

construction, reconstruction, or acquisition of vessels through the deferment of Federal income taxes on certain deposits of money or property placed into a CCF.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information is used by the Maritime Administration to determine an applicant's eligibility to enter into a CCF Agreement.

Annual Burden Estimate: The annual burden estimate is 1,996 hours.

2. *Title of Collection:* EUSC/Parent Company.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0511.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Foreign register American vessel owners which complete the information collection and return it to the Maritime Administration.

Abstract: The collection consists of an inventory of information regarding Foreign register vessels owned by Americans. Specifically, this information consists of responses from vessel owners verifying or correcting vessel ownership, data and characteristics found in commercial publications.

Need and Use of the Information: The verification of information on vessels that could be vital in a national or international emergency is essential to the logistical support planning by MARAD's Office of National Security Plans and the Logistics Plans Division of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. The information will be used for contingency planning for sealift requirements primarily as a source of ships to move essential oil and bulk cargoes in support of the national economy.

Annual Burden Estimate: The annual burden is 46 hours.

Comments Are Invited On—

Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW.,

Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 13, 1997.

Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Townships of Manns Harbor and Manteo, Dare County, NC

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Rescind notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will not be prepared for a proposed highway project within the townships of Manns Harbor and Manteo and a new crossing of the Croatan Sound, Dare County, North Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Roy C. Shelton, Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601, Telephone 919/856-4350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed highway project to improve a portion of US 64-264 from the intersection of US 64 and US 264 west of Manns Harbor to the intersection of US 64 and NC 345 south of Manteo was issued on November 23, 1993 and published in the November 12, 1993 **Federal Register**. The FHWA, in cooperation with North Carolina Department of Transportation, has since determined that preparation of an EIS is not necessary for this proposed highway project and hereby rescinds the previous Notice of Intent.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Roy C. Shelton,

Operations Engineer, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 97-29; Notice 01]

Consumer Information; National Academy of Sciences' Study

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: This notice summarizes a recent study by the National Academy of Sciences titled "Shopping for Safety—Providing Consumer Automotive Safety Information." The study makes a number of recommendations to NHTSA on ways to improve automobile safety information for consumers. This notice requests comments on NHTSA's response to the recommendations of this study and on programs NHTSA has begun or is considering to address these recommendations. NHTSA is requesting comments because it wishes to develop these programs in cooperation with other interested parties.

DATES: *Comment Date:* Comments must be received by August 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket and notice number of this notice and be submitted to: Docket Section, Room 5109, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. (Docket Room hours are 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Versailles, NPS-31, Office of Safety Performance Standards, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Versailles can be reached by phone at (202) 366-2057 or by facsimile at (202) 366-4329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

As part of the agency's regulatory reform commitment, and the formation of the Planning and Review Division in Safety Performance Standards (NPS), a comprehensive review of NHTSA's motor vehicle safety consumer information programs has been undertaken. This activity reflects the agency's increased focus on consumer information complementing the traditional engineering standards focus of its rulemaking function.

In 1994, NHTSA held four town meetings as part of the reform effort. The purpose of these meetings was to let NHTSA hear directly from the public what kind of automobile safety