

applied to their projections of recapitalization costs and revenues.

*Comments:* Several respondents suggested that adjustments to capital costs should be considered for extraordinary cost increases or inflation; cost effectiveness break points should also be adjusted due to these cost escalations.

*Response:* FTA currently allows cost increases related to unforeseen commodities escalation or inflation. Per FTA's April 2005 Dear Colleague letter, the cost-effectiveness breakpoints are adjusted annually using the increase in the Gross National Product deflator.

#### 6. Contractor Review of Information for the Before and After Study

FTA adopts as final its proposal that contractors involved in a project's capital cost estimation and travel forecasting be given an opportunity to review and comment each time the project sponsor is required to submit information for the "before and after" study. The contractor's comments, if any, must be included in the information submitted to FTA.

The intent of this provision is to facilitate communication between project sponsors and contractors on the responsibilities of contractors for variances between forecasts at the three milestones before a project opens and actual results two years after the project opens for revenue service. If this communication does not result in a common understanding that can be documented in the submittal of information from the "before and after" study to FTA, the contractor's comments would have to be included in the submittal by the project sponsor.

*Comments:* There was significant support for and no opposition to this requirement.

Issued in Washington, DC this 4th day of August, 2008.

**James S. Simpson,**  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. Marad 2008 0047]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval (with modifications) for three years of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before October 7, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Harrelson, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5737; or e-mail: [tom.harrelson@dot.gov](mailto:tom.harrelson@dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Monthly Report of Ocean Shipments Moving under Export-Import Bank Financing.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0013.

*Form Numbers:* MA-518.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* 46 App. U.S.C. 1241-1, Public Resolution 17, required MARAD to monitor and enforce the U.S.-flag shipping requirements relative to the loans/guarantees extended by the Export-Import Bank (EXIMBANK) to foreign borrowers. Public Resolution 17 requires that shipments financed by Eximbank and that move by sea, must be transported exclusively on U.S.-flag registered vessels unless a waiver is obtained from MARAD.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The prescribed monthly report is necessary for MARAD to fulfill its responsibilities under Public Resolution 17, to ensure compliance of ocean shipping requirements operating under Eximbank financing, and to ensure equitable distribution of shipments between U.S.-flag and foreign ships. MARAD will use this information to report annually to Congress the total shipping activities during the calendar year.

*Description of Respondents:* Shippers subject to Eximbank financing.

*Annual Responses:* 336 responses.

*Annual Burden:* 169 hours.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

[www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp](http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp). Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT (or EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

*Privacy Act:* 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://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

**Authority:** 49 CFR 1.66.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.  
Dated: August 4, 2008.

**Leonard Sutter,**

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[USCG-2006-24644]

#### TORP Terminal LP, Bienville Offshore Energy Terminal Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port License Application; Final Application Public Hearing and Final Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.  
**ACTION:** Notice of availability; notice of public hearing; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) announce the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the TORP Terminal LP, Bienville Offshore Energy Terminal Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port license application. The application describes a project that would be located in the Gulf of Mexico, in Main Pass block MP 258, approximately 63 miles south of Mobile Point, Alabama. The Coast Guard and Maritime Administration request public

comments on the FEIS and application. Publication of this notice begins a 45 day comment period and provides information on how to participate in the process.

**DATES:** A public hearing will be held in Mobile, Alabama on August 26, 2008. The public hearing will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will be preceded by an open house from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public hearing may end later than the stated time, depending on the number of persons wishing to speak.

Material submitted in response to the request for comments on the FEIS and application must reach the Docket Management Facility by September 22, 2008 ending the 45 day comment period.

Federal and State agencies must also submit comments, recommended conditions for licensing, or letters of no objection by October 10, 2008 (45 days after the final public hearing). Also by October 10, 2008, the Governor of Alabama (the adjacent coastal state) may approve, disapprove, or notify the Maritime Administration of inconsistencies with State programs relating to environmental protection, land and water use, and coastal zone management for which the Maritime Administration may condition the license to make consistent.

The Maritime Administration must issue a record of decision (ROD) to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the DWP license application by November 24, 2008 (90 days after the public hearing).

**ADDRESSES:** The public hearing in Mobile will be held at the Mobile Convention Center, One South Water Street, Room 203, Mobile, Alabama 36602; telephone: 251-208-2100.

The FEIS, the application, comments and associated documentation are available for viewing at the Federal Docket Management System Web site: <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number USCG-2006-24644. The FEIS is also available at public libraries in Mobile (Ben May Main Library and Spring Hill College Library), Bayou La Batre (Mose Hudson Tapia Public Library), Orange Beach (Orange Beach Public Library), Daphne (Daphne Public Library), and Gulf Shores (Thomas B. Norton Public Library).

Docket submissions for USCG-2006-24644 should be addressed to:

Department of Transportation, Docket Management Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

The Federal Docket Management Facility accepts hand-delivered

submissions, and makes docket contents available for public inspection and copying at this address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Facility telephone number is 202-366-9329, the fax number is 202-493-2251, and the web site for electronic submissions or for electronic access to docket contents is <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LT Hannah Kim, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone: 202-372-1438, e-mail: [Hannah.Kim@uscg.mil](mailto:Hannah.Kim@uscg.mil). If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone: 202-493-0402.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Request for Comments**

We request public comments or other information on the FEIS and application. The public hearing is not the only opportunity you have to comment. In addition to or in place of attending a hearing, you can submit comments to the Docket Management Facility during the public comment period (see **DATES**). The Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Submissions should include:

- Docket number USCG-2006-24644.
- Your name and address.

Submit comments or material using only one of the following methods:

- Electronic submission to FDMS, <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- Fax, mail, or hand delivery to the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES**).

Faxed or hand delivered submissions must be unbound, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, and suitable for copying and electronic scanning. If you mail your submission and want to know when it reaches the Facility, include a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the FDMS Web site (<http://www.regulations.gov>), and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available on the FDMS Web site, or the Department of Transportation Privacy Act Statement that appeared in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

You may view docket submissions at the Federal Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES**), electronically on the FDMS Web site, or later in this notice (see **PRIVACY ACT**).

##### **Background**

Information about deepwater ports, the statutes, and regulations governing their licensing, and the receipt of the current application for a liquefied natural gas (LNG) deepwater port appears in Volume 71 FR 26605, Friday, May 5, 2006. The Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS for the proposed action was published in the **Federal Register** in Volume 71 FR 31258, Thursday, June 1, 2006 and the Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS was published in Volume 72 FR 37074, Friday, July 6, 2007. The FEIS, application materials and associated comments are available on the docket. Information from the "Summary of the Application" from previous **Federal Register** notices is included below for your convenience.

##### **Proposed Action and Alternatives**

The proposed action requiring environmental review is the Federal licensing of the proposed deepwater port described in "Summary of the Application" below. The alternatives to licensing the proposed port are: (1) Licensing with conditions (including conditions designed to mitigate environmental impact), and (2) denying the application, which for purposes of environmental review is the "no-action" alternative. These alternatives are more fully discussed in the FEIS. The Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration are the lead Federal agencies for the preparation of the EIS. You can address any questions about the proposed action or the FEIS to the Coast Guard project manager identified in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

##### **Summary of the Application**

TORP Terminal LP, proposes to own, construct, and operate a deepwater port, named Bienville Offshore Energy Terminal (BOET), in the Federal waters of the Outer Continental Shelf on Main Pass block MP 258, approximately 63 miles south of Mobile Point, Alabama, in a water depth of approximately 425 feet. The BOET Deepwater Port would be capable of mooring two LNG carriers of up to approximately 250,000 cubic meter capacity by means of Single Anchor Leg Moorings (SALMs).

The LNG carriers would be off loaded one at a time to HiLoad floating re-gasification facilities, which use four submerged shell-and-tube heat exchangers to vaporize the LNG before sending natural gas via 14-inch diameter flexible risers to a Pipeline End Manifold (PLEM) on the seafloor, then through a 30-inch diameter pipeline to the support platform, where the gas will be metered and further sent via

interconnecting pipelines to four existing pipelines (Dauphin Island Gathering System Feedline, Transco Feedline, Destin Feedline, and Viosca Knoll Gathering System Feedline).

The major components of the proposed deepwater port would be the Support Platform, two HiLoad floating LNG transfer and re-gasification units, two PLEMs with ancillary risers and terminal pipelines, HiLoad parking line pilings, and approximately 25 miles of new subsea pipeline.

BOET will have an average throughput capacity of 1.2 billion standard cubic feet per day (Bscfd) of natural gas. No new onshore pipelines or LNG storage facilities are proposed with this action. A shore based facility will be used to facilitate movement of personnel, equipment, supplies, and disposable materials between the terminal and shore.

Construction of the deepwater port would be expected to take 30 months; with startup of commercial operations in 2011, should a license be issued. The deepwater port, if licensed, would be designed, constructed and operated in accordance with applicable codes and standards and would have an expected operating life of approximately 25 years.

#### Privacy Act

The electronic form of all comments received into the Federal Docket Management System can be searched by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). The DOT Privacy Act Statement can be viewed in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70, pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

(Authority 49 CFR 1.66)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: August 1, 2008.

**Leonard Sutter,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity: Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below will be forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on February 4, 2008 (73 FR 6556-6558). No comments on this notice were received.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before 30 days from the date of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Keith D. Williams at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Enforcement and Justice Services Division (NTI-122), 202-366-0543, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., W44-231, Washington, DC 20590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

*Title:* Demonstration of Speed Management Programs; Including Automated and Traditional Enforcement.

*OMB Number:* 2127-NEW.

*Type of Request:* Collection of information.

*Abstract:* The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposes to conduct a series of telephone surveys that will examine the effectiveness of a speed management research and demonstration program in the city of Tucson, Arizona. As part of the program, surveys will be administered pre and post implementation of the countermeasure treatment program to measure awareness of the program in both Tucson and an as yet to be selected comparison community/ies in the State of Arizona. The pretreatment telephone surveys would be administered during the fall-winter 2008/2009 time period and the post-treatment survey 24 months afterward. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration was established to reduce the mounting number of deaths, injuries, and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes on the Nation's highways. As part of this statutory mandate, NHTSA is authorized to conduct research as a foundation for the

development of motor vehicle standards and traffic safety programs. The speed demonstration project requires NHTSA to measure whether these initiatives were effective. The telephone surveys are instrumental in that measurement. The telephone surveys will be administered to a randomly selected sample of 400 persons pre and post treatment in the demonstration and comparison areas to persons age 18 and older. An essential part of this evaluation effort is to compare baseline and post-intervention measures of attitudes and intervention awareness to determine if the interventions were associated with changes on those indices.

*Affected Public:* Randomly selected members of the general public in telephone households.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 266.67 hours (1,600 interviews averaging 10 minutes each).

*Comments Are Invited On:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary or the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

Dated: August 4, 2008.

**Jeffrey Michael,**

*Acting Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[REG-116641-01, TD 9136 (Final); REG-163195-05 (NPRM)]

#### 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