Basis for Renewing Exemptions

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application for additional two year periods. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each of the 20 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (64 FR 27027; 64 FR 40404; 64 FR 51568; 64 FR 66962; 66 FR 63289; 67 FR 68719; 68 FR 2629; 68 FR 52811; 68 FR 61860; 68 FR 64944; 70 FR 48797; 70 FR 61165; 70 FR 61493; 70 FR 67776; 74 FR 62632). Each of these 20 applicants has requested renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption requirements. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver’s ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

Request for Comments

FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular driver’s safety record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315. However, FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these drivers submit comments by December 12, 2011. FMCSA believes that the requirements for a renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 can be satisfied by initially granting the renewal and then requesting and evaluating, if needed, subsequent comments submitted by interested parties. As indicated above, the Agency previously published notices of final disposition announcing its decision to exempt these 20 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). The final decision to grant an exemption to each of these individuals was made on the merits of each case and made only after careful consideration of the comments received to its notices of applications. The notices of applications stated in detail the qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant for an exemption from the vision requirements. That information is available by consulting the above cited Federal Register publications.

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

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Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

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review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

Dated: November 3, 2011.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Julie P. Agarwal,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2008–0291]

Pipeline Safety: Information Collection Activities

ACTION: Request for public comments and OMB approval of new Information Collection.

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

SUMMARY: On December 13, 2010, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) published a notice in the Federal Register of its intent to create a national registry of pipeline and liquefied natural gas (LNG) operators. PHMSA received one comment in response to that notice. PHMSA is publishing this notice to respond to the comment, to provide the public with an additional 30 days to comment on the proposed revisions to the operator registry forms, including the form instructions, and to announce that the revised Information Collections will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 12, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the docket number PHMSA–2008–0291 by any of the following methods:
• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
• Fax: (202) 395–6866.
• Mail: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for the U.S. Department of Transportation.
• Email: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, at the following address: oira_submissions@omb.eop.gov.

Requests for a copy of the Information Collection should be directed to Angela Dow by telephone at (202) 366–1246, by fax at (202) 366–4566, by email at Angela.Dow@dot.gov, or by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, PHMSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., PH–30, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1320.8(d), Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations requires PHMSA to provide interested members of the public and affected agencies an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping requests. This notice identifies a new information collection request that PHMSA will be submitting to OMB for approval. The information collection will be titled: “National Registry of Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas Operators.” PHMSA published a final rule in the Federal Register on November 26, 2010 (75 FR 72878), titled “Pipeline Safety: Updates to Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas Reporting Requirements.” That final rule added two new sections, 49 CFR 191.22 and 195.64, to the pipeline safety regulations for the establishment of a national pipeline operator registry, which will be used by operators to obtain an Operator Identification (OPID) number. PHMSA is proposing to use two forms as part of this information collection. When an operator requests an initial OPID number, an online form titled “OPID Assignment Request (PHMSA F 1000.1)” will be used. For an operator registering PHMSA of certain required changes associated with an OPID (see 49 CFR 191.22 and 195.64) or for operators updating their OPID information, a form titled “Operator Registry Notification (PHMSA F 1000.2)” will be used. Copies of these forms have been placed in the docket and are available for comment.

II. Summary of Comments/Topics

During the two month response period, PHMSA received a combined comment from American Petroleum Institute (API) and American Oil Pipelines Association (AOPL) on the proposal outlined in the December 2010 Federal Register notice.

A. OPID Assignment Request (Form PHMSA F 1000.1)

API–AOPL noted that Step 1, “Enter Basic Information,” incorrectly implies that some rural low-stress hazardous liquid pipelines are not subject to part 195 although they are required to submit reports under Subpart B. They noted that being subject to Subpart B is being subject to Part 195. They also note that this step incorrectly implies that unregulated rural gathering lines are subject to reporting requirements.

Response: PHMSA agrees and has revised and reordered the elements of Question 1 in this step to better align these elements with the degree to which pipelines are subject to part 195.

A2. In Step 2, API–AOPL requested clarification of the term “vessels” in the item “Hazardous Liquid Breakout Tanks → Total Number of Tanks/Caverns/ Vessels.”

Response: This item meant to indicate that the operator should report the total number of tanks, caverns, or other containers (i.e., vessels) that serve as breakout tanks. PHMSA agrees that the term “vessels,” is not used elsewhere and could cause confusion. PHMSA also concludes that the intended clarification is unnecessary and has revised this item to indicate only that operators should report the total number of breakout tanks.