

**PART 9—ORGANIZATION, FUNCTIONS, AND AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS—PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION**

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**§9.1 Purpose of this subpart.**

This subpart describes the organization and functions of the Panama Canal Commission (referred to in this part as “the Commission” or “Agency”) and explains how a member of the public may request records from this agency under the Freedom of Information Act.

**§9.2 Organization.**

The principal office of the Panama Canal Commission is located at Balboa Heights, Republic of Panama. The Office of the Secretary of the Panama Canal Commission is located at International Square, 1825 I Street, NW., suite 1050, Washington, DC 20006-5402. The Commission also maintains a procurement office at 4400 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA 70146-6800.

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**§9.3 Functions.**

(a) The Panama Canal Commission, which replaced the Canal Zone Government and the Panama Canal Company effective October 1, 1979, is established in the executive branch of the United States by the Panama Canal Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-70, 93 Stat. 452) as an agency of the United States, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the Panama Canal and the facilities and appurtenances related thereto. As provided in section 1101 of that Act, the authority of the President with respect to the Commission is exercised through the Secretary of Defense.

(b) As provided in the Panama Canal Act of 1979, the supervision of the Commission is vested in a Board composed of nine members, one of whom is the Secretary of Defense or an officer of the Department of Defense designated by the Secretary. Not fewer than five