

this information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) Type of request; (4) Abstract of the information collection activity; (5) Description of affected public; (6) Estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (7) Frequency of collection. PHMSA will request a three-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

PHMSA requests comments on the following information collection:

Title: U.S. Department of

Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration 811 Awareness Survey.

OMB Control Number: Pending.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: PHMSA is conducting a survey of awareness of 811 as the national "Call Before You Dig" toll-free telephone number, the importance of calling 811 before beginning an excavation project and the extent to which the newly released PHMSA PSA is effective in raising awareness about this topic. This data is necessary to measure the effectiveness of the PSA campaign and plan future educational and outreach efforts.

Affected Public: All.

Estimated number of responses: 1,000.

Estimated annual burden hours: 120.

Frequency of collection: One time collection.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

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Clarification Policy on Initial Fitness Review for Classification Approvals

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

ACTION: Clarification.

SUMMARY: This notice clarifies and provides further guidance on PHMSA's policy of conducting fitness reviews of applicants for classification approvals, including Fireworks, Explosives, Organic Peroxides and Self-reactive materials.

DATES: The policy clarification discussed in this document is effective July 5, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ryan Paquet, Director, Approvals and Permits Division, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, (202) 366-4512, PHMSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective immediately, Initial Fitness Reviews (IFR) will no longer be performed by PHMSA as part of the processing for classification approvals, including: Fireworks, Explosives, Organic Peroxides and Self Reactive Materials.

The use of the available agency information in the Hazmat Intelligence Portal (HIP) and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Safety Fitness Electronic Records (SAFER) databases do not directly and adequately indicate a company's capability to manufacture the approved product in accordance with the application submitted to PHMSA. This change in policy and practice will be reflected in the next update to the Approvals Standard Operating Procedures and in the evaluation forms completed as part of the review process.

Fitness of applicants for classification approvals will continue to be reviewed through application evaluation, inspection, oversight and intelligence received from PHMSA or another Operating Administration (FAA, FMCSA, FRA, or USCG).

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