

Notification

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Dated: November 29, 2000.

William B. Bader,

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**Notice of Meeting of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Services (ISAC-13)**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Services will hold a meeting on December 12, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The meeting will be opened to the public from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and closed to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2000, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce, Conference Room 1414, located at 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Holderman, (202) 482-0345, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (principal contact), or Dominic Bianchi, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395-6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the opened portion of the meeting the "Status Report on WTO General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) Work Program and Preparation for Future GATS Negotiating Meetings" will be discussed.

Dominic Bianchi,

Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration****Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 19, 2000, at 65 FR 56609. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 8, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas M.P. Christensen, Office of National Security Plans, Maritime Administration, MAR-620, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5990 or FAX 202-488-0941. Copies of this collection can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Voluntary Tanker Agreement.
OMB Control Number: OMB 2133-0505.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: The respondents are tanker companies that operate in international trade and who have agreed to participate in this agreement.

Form (S): None.

Abstract: The collection consists of a request from MARAD that each participant in the Voluntary Tanker Agreement submit a list of the names of ships owned, chartered, or contracted for by the participant, and their size and flags of registry. There is no prescribed format for this information.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: One hour per respondent.

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

Comments Are Invited On

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary 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 information collection; (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 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.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on December 4, 2000.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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

[Docket 98-4957 Notice 23]

Extension of Existing Information Collection: Public Comment Request and OMB Approval

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for Public Comment and OMB Approval.

SUMMARY: This is the second notice of requests for public participation in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval process for extension of an existing Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) collection of information. RSPA is requesting OMB approval of information collection 2137-0596, National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320. RSPA published its first request in the **Federal Register** on September 7, 2000 (65 FR 54336). The Paperwork Reduction Act gives the public a second chance to provide comments on information collection requests.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 8, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to send comments directly to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503 Attn: Desk Officer for DOT. Please identify the docket and notice numbers shown in the heading of this notice.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Pipeline Mapping System.

Type of Request: Extension of existing information collection.

Abstract: RSPA's Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), along with state agencies, has been working with natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline operators to develop NPMS. When complete, this system will depict and provide data on all natural gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipeline systems operating in the United States. OPS is extending its volunteer pilot program to all regulated transmission operators. OPS will be compensating the states and regional repositories for their startup and operating costs. Four commenters, three hazardous gas pipeline operators and one trade association provided comments. The following is a summary of their comments and OPS's response to their concerns.

OPS has worked with the pipeline industry since November 1994 on the development of a voluntary NPMS. This process has included two government/industry mapping teams who worked together to identify the most cost effective way for the pipeline industry to share data with OPS and the states. Additionally OPS has conducted four mapping workshops. OPS has made every effort to develop its voluntary mapping system which is flexible offering the opportunity for either hard copy or digital submissions from operators.

NPMS is important for regulatory oversight by both the states and the Federal government. Additionally, it is essential for the public's right-to-know. A few commenters questioned OPS' estimates of the time required to provide mapping data. OPS has revised upwards its initial estimate of 20 hours per operator to 30 hours. OPS notes that a commentator suggested that the required estimate could be up to 5,200 hours. OPS believes that this represents operators converting from hand drawn maps to digital mapping. This is not what is being requested by OPS. OPS is accepting hand drawn maps.

Some commenters questioned the need for a NPMS. One purpose for NPMS is to standardize the maps and reduce the burdens of operators responding to different requests from state officials.

Some commenters had concerns with the definition of transmission lines. This is outside the scope of this information collection.

One commenter questioned the accuracy goal of ± 500 feet. OPS believes that the data submitted is much more accurate than this goal. The accuracy level is generally from 40-100 feet.

One commenter had concerns about the security of providing pipeline mapping. OPS believes that the limited pipeline data provided OPS does not pose a security threat.

Estimate of Burden: 30 hours per operator.

Respondents: Gas transmission and hazardous liquid operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1350.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 40,500 hours.

This document can be reviewed between 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, at the Dockets Facility, DOT, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590.

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 December 1, 2000.

Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration****Docket RSPA-98-4957; Notice 24 Notice of Request To Extend Existing Information Collection**

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS)

is publishing its intention to combine two existing information collections into one. OPS is combining Management Information System (MIS) Standardized Data Collection and Reporting of Drug Testing Materials (2137-0579) and Alcohol Testing (2137-0587). The purpose of this notice is to allow the public to comment. The combined information collection will be titled Drug and Alcohol Testing (2137-0579).

OPS believes that alcohol and drug testing requirements are an important tool for operators to monitor drug and alcohol usage in the industry. OPS has found that drug and alcohol use in the pipeline industry is less than 1% of employees.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 5, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should identify the docket number of this notice, RSPA-98-4957, and be mailed to Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 or by e-mail to <http://dms.dot.gov>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, OPS, RSPA, DOT, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6205 or by electronic mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Drug and Alcohol Testing.

OMB Number: 2137-0579.

Type of Request: Extension of an existing information collection.

Abstract: Drug and alcohol abuse is a major societal problem and it is reasonable to assume the problem exists in the pipeline industry as it does in society as a whole. The potential harmful effect of drug and alcohol abuse on safe pipeline operations warrants imposing comprehensive testing regulations on the pipeline industry. These rules are found in 49 CFR 199. These regulations require annual information collection of the results.

DOT is rewriting its drug and alcohol testing regulations in 49 CFR Part 40. As a result, the bulk of the burden hours that were accounted for by the modes will now be accounted for in a new information collection issued by DOT.

OPS is using this opportunity to combine its information collections for drug and alcohol testing information collections.

Respondents: Pipeline operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,419.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,963 hours.