

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: A Guide to Reporting Highway Statistics.

Abstract: A Guide to Reporting Highway Statistics provides for the collection of information by describing policies and procedures for assembling statistical data from the existing files of State agencies. The data includes motor-vehicle registration and fees, motor-fuel use and taxation, driver licensing, and highway taxation and finance. Federal, State, and local governments use the data for transportation policy discussions and decisions. Motor-fuel data are used in attributing receipts to the Highway Trust Fund and subsequently in the apportionment formulas that are used to distribute Federal-Aid Highway Funds. The data are published annually in the FHWA's Highway Statistics and Our Nation's Highways. Information from Highway Statistics is used in the joint FHWA and Federal Transit Administration required biennial report to Congress, The Status of the Nation's Highways, Bridges, and Transit: Conditions and Performance Report to Congress, which contrasts present status to future investment needs.

Respondents: State and local governments of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the four territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas, and Virgin Islands).

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The estimated total annual burden for all respondents is 42,206 hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tom Howard, 202-366-0170, Office of Policy, Office of Highway Policy Information, Highway Funding and Motor Fuels (HPPI-10), Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Electronic Access: Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help. An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office Electronic Bulletin Board Service at telephone number 202-512-1661. Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** home page at <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> and the Government Printing Office's database at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. We published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on May 14, 2002. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by March 14, 2003.

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usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Environmental Streamlining: Measuring the Performance of Stakeholders in the Transportation Project Development Process.

Abstract: The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), FHWA, has contracted with the Gallup Organization to conduct a survey of professionals associated with transportation and resource agencies in order to gather their views on the workings of the environmental review process for transportation projects and how the process can be streamlined. The purpose of the survey is to: (1) Collect the perceptions of agency professionals involved in conducting the decision-making processes mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other resource protection laws in order to develop benchmark performance measures; and (2) identify where the performance of the process might be improved by the application of techniques for streamlining.

Respondents: Approximately 675 professionals/officials from transportation and natural resource agencies.

Frequency: This is a one-time survey.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: The total estimated annual burden is 338 hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kreig Larson, 202-366-2056, Planning and Environment, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4470]

Pipeline Safety: Meetings of the Pipeline Safety Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice; Meetings of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee.

SUMMARY: Meetings of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC) will be held from Tuesday, March 25 to Thursday, March 27, 2003, at the Hyatt Arlington Hotel, Arlington, VA. OPS will provide briefings on pending rulemakings and regulatory initiatives. The advisory committees will discuss and vote on various proposed rulemakings and associated risk assessments.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public may attend the meetings at the Hyatt Arlington Hotel, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. The exact location and room number for this meeting will be posted on the OPS web page approximately 15 days before the meeting date at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

An opportunity will be provided for the public to make short statements on the topics under discussion. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement should notify Jean Milam, (202) 493-0967, not later than March 18, 2003, on the topic of the statement and the length of the presentation. The presiding officer at each meeting may deny any request to present an oral statement and may limit the time of any presentation.

You may submit written comments by mail or deliver to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You also may submit written comments to

the docket electronically. To do so, log onto the following Internet Web address: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on "Help & Information" for instructions on how to file a document electronically. All written comments should reference docket number RSPA-98-4470. Anyone who would like confirmation of mailed comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Jean Milam at (202) 493-0967.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Whetsel, OPS, (202) 366-4431 or Richard Hurliaux, OPS, (202) 366-4565, regarding the subject matter of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The TPSSC and THLPSSC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that advise the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) on proposed safety standards for gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. These advisory committees are constituted in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1). The committees consist of 15 members—five each representing government, industry, and the public. The TPSSC and THLPSSC are tasked with determining reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability of proposed pipeline regulations.

Federal law requires that OPS submit cost-benefit analyses and risk assessment information on proposed safety standards to the advisory committees. The TPSSC and/or THLPSSC evaluate the merit of the data and methods used within the analyses, and when appropriate, provide recommendations relating to the cost-benefit analyses.

On Tuesday, March 25, 2003, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline

Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC) will meet. The preliminary agenda includes a briefing and committee vote on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, "Recommendations to Change Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Requirements." In addition, OPS will brief the THLPSSC on the following topics:

1. Revision to Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Annual Report.
2. National Pipeline Mapping System.
3. Gathering Lines.

On Wednesday, March 26, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST, the THLPSSC and the TPSSC will meet in joint session. The preliminary agenda includes a briefing and peer review of the Pipeline Research and Development Plan. OPS will provide the Committee with briefings on the following topics:

1. Pipeline Communication and Public Education Programs.
2. Alternative Mitigation Measures.
3. Pipeline Integrity Management—Partial Issues.
4. Damage Prevention, Common Ground Alliance and Nationwide Toll-Free Number (# Dig).
5. Operator Qualification Compliance.
6. Pipeline Security.
7. Office of Pipeline Safety Initiatives.

On Thursday, March 27, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST the TPSSC will meet. A major portion of the meeting will include a briefing on the NPRM, Pipeline Integrity Management for Gas Transmission Pipelines in High Consequence Areas (HCAs) and of the Cost Benefit Analysis. The TPSSC will vote on the Cost Benefit Analysis of Pipeline Integrity Management for Gas Transmission Pipelines in HCAs and on the NPRM, "Further Regulatory Review: Gas Pipeline Safety Standards." Additional briefings will be provided on the following topics:

1. National Pipeline Mapping System.
2. Cost-Benefit Study of Excess Flow Valve Installation on Gas Service Lines
3. Gas Gathering Line Issues

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