

representatives, drawn from among 27 organizations representing various rail industry perspectives, and 2 associate non-voting representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico. Staff of the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Transit Administration also participate in an advisory capacity.

During this meeting, the RSAC will be briefed on the proposed standard for locomotive sanitary conditions, which has been forwarded to the Locomotive Cab Working Conditions Working Group for consensus approval to become the Working Group's recommendation to the full RSAC.

The RSAC will be requested to vote on the proposed adoption of the Positive Train Control Working Group's, Report on Implementation of Positive Train Control Systems, as the RSAC's report to the Federal Railroad Administrator.

A status report will be provided by the Accident/Incident Working Group, tasked with evaluating the concept of a reportable train accident, specifically the means by which the railroad property damage threshold is calculated. The Locomotive Crashworthiness Working Group will brief the RSAC on the status of proposed recommended standards for freight, passenger and switching locomotives.

A discussion on the issue of qualification and certification of safety-critical employees will be conducted, based on information to be provided to the FRA by the RSAC members.

FRA may request the RSAC to accept a task that would include revising the regulations governing the protection of employees engaged in the inspection, testing, repair and servicing of rolling equipment (49 CFR part 218, subpart B).

Informational briefings will be provided to the RSAC on safety-related issues of general interest.

Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740) for more information about the RSAC.

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**George A. Gavalla,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket: RSPA-98-4957; Notice 7]

#### Notice of Extension of Existing Information Collection

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) is publishing this notice seeking public comments on a proposed renewal of an information collection for oil spill response plans prepared by onshore oil pipeline operators. This notice provides the public with 60 days for comment **DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before October 25, 1999 to be assured of consideration. U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-001 or e-mail to dms.dot.gov. Please put docket number on all comments.

**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) 366-6205 or by electronic mail at Marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Response Plans for Onshore Oil Pipelines.

*OMB Number:* 2137-0589.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of an existing information collection.

*Abstract:* The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) requires that certain pipelines that transport oil must develop a response to minimize the impact of an oil discharge in the case of an accident. These response plans enhance the spill response capability of pipeline operators.

*Estimate of Burden:* The average burden hours per response is approximately 47 hours.

*Respondents:* Oil pipeline operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,400.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 65,467 hours.

*Frequency:* Every three years.

*Use:* To enhance response capability in the event of an oil spill.

Copies of this notice and supporting documents on this information collection renewal can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S.

Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590, Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Excluding Federal holidays. This information can also be reviewed electronically over the Internet at dms.dot.gov.

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.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 20, 1999.

**Richard B. Felder,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8850

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8850, Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Credits.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before October 25, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.