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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1999-5042]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Reports (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on February 5, 1999 (64 FR 5851). The Coast Guard received no comments on that notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 2, 1999.

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

Copies of the complete Information Collection Requests are available in the public docket USCG-1999-5042 on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and also from Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, room 6106, (Attn: Barbara Davis), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-267-2326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document. Documents as indicated in this notice are available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-001, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329. You may also electronically access the public docket

for this notice on the Internet at <http://dms.gov.gov>. For questions on viewing material in the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard requests comments on the purposed collection of information to determine whether it is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including: (1) its practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimated burden of the proposed information collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Information Collection Requests

Title: Tank Vessel Examination Letter (CG-840S-1 & 2) Certificate of Compliance, Boiler/Pressure Vessel Repairs, Cargo Gear Records, and Shipping Papers.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0504.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Vessel owners and operators.

Form(s): CG-840S-1 and CG-840S-2.

Abstract: The requirements for reporting Boiler/Pressure/Valve Repairs, maintaining Cargo Gear Records, and Shipping Papers, issuing Certificate of Compliance and Tank Vessel Examination Letters provide the marine inspector with available information on the condition of a vessel and its equipment. It also contains information on the vessel owner and lists the type and amount of cargo that has been or is being transported. These requirements all relate to the promotion of safety of life at sea and protection of the marine environment.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 21,531.

Title: Self-propelled Liquefied Gas Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0113.

Type of request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Vessel owners and operators.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: The reporting and recordkeeping requirements are needed

to ensure compliance with U.S. regulations for the design and operation of liquefied gas carriers. The regulations also address cargo operations, handling and safety.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 4,070.

Title: Instructional Material for Lifesaving, Fire Protection and Emergency Equipment.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0576.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Equipment manufacturers.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: Manufacturers are required to produce instructional materials for vessel operators on lifesaving, fire protection, and emergency equipment. The material is used during training sessions and emergencies.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 8,512.

Title: Alternate Compliance Program—Record of Inspections.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0626.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Classification societies.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: Information for this report is only collected when an owner or operator of an inspected vessel voluntarily decides to participate in the U.S. Coast Guard's Alternate Compliance Program. The information collected will be used to assess compliance prior to issuance of a Certificate of Inspection.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 190.

Title: Requirements for Lightering of Oil and Hazardous Material Cargoes.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0539.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Vessel owners and operators.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: The information for this report allows crew members of U.S. vessels to provide proper and timely response to an emergency, to minimize personnel injuries or deaths and prevent environmental damage from an oil or hazardous material spill. The information is used during training sessions and during emergencies.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 315.

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