

our intent to permit organizations to expand these time limitations by having numerous individuals sign up separately to speak on their behalf. If additional time is available, there may be flexibility in time for public comments. Each speaker should bring 25 copies of his or her comments and presentation slides for distribution to the HSRB at the meeting.

b. *Written comments.* Although you may submit written comments at any time, for the HSRB to have the best opportunity to review and consider your comments as it deliberates on its report, you should submit your comments at least five business days prior to the beginning of the meeting. If you submit comments after this date, those comments will be provided to the Board members, but you should recognize that the Board members may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to making a decision. Thus, if you plan to submit written comments, the Agency strongly encourages you to submit such comments no later than noon, Eastern Standard Time, April 11, 2007. You should submit your comments using the instructions in Unit I.C. of this notice. In addition, the Agency also requests that person(s) submitting comments directly to the docket also provide a copy of their comments to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. There is no limit on the length of written comments for consideration by the HSRB.

E. Background

A. Topics for Discussion

The HSRB is a Federal advisory committee operating in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 U.S.C. app.2 section 9. The HSRB provides advice, information, and recommendations to EPA on issues related to scientific and ethical aspects of human subjects research. The major objectives of the HSRB are to provide advice and recommendations on: (a) Research proposals and protocols; (b) reports of completed research with human subjects; and (c) how to strengthen EPA's programs for protection of human subjects of research. The HSRB reports to the EPA Administrator through EPA's Science Advisor.

At the April 2007 meeting of the HSRB, EPA will present for HSRB review:

- The results of two completed insect repellent efficacy studies on an aerosol formulation of the active ingredient IR3535, studies which the Agency intends to rely in making registration

decisions. Protocols for this research were reviewed by the Board at its June and October 2006 meetings.

- A proposal for a new field study of the effectiveness of products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus in repelling mosquitoes.

- Completed studies of human skin irritation and skin sensitization on two pending pesticide products whose use would involve extensive dermal exposure. These studies were conducted before the effective date of EPA's human studies rules (April 7, 2006).

- EPA's assessment of the need for new research on the exposure received by occupational handlers who mix, load, or apply agricultural or antimicrobial pesticides.

- An EPA "draft framework" concerning best practices for recruiting and enrolling subjects in studies of occupational exposure.

In addition, at the Board's request, EPA will present its interpretation and application of the standard in 40 CFR 26.1705: "EPA shall not rely on data from any research initiated after April 7, 2006, unless EPA has adequate information to determine that the research was conducted in substantial compliance with [EPA's human studies rules]." Finally, the Board may also discuss planning for future HSRB meetings.

B. Meeting Minutes and Reports

Minutes of the meeting, summarizing the matters discussed and recommendations, if any, made by the advisory committee regarding such matters will be released within 90 calendar days of the meeting. Such minutes will be available at <http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb/> and <http://www.regulations.gov> In addition, information concerning a Board meeting report, if applicable, can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb/> or from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: March 19, 2007.

George M. Gray,
Science Advisor.

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The National Environmental Policy Act—Collaboration Handbook

AGENCY: Council On Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) used an interagency work group to develop a handbook to help NEPA practitioners improve the effectiveness of their NEPA processes through collaboration. The handbook focuses on collaboration in the context of the NEPA process, outlines general principles, presents useful steps, and provides information on methods of collaboration. CEQ invites comments on the proposed handbook, "Collaboration in NEPA—A Handbook for NEPA Practitioners," that is available from CEQ directly or at <http://www.NEPA.gov> in the Current Developments section.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before May 4, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed handbook can be requested from CEQ. Electronic comments on the proposed handbook and requests for a copy of the proposed handbook can be sent to horst_greczmiel@ceq.eop.gov with the subject line reading "NEPA Modernization (Collaboration)." Fax written comments and requests to (202) 456-0753 with the subject line reading "NEPA Modernization (Collaboration)." Electronic or facsimile comments or requests are preferred because Federal offices experience intermittent mail delays caused by security screening. Written comments and requests may also be submitted to "NEPA Modernization (Collaboration), Attn: Associate Director for NEPA Oversight, 722 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Horst Greczmiel, 202-395-5750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) established a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Task Force and is now implementing recommendations designed to modernize the implementation of NEPA and make the NEPA process more effective and efficient. Additional information is available on the task force Web site at <http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/ntf>.

The proposed handbook, "Collaboration in NEPA—A Handbook for NEPA Practitioners," was developed to assist those responsible for conducting National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses in expanding the effective use of collaboration as part of the NEPA process. Collaboration is defined for purposes of the handbook as seeking agreements at one or more stages of the NEPA process by cultivating shared vision, trust, and communication. The main goal of the handbook is to

encourage collaboration by providing examples and case studies that show how agencies have collaborated with other agencies and interested parties in the past and how agencies can better collaborate throughout a NEPA process.

The handbook describes the context for when collaboration works well, provides a basic approach to designing a collaborative NEPA process, examines the various opportunities for collaboration throughout the NEPA process, and addresses challenges to collaboration during the NEPA process. In addition to examples of strategies for preventing conflict, the handbook provides examples of Memoranda of Understanding, case studies, and resources for practitioners.

Public comments to the proposed handbook are requested by May 4, 2007.

March 19, 2007.

James L. Connaughton,

Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission (FMC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Maritime Commission invites comments on the continuing information collection (extension with no changes) listed below in this notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to: Derek O. Scarbrough, Chief Information Officer, Office of Administration, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20573, (Telephone: (202) 523-5800), *cio@fmc.gov*. Please reference the information collection's title and OMB number in your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain additional information, copies of the information collection and instructions, or copies of any comments received, contact Jane Gregory, Management Analyst, Office of Administration, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573,

(Telephone: (202) 523-5800), *jgregory@fmc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Federal Maritime Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing information collection listed in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be included or summarized in our request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the relevant information collection. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in your comments. We invite comments on: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden. An automated form for the license application, FMC-18, is currently in development. A rule will be published as soon as the automated form is available, for use at the option of the applicant.

Information Collection Open for Comment

Title: 46 CFR 515—Licensing, Financial Responsibility Requirements and General Duties for Ocean Transportation Intermediaries and Related Forms.

OMB Approval Number: 3072-0018 (Expires July 31, 2007).

Abstract: Section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (the "Act"), 46 U.S.C. 40101-41309 (2006), as modified by Pub. L. 105-258 (The Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998) and Section 424 of Pub. L. 105-383 (The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998), provides that no person in the United States may act as an ocean transportation intermediary (OTI) unless that person holds a license issued by the Commission. The Commission shall issue an OTI license to any person that the Commission determines to be qualified by experience and character to act as an OTI. Further, no person may act as an OTI unless that person furnishes a bond, proof of insurance or

other surety in a form and amount determined by the Commission to ensure financial responsibility. The Commission has implemented the provisions of section 19 in regulations contained in 46 CFR 515, including financial responsibility forms FMC-48, FMC-67, FMC-68, and FMC-69, Optional Rider Forms FMC-48A and FMC-69A, and its related license application form, FMC-18.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection, and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Needs and Uses: The Commission uses information obtained under this part and through Form FMC-18 to determine the qualifications of OTIs and their compliance with shipping statutes and regulations and to enable the Commission to discharge its duties under the Act by ensuring that OTIs maintain acceptable evidence of financial responsibility. If the collection of information were not conducted, there would be no basis upon which the Commission could determine if applicants are qualified for licensing.

Frequency: This information is collected when applicants apply for a license or when existing licensees change certain information in their application forms.

Type of Respondents: The types of respondents are persons desiring to obtain a license to act as an OTI. Under the Act, OTIs may be either an ocean freight forwarder, a non-vessel-operating common carrier, or both.

Number of Annual Respondents: The Commission estimates a potential annual respondent universe of 4,765 entities.

Estimated Time Per Response: The time per response for completing Application Form FMC-18 averages 2 hours. The time to complete a financial responsibility form averages 20 minutes.

Total Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the total annual person-hour burden at 3,595 person-hours.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System