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Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 2,855 hours.

Number of Respondents: 11,929.

Title: U.S. Coast Guard Academy Preliminary Application and Supplemental Forms.

OMB No.: 2115-0012.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

Affected Public: Men and Women between the ages of 17 and 22.

Abstract: This collection of information will require individuals who wish to compete for an appointment as a Coast Guard Cadet to fill out Preliminary and Supplement Application Forms.

Need: Title 46 U.S.C. 211(a) authorizes the Superintendent of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy to ensure that qualified individuals have every opportunity to compete for a cadet appointment.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 6,640 hours.

Number of Respondents: 13,600.

Title: Characteristics of Liquid Chemicals Proposed for Bulk Water Movement.

OMB No.: 2115-0016.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Chemical manufacturers.

Abstract: This requires manufacturers of chemicals to submit data on new materials. From this information, the Coast Guard determines the appropriate precautions to be taken.

Need: Under 46 CFR 30-40, 151, 153, and 154, the Coast Guard regulates the transportation of hazardous materials. Due to the nature of the chemical industry, new materials are being produced which must be shipped. Each of these new materials has unique characteristics which require special attention to their mode of shipment.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 300 hours.

Number of Respondents: 25.

Title: 33 CFR 157—Requirements for the installation and use of oil discharge monitoring equipment for tank vessels and International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificates.

OMB No.: 2115-0518.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

Affected Public: Owners or operators of U.S. flag tank vessels, 150 gross tons or more for discharge data. Owners or operator of U.S. flag oil tankers of 150

gross tons and above and each U.S. ship of 400 gross tons and above that engage in international voyages for IOPP Certificates (IOPP).

Abstract: This collection of information requires U.S. flag tank vessels, 150 gross tons or more, to maintain oily mixture discharge data. Also U.S. flag oil tankers of 150 gross tons and above and each U.S. ship of 400 gross tons and above that engage in international voyages are required to have an IOPP Certificate. This collection is a combination of OMB Nos. 2115-0526 and 2115-0518 under one OMB approval number.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 784 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1,230.

Title: Emergency Evacuation Plan for Manned Facilities.

OMB No.: 2115-0580.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection

Affected Public: Operators of manned OCS facilities and MODUs.

Abstract: The collection of information requires the operators of manned OCS facilities, including Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, (MODUs) to submit facility emergency evacuation plans (EEPS) to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Need: Under 43 U.S.C. Section 133(d), the Coast Guard has the authority to promulgate and enforce reasonable regulations promoting the safety of life and property on OCS facilities. Pub. L. 99-509 required the Coast Guard to issue regulations for the evaluation of personnel from manned OCS facilities. This information is used by the Coast Guard to ensure that these facilities establish and maintain efficient and safe methods for evaluation.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 3,460 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1,045.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer.

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's 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 31, 1997.

Vanester M. Williams,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33501]

Douglas M. Head, Kent P. Shoemaker and Charles H. Clay—Continuance in Control Exemption—Rutland Line, Inc

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of Exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323-25, the continuance in control by Douglas M. Head, Kent P. Shoemaker and Charles H. Clay of Rutland Line, Inc.

DATES: This exemption will be effective on February 6, 1998. Petitions to stay must be filed by January 20, 1998. Petitions to reopen must be filed by January 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33501, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative, Jo A. DeRoche, Weiner, Brodsky, Sidman & Kider, P.C., 1350 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005-4797.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., 1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services at (202) 565-1695.]

Decided: December 11, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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