

Washington, DC, 20503; Attention: FRA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on the following: Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of FRA, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections 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 of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 29, 2002.

Kathy A. Weiner,

Director, Office of Information Technology and Support Systems, Federal Railroad Administration.

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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 March 12, 2002. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 3, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Jackson, Maritime Administration, MAR–250, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202–366–0284; FAX: 202–493–2288 or E–MAIL: rita.jackson@marad.dot.gov. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Application for Admission to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0010.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals desiring to become students at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Form (S): KP–2–65.

Abstract: The collection consists of Parts I, II, and III of Form KP 2–65 (U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Application for Admission). Part I of the form is completed by individuals who desire to be admitted as students to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 12,500 hours.

Addressee: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 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.

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Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Denial of Motor Vehicle Defect Petition, DP02–003

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Denial of petition for a defect finding.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the reasons for the denial of a petition

submitted to NHTSA under 49 U.S.C. 30162, requesting that the agency vacate the March 7, 1995, settlement agreement between the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) and General Motors Corporation (GM), and order an immediate recall of the 1973–1987 C/K series pickup trucks with the fuel tank mounted outboard of the frame rails. The petition is hereinafter identified as DP02–003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jonathan White, Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–5226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Mr. Jere L. Beasley of Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C. in Montgomery, AL, submitted a petition to NHTSA by letter dated February 27, 2002, requesting that the agency vacate the March 7, 1995, settlement agreement between the U.S. DOT and GM, and order an immediate recall of the model year 1973–1987 C/K series pickup trucks with the fuel tank mounted outboard of the frame rails. The petitioner alleges that since the settlement agreement, numerous persons have been injured and killed as a result of the defective design of the fuel tanks, but has not provided any data in support of this allegation.

On March 7, 1995, the former secretary of the U.S. DOT, Federico Peña, signed a settlement agreement with GM resolving NHTSA's defect investigation, EA92–041, involving an alleged fuel system integrity defect in model year 1970–1991 C/K pickup trucks. Secretary Peña concluded that the settlement was in the public interest and best furthers DOT's interest in vehicle safety. NHTSA subsequently closed its defect investigation.

The settlement allowed the parties to avoid time-consuming, costly litigation of a complex matter that raised difficult factual and legal issues, and offered an opportunity for meaningful cooperation between government and industry to significantly enhance the safety of the driving public. The petitioner has not provided information, different in kind from that considered by the agency in the past, that leads us to conclude that the investigation should be reopened. Therefore, the petition is denied.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30162(d); delegations of authority at CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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Kenneth N. Weinstein,
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance.

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