

if the key code matches the unique identification key code previously programmed into the ECU. If the codes do not match, the engine and fuel system will be disabled.

In addressing the specific content requirements of 543.6, Mitsubishi provided information on the reliability and durability of its proposed device. To ensure reliability and durability of the device, Mitsubishi conducted tests based on its own specified standards. Mitsubishi provided a detailed list of the tests conducted and believes that the device is reliable and durable since the device complied with its specific requirements for each test. Mitsubishi additionally stated that its immobilizer system is further enhanced by several factors making it very difficult to defeat. Specifically, Mitsubishi stated that communication between the transponder and the ECU are encrypted. The WCM has over 4.2 billion and the OSS has over 2.4 million different possible key codes that make successful key code duplication virtually impossible. Mitsubishi also stated that its immobilizer system and the ECU share security data during vehicle assembly that make them a matched set. These matched modules will not function if taken out and reinstalled separately on other vehicles. Mitsubishi also stated that it is impossible to mechanically override the system and start the vehicle because the vehicle will not be able to start without the transmission of the specific code to the electronic control module. Lastly, Mitsubishi stated that the antitheft device is extremely reliable and durable because there are no moving parts, nor does the key require a separate battery.

Mitsubishi informed the agency that the Outlander Sport vehicle line was first equipped with the proposed device beginning with its MY 2011 vehicles. Additionally, Mitsubishi informed the agency that its Eclipse vehicle line has been equipped with the device beginning with its MY 2000 vehicles. Mitsubishi stated that the theft rate for the MY 2000 Eclipse decreased by almost 42% when compared with that of its MY 1999 Mitsubishi Eclipse (unequipped with an immobilizer device). Mitsubishi also revealed that the Galant, Endeavor, Outlander and Lancer vehicle lines have been equipped with a similar type of immobilizer device since January 2004, April 2004, September 2006 and March 2007 respectively. The Mitsubishi Galant, Endeavor, Outlander and Lancer vehicle lines have all been granted parts-marking exemptions by the agency and the average theft rates using 3 MY's data are 4.8061, 2.5410, 0.9507 and

3.1547 respectively. Therefore, Mitsubishi has concluded that the antitheft device proposed for its vehicle line is no less effective than those devices in the lines for which NHTSA has already granted full exemption from the parts-marking requirements.

Based on the supporting evidence submitted by Mitsubishi on the device, the agency believes that the antitheft device for the Outlander Sport vehicle line is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR Part 541). The agency concludes that the device will provide the five types of performance listed in § 543.6(a)(3): Promoting activation; attract attention to the efforts of an unauthorized person to enter or move a vehicle by means other than a key; preventing defeat or circumvention of the device by unauthorized persons; preventing operation of the vehicle by unauthorized entrants; and ensuring the reliability and durability of the device.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 33106 and 49 CFR 543.7(b), the agency grants a petition for an exemption from the parts-marking requirements of Part 541 either in whole or in part, if it determines that, based upon substantial evidence, the standard equipment antitheft device is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of Part 541. The agency finds that Mitsubishi has provided adequate reasons for its belief that the antitheft device for the Mitsubishi Outlander Sport vehicle line is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR Part 541). This conclusion is based on the information Mitsubishi provided about its device.

For the foregoing reasons, the agency hereby grants in full Mitsubishi's petition for exemption from the parts-marking requirements of 49 CFR Part 541, beginning with the 2012 model year vehicles. The agency notes that 49 CFR Part 541, Appendix A-1, identifies those lines that are exempted from the Theft Prevention Standard for a given model year. 49 CFR Part 543.7(f) contains publication requirements incident to the disposition of all Part 543 petitions. Advanced listing, including the release of future product nameplates, the beginning model year for which the petition is granted and a general description of the antitheft device is necessary in order to notify

law enforcement agencies of new vehicle lines exempted from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard.

If Mitsubishi decides not to use the exemption for this line, it must formally notify the agency. If such a decision is made, the line must be fully marked as required by 49 CFR 541.5 and 541.6 (marking of major component parts and replacement parts).

NHTSA notes that if Mitsubishi wishes in the future to modify the device on which this exemption is based, the company may have to submit a petition to modify the exemption. Part 543.7(d) states that a Part 543 exemption applies only to vehicles that belong to a line exempted under this part and equipped with the antitheft device on which the line's exemption is based. Further, § 543.9(c)(2) provides for the submission of petitions "to modify an exemption to permit the use of an antitheft device similar to but differing from the one specified in that exemption."

The agency wishes to minimize the administrative burden that § 543.9(c)(2) could place on exempted vehicle manufacturers and itself. The agency did not intend Part 543 to require the submission of a modification petition for every change to the components or design of an antitheft device. The significance of many such changes could be *de minimis*. Therefore, NHTSA suggests that if the manufacturer contemplates making any changes, the effects of which might be characterized as *de minimis*, it should consult the agency before preparing and submitting a petition to modify.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 33106; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

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**Joseph S. Carra,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket: PHMSA-2010-0355]

#### Pipeline Safety: Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collections

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**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 is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2010 (75 FR 76077) under Docket No. PHMSA-2010-0355. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow the public an additional 30 days to submit comments to OMB on the information collection described below.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Desk Officer for DOT/PHMSA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 16, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angela Dow by telephone at 202-366-1246, by e-mail at [angela.dow@dot.gov](mailto:angela.dow@dot.gov), or by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., PHP-30, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Pipeline Safety: Periodic Underwater Inspections.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0618.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The Federal pipeline safety regulations (49 CFR parts 190-199) require operators to conduct appropriate underwater inspections in the Gulf of Mexico. If an operator finds that its pipeline is exposed on the seabed floor or constitutes a hazard to navigation, the operator must contact the National Response Center by telephone within 24 hours of discovery to report the location of the exposed pipeline.

*Affected Public:* Operators of underwater pipeline facilities.

*Estimated number of responses:* 82.

*Estimated annual burden hours:* 1,312 hours.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion.

Comments are invited on: The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, 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 the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR part 1.

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**Linda Daugherty,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy and Programs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Public Availability of the Department of Veterans Affairs FY 2010 Service Contract Inventory**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of public availability of FY 2010 service contract inventories.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is publishing this notice to advise the public of the accessibility of VA's FY 2010 service contract inventory available at <http://www1.va.gov/oamm/rlib/scainventory.cfm>. This inventory provides information on service contract actions over \$25,000 that were made in FY 2010. The information is organized by function to show how contracted resources are distributed throughout the department. The inventory has been developed in accordance with guidance issued on November 5, 2010, by the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). OFPP's guidance is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/procurement/memo/service-contract-inventories-guidance-11052010.pdf>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions regarding the service contract inventory should be directed to Marilyn Harris, Director of Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition and Logistics (Policy 001AL-P2) at 202-461-6929 or [Marilyn.harris2@va.gov](mailto:Marilyn.harris2@va.gov).

Approved: February 7, 2010.

**John R. Gingrich,**

*Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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