

information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The public reporting and record-keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.90 hours, or \$203.50 per response annually.

Estimated Number of Likely Respondents: 41,141.

Frequency of Response: Varies.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1,192,512 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$83,678,101.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: October 18, 2004.

Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7829-8]

Guide To Analyzing Environmental Innovations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice on guide to analyze environmental innovations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Center for Environmental Innovation (NCEI) promotes the use of innovative approaches to environmental problem-solving efforts that deliver improved environmental results. As part of this process, the Evaluation Support Division (ESD) within NCEI promotes and conducts rigorous evaluations to determine whether innovations deliver environmental results that surpass the traditional way of doing business and to identify lessons that can be applied

more broadly. To guide its efforts and ensure consistency, NCEI developed a set of evaluation modules that outline core questions to be answered as part of any evaluation, either within EPA or outside the Agency. Because the field of environmental evaluation is fairly young, and EPA did not have one comprehensive method for evaluating innovation projects, ESD produced a "Companion User's Guide" and corresponding questions in a modular format called, "Modular Approach to Analyzing Environmental Innovation," to help innovation practitioners analyze environmental innovations. The analysis modules include a series of questions that encourage critical thinking and assessment of successes, obstacles and lessons learned. The modules can be applied in a variety of scenarios, including developing an innovative project, informing future evaluation efforts, assessing environmental outcomes, and evaluating the potential transferability of an innovation. The following six modules are currently being tested on innovative projects: Background Information on the Innovation gathers information on project goals, purpose, focus, stakeholders, tools used, and legal/regulatory/programmatic issues; Environmental Outcomes evaluates measurement approach and project results and both qualitative and quantitative data; Costs and Cost-Effectiveness examines costs to the regulators, costs to other stakeholders, unintended costs, benefits of the project, resulting economic activity, cost analysis for future projects, and relative cost advantage; Compliance Assistance looks at reporting requirements, accountability, enforceability, and effectiveness compared to the traditional regulatory approaches; Transferability looks at the issue of whether the innovation could easily be transferred to other contexts and projects; and Public Involvement analyzes the degree to which the public was involved in the innovation, and the associated successes and lessons learned. The module questions were developed to be flexible enough to fit a variety of innovative experiments that are conducted both inside and outside EPA. The modules and user's guide are available for review at <http://www.epa.gov/evaluate>. If you do not have Internet access, please contact Suganthi Simon at 202-566-2199 or by mail, to receive hardcopies of the documents.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before November 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments about the innovation analysis modules to Suganthi Simon, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, MC 1807T, Washington, DC 20460. If you prefer to send your comments by email, use the following address:
simon.suganthi@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suganthi Simon at (202) 566-2199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Invitation To Comment

We invite you to submit comments regarding the draft guide to analyzing environmental innovations and module questions. Comments on whether or not you think this tool could be widely applied and is flexible enough to meet performance measurement and analytical needs of a variety of environmental innovations are welcome. Please note that this notice does not solicit applications nor mandates the use of the guide or module questions in innovative projects and programs.

Dated: October 18, 2004.

Elizabeth A. Shaw,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy Innovation.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may obtain copies of agreements by contacting the Commission's Office of Agreements at 202-523-5793 or via e-mail at tradeanalysis@fmc.gov. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 011539-011.

Title: Montemar/Lykes/TMM Space Charter and Sailing Agreement.

Parties: Lykes Lines Limited, LLC; Montemar Maritima S.A., d/b/a Pan American Independent Line; and TMM Lines Limited, LLC.

Filing Party: Walter H. Lion, Esq.; McLaughlin & Stern LLP; 260 Madison Avenue; New York, NY 10016.

Synopsis: The modification substitutes Montemar for Companhia Libra de Navegacao as a participating party under the agreement. The parties request expedited review.

Agreement No.: 011852-013.

Title: Maritime Security Discussion Agreement.

Parties: China Shipping Container Lines, Co., Ltd.; CMA CGM, S.A.; COSCO Container Lines Company, Ltd.; Evergreen Marine Corp.; Hanjin Shipping Company, Ltd.; Hapag Lloyd Container Linie GmbH; Hyundai Merchant Marine Co., Ltd.; Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd.; Nippon Yusen Kaisha; Orient Overseas Container Line Limited; P&O Nedlloyd Limited; Yang Ming Marine Transport Corp.; Zim Integrated Shipping Services, Ltd.; Alabama State Port Authority; APM Terminals North America, Inc.; Ceres Terminals, Inc.; Cooper/T. Smith Stevedoring Co., Inc.; Eagle Marine Services Ltd.; Global Terminal & Container Services, Inc.; Howland Hook Container Terminal, Inc.; Husky Terminal & Stevedoring, Inc.; International Shipping Agency; International Transportation Service, Inc.; Lambert's Point Docks Inc.; Long Beach Container Terminal, Inc.; Maersk Pacific Ltd.; Maher Terminals, Inc.; Marine Terminals Corp.; Maryland Port Administration; Massachusetts Port Authority; Metropolitan Stevedore Co.; P&O Ports North American, Inc.; Port of Tacoma; South Carolina State Ports Authority; Stevedoring Services of America, Inc.; Trans Bay Container Terminal, Inc.; TraPac Terminals; Universal Maritime Service Corp.; Virginia International Terminals; and Yusen Terminals, Inc.

Filing Parties: Carol N. Lambos; Lambos & Junge; 29 Broadway, 9th Floor; New York, NY 10006 and Charles T. Carroll, Jr.; Carroll & Froelich, PLLC; 2011 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.; Suite 301; Washington, DC 20006.

Synopsis: The amendment removes Australia-New Zealand Direct Line; CP Ships (UK) Limited; Canada Maritime; Contship Container Lines; Italia di Navigazione, LLC; Lykes Lines Limited, LLC; and TMM Lines Limited, LLC as carrier participants in the agreement.

Dated: October 19, 2004.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency information collection activities: Proposed collections; comment request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

SUMMARY: Background

On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) its approval authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act, as per 5 CFR 1320.16, to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board under conditions set forth in 5 CFR 1320 Appendix A.1. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the OMB 83-Is and supporting statements and approved collection of information instruments are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Request for comment on information collection proposals

The following information collections, which are being handled under this delegated authority, have received initial Board approval and are hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the proposed information collections, along with an analysis of comments and recommendations received, will be submitted to the Board for final approval under OMB delegated authority. Comments are invited on the following:

- whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the Federal Reserve's functions; including whether the information has practical utility;
- the accuracy of the Federal Reserve's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- ways to minimize the burden of information collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR 2058, FR Y-7, FR Y-9, FR Y-11, or FR 2314 by any of the following methods:

- Agency Web Site: <http://www.federalreserve.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm>.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include docket number in the subject line of the message.

- FAX: 202/452-3819 or 202/452-3102.

- Mail: Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's web site at www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm as submitted, except as necessary for technical reasons. Accordingly, your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room MP-500 of the Board's Martin Building (20th and C Streets, N.W.) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the proposed forms and instructions, the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (OMB 83-I), supporting statements, and other documents that will be placed into OMB's public docket files once approved may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Cynthia Ayouch, Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer (202-452-3829), Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact (202-263-4869), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

Proposal to approve under OMB delegated authority the extension for three years, without revision, the following report:

Report title: Notification of Foreign Branch Status

Agency form number: FR 2058

OMB control number: 7100-0069

Frequency: on occasion

Reporters: Member banks, bank holding companies, and Edge and agreement corporations

Annual reporting hours: 20 hours

Estimated average hours per response: 15 minutes

Number of respondents: 79