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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 an information collection request that PHMSA will be submitting to OMB for renewal. The following information is provided for that information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) Current expiration date; (4) Type of request; (5) Abstract of the information collection activity; (6) Description of affected public; (7) Estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (8) Frequency of collection. PHMSA will request a three-year term of approval for the information collection activity. PHMSA requests comments on the following information collection:

Title: Gas Pipeline Safety Program Certification and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program Certification.

OMB Control Number: 2137–0584.

Current Expiration Date: 6/30/2012.

Abstract: A state must submit an annual certification to assume responsibility for regulating intrastate pipelines, and certain records must be maintained to demonstrate that the state is ensuring satisfactory compliance with the pipeline safety regulations. PHMSA uses that information to evaluate a state's eligibility for Federal grants.

Affected Public: State and local governments.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Total Annual Responses: 67.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,820.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Comments are invited on:

(a) 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;

(b) 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;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) 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.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 16, 2011.

John A. Gale,

Director, Office of Standards and Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on service delivery, the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration will submit a Generic Information Collection Request (Generic ICR): “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

DATES: Comments must be submitted January 26, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden by mail: to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for PHMSA, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by email at *ServiceDeliveryComments@omb.eop.gov*; or by fax at (202) 395–7245. 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. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Andrews or T. Glenn Foster, U.S. Department of Transportation, Standards and Rulemaking Division (PHH–10), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., East Building, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001, Telephone (202) 366–8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery Abstract. The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. Such feedback will provide useful insights on perceptions and opinions that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made; the sampling frame; the sample design (including stratification and clustering); the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size; the expected response rate; methods for assessing potential non-response bias; the protocols for data collection; and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be

eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

The Agency did not receive comments in response to the 60-day notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 22, 2010 [75 FR 80542].

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's projected average annual estimate for burden is provided as follows:

Current Actions: PHMSA Feedback.

Type of Review: New Collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Respondents: 2,670.

Annual responses: 2,670.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Burden hours: 2,670.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget Control Number.

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Acting Director, Standards and Rulemaking Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket ID PHMSA-RSPA-2004-19854]

Notice of Public Webinar on Implementation of Distribution Integrity Management Programs

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

ACTION: Notice of Public Webinar.

SUMMARY: Distribution pipeline operators were required to have prepared and implemented distribution integrity management plans (DIMP) by August 2, 2011. Federal and state regulators have begun inspecting those plans and their implementation. This webinar will be the first opportunity for the regulators to share their findings broadly with the regulated community. The webinar will also include discussion of analyses of the initial submissions of data concerning mechanical fitting failures in distribution pipelines.

DATES: The webinar will be held on January 25, 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST. Refer to the DIMP Web site for additional information: <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/dimp/index.htm>.

ADDRESSES: *Comments:* Members of the public may also submit written comments, either before, during, or after the webinar. Comments should reference Docket ID PHMSA-RSPA-2004-19854. Comments and questions can be submitted during the webinar through LiveMeeting. Instructions describing how to submit questions will be given at the beginning of the webinar. Comments may be submitted before or after the webinar in the following ways:

- *DIMP Web site:* <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/dimp/comment.htm>. This site allows the public to enter questions and comments about DIMP before or after the webinar. Instructions for submitting comments are provided on that Web site.
- *E-Gov Web Site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1-(202) 493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* DOT, Docket Management System, Room W12-140, on the ground floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: Identify the Docket ID at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Note: Comments will be posted without changes or edits to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act statement immediately following for additional information.

Privacy Act Statement: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received for any of our dockets. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000 (65 FR 1947).

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance during the webinar, please contact Chris McLaren at (281) 216-4455 by January 6, 2012.

Copies of the presentations will be available on the DIMP Web site and in the docket PHMSA-2004-19854 at

<http://www.regulations.gov>, within 30 days following the webinar.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris McLaren by e-mail at Chris.McLaren@dot.gov or by phone at (281) 216-4455.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: The DIMP regulation was published December 4, 2009, (74 FR 63906) and became effective on August 2, 2011. This regulation represents a new approach to assuring the safety and integrity of distribution pipelines. Previously, regulations presented highly-prescriptive requirements for which it was relatively easy to understand what needed to be done to comply. DIMP is much less prescriptive. It requires pipeline operators to analyze their pipeline systems, identify threats and risks that may be unique to their systems, and take appropriate actions to address those threats and risks. Distribution pipeline operators previously have not been required to comply with such a performance-based rule.

A DIMP Implementation Team (Team) was created as a collaboration of state and Federal regulators to support improvements in the integrity of the Nation's gas distribution pipeline systems through development of inspection methods and guidance for the evaluation of an Operator's DIMP. The Team recognized the challenges posed by the individual characteristics of each state's oversight program and operating conditions as well as the evolutionary process that distribution system operators would go through in building an integrity management culture from a prescriptive, compliance based culture. Due to the high-level, risk-based, performance-oriented nature of the regulations contained in 49 CFR 192.1001-192.1015, the Team recognized that operators could benefit from guidance in implementing their programs. The team sponsored two webinars to provide operators with information and to direct operators to resource material. These webinars were conducted on May 10 and June 8, 2011. This was prior to the August 2, 2011, effective date of the rule by which time operators were required to have developed and implemented their DIMP plans.

The August 2, 2011, deadline has now passed. Distribution pipeline operators must have implemented their DIMP plans. Initial inspections of these plans have begun. The material presented at this webinar will summarize this inspection experience, including the types of concerns that have been identified and where the initial