nuclear Ship) Savannah, the first commercial nuclear power cargo vessel, en route to the World's Fair in Seattle in 1962. Wikipedia / U.S. government

WASHINGTON – The Maritime Administration (MARAD) has published a Federal Register notice inviting comments on MARAD's future plans for the N.S. Savannah (NSS). The notice can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/01/13/2021-00527/collecting-proposals-for-future-use-of-the-historic-vessel-ns-savannah

The N.S. Savannah was the world's first nuclear-powered merchant ship. It operated from 1962 to 1971, when it was inactivated. It currently is moored in Baltimore.

Under the authority of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), MARAD is engaged in formal consultations with federal, state, and organizational stakeholders, and expects to enter into a Programmatic Agreement with those stakeholders in the next few months. The agreement includes a stipulation that details how MARAD will consider future uses for the vessel after its nuclear power plant is fully decommissioned.

Comments can be submitted electronically online through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov under docket number MARAD-2020-0133. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the following address: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management Facility, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590. In person submissions are being accepted in accordance with social distancing protocols in place.

All submissions to the docket will be posted without change to www.regulations.gov and will include any personal information you provide.