

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Docket RSPA-98-4452 Notice 6]

**Request for Comments and OMB Approval****AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Request for comments and OMB approval.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, RSPA published a notice in the **Federal Register** on October 15, 1998, that announced the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) intention to request renewal of an information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety's (OPS) Recordkeeping for Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Facilities. No comments were received. RSPA is publishing this additional notice to give the public an additional 30 days to provide comments.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 22, 1999.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW Washington, DC 20950, (202) 366-1640 or e-mail marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Recordkeeping for Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Facilities.

*OMB Number:* 2137-0048.

*Abstract:* 49 U.S.C. 60103, standards for liquefied natural gas pipeline facilities delegates the responsibility for ensuring safe operation of LNG facilities to the Secretary of Transportation. Enforcement regulations are found in 33 CFR 193, Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities: Federal Safety Standards. These regulations require recordkeeping to allow Federal and State inspectors to ensure safe operations and maintenance of LNG facilities.

*Estimate of Burden:* The average burden hours per response is 120.

*Respondents:* LNG facility operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 95.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 400.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 11,400 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW Washington, DC. Comments are invited

on: (a) the need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques. Send comments directly to Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503 ATTN: Desk Officer for the Department of Transportation.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 14, 1999.

**Diane Litman,**

*Director for Information Resource Management, Office of the Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Docket Number: RSPA-98-4452, Notice 4]

**Request for Comments and OMB Approval****AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.**ACTION:** Request for comments and OMB approval.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, RSPA published a notice in the **Federal Register** on October 15, 1998 that announced the Research and Special Program Administration's (RSPA) intention to request a renewal of a currently approved information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety's (OPS) certification and agreement forms for the gas and hazardous liquid pipeline safety program. No comments were received. RSPA is publishing this notice to provide the public an additional 30 days to comment.

**DATES:** Comments to this notice must be received on or before February 22, 1999.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marvin Fell, (202) 366-6205, to ask questions about this notice, or write by e-mail to marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Renewal of Existing Collection.

*Title of Information Collection:*

Certification and Agreement Forms for the Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2137-0584.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Use:* This collection is used by RSPA to ensure that state agencies with regulatory jurisdiction over pipeline safety have adopted and are complying with minimum Federal safety standards. This information is used to calculate grants to states. These grants are used by states to help fund a significant portion of their state pipeline safety programs.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 62.

*Respondents:* State Agencies.

*Total Annual Hours Requested:* 3,678.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Comments should be sent to Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

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**Diane Litman,**

*Director Information Resource Management, Office of the Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Docket Number RSPA-98-4452 Notice 5]

**Request for Comments and OMB Approval****AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Request for comments and OMB approval.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, RSPA published a notice in the **Federal Register** on October 15, 1998, that announced the Research and Special

Programs Administration's (RSPA) intention to request a renewal of a currently approved information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety's (OPS) Recordkeeping for Gas Pipeline Operators. RSPA received no comments on that notice. RSPA is publishing an additional notice giving the public an additional 30 days to provide comments.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 22, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6205, or by e-mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Recordkeeping for Gas Pipeline Operators.

*OMB Number:* 2137-0049.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* 49 U.S.C. 60117 requires the Secretary of Transportation to determine whether a person transporting gas is complying with Federal safety standards. This statute requires the maintenance of records and reports and the provision of requested information to the Department of Transportation upon request. These records help ascertain compliance and provide information for incident investigation.

*Estimate of Burden:* The average burden hours per operator is 41.5.

*Respondents:* Gas pipeline operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 22,700.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 940,991.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of

Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC.

Comments are invited on: (a) the need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques. Send comments directly to Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for the Department of Transportation.

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**Diane Litman,**

*Director of Information Resource Management, Office of the Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Research and Special Programs Administration**

**Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Exemptions**

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** List of applicants for exemptions.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular exemption is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before (30 days after publication).

**ADDRESS COMMENTS TO:** Records Center, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the exemption application number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the applications (See Docket Number) are available for inspection at the New Docket Management Facility, PL-401, at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

This notice of receipt of applications for new exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Hazardous Materials Regulations Act (49 U.S.C. 1806; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 14, 1999.

**J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,**

*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals.*

**NEW EXEMPTIONS**

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12195-N .....	RSPA-1998-4938	Custom Metalcraft, Inc., Springfield, MO.	49 CFR 172.203(a), 172.302(c), 173.240-243, 178.705(c) (iv)(A).	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale, of metal intermediate bulk containers meeting design type UN31A, except for minimum thickness requirements and marking requirements for use in the transportation of certain hazardous materials. (Modes 1, 2, 3.)
12196-N .....	RSPA-1998-4939	HR Textron Inc., Pacoima, CA.	49 CFR 173.302(a), 178.35, 178.37.	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of non-DOT specification stainless steel alloy cylinders to be used for the transportation in commerce of nitrogen or nitrogen mixtures classed as Division 2.2 materials. (Modes 1, 2, 3, 5.)
12197-N .....	RSPA-1998-4948	Arteva Specialties S.á.r.l./d/b/a/KoSa Spartanburg, SC.	49 CFR 174.67(i)&(j) .....	To authorize rail cars to remain attached to connectors without the physical presence of an unloader. (Mode 2.)
12198-N .....	RSPA-1998-4947	Mazda Motor Corporation, Fuchu-Cho, Aki-Gun, Hiroshima, JA.	49 CFR 171-180 .....	To authorize the manufacture, mark, and sale of certain shock absorbers and struts, containing Division 2.2 material for transportation in commerce as accumulators. (Modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.)