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Maritime Administration

[Docket No. M-023]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before October 28, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean E. McKeever, Chief, Division of Capital

Assets Management, Office of Ship Financing, Maritime Administration, MAR-530, Room 8126, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5744 or fax 202-366-7901. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Application for Construction Reserve Fund and Annual Statements.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0032.

Form Number: None.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 1996.

Summary of Collection of Information: The collection consists of an application required from all citizens who own or operate vessels in the U.S. foreign or domestic commerce and desire "tax" benefits under the Construction Reserve Fund (CRF) program. The annual statements set forth a detailed analysis of the status of the CRF when each income tax return is filed. Checks for withdrawals from the CRF must be sent to MARAD for countersignature and return for effecting the withdrawal.

Need and Use of the Information: The application is required in order for MARAD to determine whether the applicant qualifies for the benefits and

for the applicant to obtain benefits under the CRF program. The annual statements are required from each respondent in order for MARAD to assure that the requirements of the program are being satisfied.

Description of Respondents: U.S. citizens who own or operate one or more vessels in the foreign or domestic commerce of the United States and wish to receive benefits under the CRF program.

Annual Responses: 6.

Annual Burden: 54 hours.

Comments: Send all comments regarding this information collection to Joel C. Richard, Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-120, Room 7210, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: August 21, 1996.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary.

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