(i) Vehicle purchase decision-making criteria;
(ii) Sources of vehicle safety information;
(iii) Monroney label content, comprehension and potential tradeoffs; and,
(iv) New changes to the safety rating section of the Monroney label to help inform future revisions.

Description of the Need for the Information and the Proposed Use of the Information: NHTSA must explore how safety information impacts vehicle purchase decisions, where consumers look for safety information and how consumers use safety and other information located on the Monroney label in their purchase decisions, which will help inform future revisions to the Monroney label. Additionally, NHTSA will use this research to discuss potential communication channels in order to guide the development of a consumer education program.

Affected Public: NHTSA will conduct two research phases. For the first phase, which this notice addresses, NHTSA will conduct one type of qualitative research. This research project will consist of two (2) focus groups in five (5) cities for a maximum of ten (10) focus group sessions, lasting 120 minutes and will be held with eight (8) participants in each session. Participation by all respondents would be voluntary, and respondents will receive $75 for their participation. For recruiting of these participants, however, a total of 120 potential participants (12 per group) will be recruited via telephone screening calls, which are estimated to take 10 minutes per call. Based on experience, it is prudent to recruit up to 12 people per group in order to ensure at least 8 will actually appear at the focus group facility at the appointed time. Thus, the total burden per person actually participating in the group discussions is estimated to be 130 minutes (10 minutes for the screening/recruiting telephone call plus 120 minutes in the focus group discussion session). Additionally, the total burden per person recruited (but not participating in the discussions) is 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 180 hours.

Number of Respondents: 80.

The results of this research phase will be used to finalize the content of a second research phase NHTSA will conduct, which this notice does not address.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for 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.

Issued on: August 23, 2011.

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Senior Associate Administrator, Policy and Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2011–0198, Notice No. 11–8]

Safety Advisory: Unauthorized Marking of Compressed Gas Cylinders

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Safety Advisory Notice.

SUMMARY: PHMSA issues this safety advisory to notify the public of the unauthorized marking of certain of high- and low-pressure compressed gas cylinders, primarily fire extinguishers, by Atlas Fire Protection located at 7425 Sewells Point Road, Norfolk, VA. The unauthorized markings (B243) applied by Atlas Fire Protection are suspect. investigations conducted by PHMSA’s Eastern Region, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 820 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 306, W. Trenton, NJ 08634. Telephone: (609) 989–2256, Fax: (609) 989–2277, or e-mail: chris.michalski@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) require compressed gas cylinders to be subjected to periodic requalification (visual inspection and hydrostatic testing in accordance with 49 CFR 180.205 and 180.209) to verify the structural integrity of a cylinder and its suitability for continued service. If the required inspections and tests are not performed, a cylinder with compromised structural integrity may be returned to service when it should be condemned. Extensive property damage, serious personal injury, or death could result from the rupture of a cylinder. Cylinders not requalified in accordance with the HMR may not be filled with compressed gas or other hazardous material and offered for transportation in commerce. Only DOT approved facilities are authorized to requalify cylinders.

Investigations conducted by PHMSA’s field operations in 2009, 2010, and 2011, revealed that some high- and low-pressure cylinders serviced by Atlas Fire Protection were marked and represented as requalified (visually inspected and hydrostatically tested) in accordance with HMR when the appropriate inspections and tests were not performed. PHMSA determined during its investigations that: (1) Atlas Fire Protection is not approved or authorized to requalify DOT-specification cylinders or mark such cylinders as requalified; (2) Atlas Fire Protection applied requalification markings to cylinders that were not subjected to the required inspections and tests; and (3) Atlas Fire Protection marked cylinders with a Requalifier Identification Number (RIN) B243 that was not issued to them, but rather to another company, Fire-X Corporation, Norfolk, VA. The unauthorized markings (B243) applied by Atlas Fire Protection were stamped into the cylinder and include a month and the last two digits of the year. In the case of low pressure fire extinguishers, the markings may appear on an adhesive label with holes punched through the month, year, and hydrostatic test indicator. Only cylinders serviced by Atlas Fire Protection are suspect.

Anyone in possession of a cylinder that was serviced by Atlas Fire Protection and marked with test dates of 2007 through 2011 and has not had the cylinder requalified by a DOT approved requalification facility since then, should consider the cylinder unsafe and not fill it with a hazardous material unless the cylinder is first properly requalified by a DOT approved requalification facility.

Cylinders subject to this advisory that are filled should be safely discharged. Prior to refilling, the cylinders should be taken to a DOT approved cylinder requalification facility to ensure their suitability for continued service. A list of authorized cylinder requalification facilities may be obtained at: http://hazmat.dot.gov.

Persons in possession of cylinders subject to this notice may contact their local fire department for assistance at one of the following telephone numbers:
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Proposed Privacy Act Systems of Records

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Treasury.


SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of the Treasury, Departmental Offices, gives notice of a proposed system of records entitled, “Treasury 013—Department of the Treasury Civil Rights Complaints and Compliance Review Files.”

DATES: Comments must be received no later than October 11, 2011. The proposed new system of records will be effective October 11, 2011 unless comments are received which would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESS: Written comments should be sent to the Associate Chief Human Capital Officer for Civil Rights and Diversity, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220. The Department will make such comments available for public inspection and copying in the Department’s Library, Room 1428, Main Treasury Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. You can make an appointment to inspect comments by telephoning (202) 622–0990. All comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mariam G. Harveys, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, at (202) 622–0316, (202) 622–0367 (fax), or via electronic mail at ocrd.comments@do.treas.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Treasury (Treasury) established the Office of Civil Rights and Diversity to ensure equal employment opportunity for its employees and applicants for employment, and to ensure that programs and activities conducted by or receiving financial assistance from Treasury meet the non-discrimination requirements set out by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments, the Age Discrimination Act and Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act. In performing its mission, the Office of Civil Rights and Diversity will create records having to do with civil rights complaints, compliance reviews, and correspondence. Members of the public can file administrative complaints alleging discrimination and the Office of Civil Rights and Diversity is responsible for investigating those complaints over which it has jurisdiction. Treasury will maintain records of the complaints filed by the public and their disposition. Treasury administers programs offering financial assistance, such as the Low Income Taxpayer Clinics and the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund. Treasury has the responsibility to ensure that its financially assisted programs are administered in a nondiscriminatory manner. The guidance provided to the Federal agencies by the Department of Justice requires Federal agencies to conduct compliance reviews of its recipients of financial assistance as the best way to ensure nondiscrimination. Treasury will maintain records of its recipients’ compliance with the applicable civil rights laws.

In a notice of proposed rulemaking, which is published separately in the Federal Register, the Office of Civil Rights and Diversity is proposing to exempt records maintained in several systems from certain of the Privacy Act’s requirements pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2).

The report of a new system of records, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(m) of the Privacy Act, has been provided to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget.

The proposed new system of records, entitled “Treasury 013—Department of the Treasury Civil Rights Complaints and Compliance Review Files,” is published in its entirety below.

Dated: August 17, 2011.

Veronica Marco
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Privacy, Transparency and Records.

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SYSTEM NAME: Department of the Treasury Civil Rights Complaints and Compliance Review Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION: These records are located in the Department of the Treasury’s (Treasury) Office of Civil Rights and Diversity (OCRD), the Office of the General Counsel, and any other office within a Treasury bureau where a complaint is filed or where the action arose.

The locations at which the system is maintained are:

   d. Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (SIGTARP), 1801 L. Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.
   (2) Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB): 1310 G. St., NW., Washington, DC 20220.