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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-00-7666]

Pipeline Safety: Workshop on Gas Pipeline Integrity Management

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

ACTION: Notice of workshop on gas pipeline integrity management.

SUMMARY: The Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) and the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) will cosponsor a workshop to discuss the Gas Pipeline Integrity Management final rule issued on December 15, 2003. The workshop will provide a detailed review and discussion of gas pipeline integrity management program requirements. Comments and issues discussed at the workshop will help RSPA/OPS and NAPSR implement oversight of operators' compliance with the gas pipeline integrity management rule. RSPA/OPS and NAPSR will hold another workshop in 2004 to provide further guidance on the oversight process to be used. OPS will also provide written guidance material to help operators prepare for compliance.

DATES: Tuesday, May 11, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 12, 2004, from 8 a.m. to Noon.

ADDRESSES: The Westin Galleria, 5060 West Alabama, Houston, Texas, Phone: 713-960-8100; fax: 713-960-6549. For discounted rates, please refer to the USDOT Gas IMP Workshop block when making reservations. The deadline for reserving accommodations is April 19, 2004. For additional information on hotel accommodations, contact Janice Morgan at 202-366-2392 or janice.morgan@rspa.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 Juan Carlos Martinez (tel: 202-366-1933; E-mail: juan.martinez@rspa.dot.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zach Barrett, (tel: 405-954-5559; E-mail zach.barrett@tsi.jccbi.gov), or Jeff Wiese (tel: 202-366-2036; E-mail jeff.wiese@rspa.dot.gov) regarding the subject matter of this notice. Additional information about gas integrity management can be found at <http://primis.rspa.dot.gov/gasimp>. You can read comments and other material in the docket on the Internet at: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This meeting is open to all interested parties. However, operators of natural gas transmission pipelines are urged to attend either in person or to observe the workshop via the Internet. RSPA/OPS will webcast this meeting. To facilitate meeting planning and to obtain additional information regarding the webcast, advance registration for the meeting is strongly encouraged and can be accomplished online at the following Web site: <http://primis.rspa.dot.gov/meetings>. Internet links to the webcast will also be available through this Web site, or from the front page of the OPS Web site: <http://ops.dot.gov>. Those planning to "attend" this meeting through the webcast are strongly encouraged to review our "tips" for ensuring successful viewing in advance, as well as to register through our Web site. Registration both ensures that we can accommodate all attendees and provide additional information to them via the internet. The deadline for online meeting registration is May 5, 2004. Walk-in registration will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Attendees will be provided the opportunity, at scheduled times during the workshop, to ask questions or make short statements on the topics under discussion. You may submit written comments by mail or deliver to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 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 identify the docket and notice numbers which appear in the heading of this notice. 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 April 11, 2000, issue of the FR (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 (codified at 49 U.S.C. 60101) required RSPA/OPS to prescribe standards by December 17, 2003, to direct a pipeline operator's conduct of a risk analysis and the adoption and implementation of an integrity management program. In compliance with the statute, on December 15, 2003, RSPA/OPS issued a final rule on Gas Transmission Pipeline Integrity Management (68 FR 69778). Similar to the final rule for integrity management of hazardous liquid pipelines, RSPA/OPS has four fundamental objectives for the Gas Integrity Management final rule:

(1) To increase the level of integrity assessments (*i.e.*, in-line inspection, pressure testing or direct assessment) for pipelines that can affect high consequence areas; (2) to improve operator integrity management systems; (3) to improve government oversight of operator integrity management programs; and (4) to improve public assurance in pipeline safety.

The Gas Transmission Pipeline Integrity Management rule provides the foundation for RSPA/OPS to move beyond an assessment of the current metallurgical condition of the pipe to assess the overall management and systems used by an operator to implement effective and timely actions to maintain pipeline safety. Specific requirements of the final rule and extensive information on its implementation and enforcement can be found at: <http://primis.rspa.dot.gov/gasimp>.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60109, 60117.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 4852

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 4852, Substitute for Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, or Form 1099-R, Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, Etc.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 7, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet at CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Substitute for Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, or Form 1099-R, Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, Etc.

OMB Number: 1545-0458.

Form Number: Form 4852.

Abstract: In the absence of a Form W-2 or 1099R from the employer or payer, Form 4852 is used by the taxpayer to estimate gross wages, pensions, annuities, retirement or IRA payments received as well as income or FICA tax withheld during the year. The form is attached to the tax return so the return can be processed through normal channels the same as those with Forms W-2 or 1099R attached.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,500,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 18 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 450,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: April 1, 2004.

Glenn P. Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[Regulation Section 31.6001]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

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,

Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning existing regulations, 26 CFR 31.6001-1, Records in general; 26 CFR 31.6001-2, Additional Records under FICA; 26 CFR 31.6001-3, Additional records under Railroad Retirement Tax Act; 26 CFR 31.6001-5, Additional records in connection with collection of income tax at source on wages; 26 CFR 31.6001-6, Notice by District Director requiring returns, statements, or the keeping of records.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 7, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of regulation sections should be directed to Carol Savage at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet at CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 26 CFR 31.6001-1, Records in general; 26 CFR 31.6001-2, Additional Records under FICA; 26 CFR 31.6001-3, Additional records under Railroad Retirement Tax Act; 26 CFR 31.6001-5, Additional records in connection with collection of income tax at source on wages; 26 CFR 31.6001-6, Notice by District Director requiring returns, statements, or the keeping of records.

OMB Number: 1545-0798.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 6001 requires, in part, that every person liable for tax, or for the collection of that tax must keep such records and comply with such rules and regulations as the Secretary may from time to time prescribe. The recordkeeping requirements under 26 CFR 31.6001 have special application to employment taxes (and to employers) and are needed to ensure proper compliance with the Code. Upon examination, the records are needed by the taxpayer to establish the employment tax liability claimed on any tax return.

Current Actions: There is no change to these existing regulations.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.