

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

[Docket No. PHMSA-2013-0004]

**Pipeline Safety: Information Collection Activities, Revision to Gas Distribution Annual Report****AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** On February 13, 2013, 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 revise the gas distribution annual report (PHMSA F7100.1-1) to improve the granularity of the data collected. In addition to making several minor changes to the report, PHMSA will also request a new OMB Control number for this information collection.

PHMSA received two comments in response to that notice. PHMSA is publishing this notice to respond to the comments, provide the public with an additional 30 days to comment on the proposed revisions to the forms and the instructions, and announce that the revised Information Collections will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by July 10, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by the docket number PHMSA-2013-0004 by any of the following methods:

- *Fax:* 1-202-395-5806.
- *Mail:* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Records Management Center, Room 10102 NEOB, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for the U.S. Department of Transportation \PHMSA.

- *Email:* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, at the following email address: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@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.Dow1@dot.gov](mailto:Angela.Dow1@dot.gov), or by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, PHMSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., PHP-30, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Blaine Keener by telephone at 202-366-0970, by fax at 202-366-4566, by email at [blaine.keener@dot.gov](mailto:blaine.keener@dot.gov).

**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 revised information collection request that PHMSA will submit to OMB for approval. The information collection is titled: "Annual Report for Gas Distribution Pipeline Operators."

**Summary of Topic Comments/ Responses**

During the two month response period, PHMSA received two comments from the following stakeholders:

- American Gas Association (AGA)—*Trade Association*.
- American Public Gas Association (APGA)—*Trade Association*.

This 30-day notice responds to the comments, which may be found at <http://www.regulations.gov>, at docket number PHMSA-2013-0004. The docket also contains the form and instructions as amended in response to the comments. In general, the comments made by AGA and APGA were similar in content and summarized below.

1. PHMSA proposed to add Part A, section 6 and require operators to enter information on the "Type of Operator" based on the structure of the reporting company. PHMSA proposed to allow these types of operators—Municipal, Privately Owned, and other (e.g., cooperatives, public utility districts). AGA and APGA had similar comments proposing that options for the operator type be consistent with those on Energy Information Agency Form EIA-176.

*Response:* PHMSA believes that the request for consistency is appropriate, and has revised Part A, section 7 to incorporate the following operator types: Investor-owned, municipally-owned, privately-owned, cooperative, and other.

2. PHMSA proposed to add a material type in Part B, sections 1, 2, and 3 and require operators to report data about cast iron pipes that have been reconditioned. PHMSA used the term "reconditioned cast iron" in Part B1 and "rehabilitated cast iron" in Part B2 and B3. AGA and APGA had similar comments proposing that the term "reconditioned cast iron" be used consistently in all three sections since that term is defined in the instructions.

*Response:* PHMSA concurs with the comments, and has revised the form so the term "reconditioned cast iron" is used consistently in the form and instructions.

3. Part C requires operators to identify the cause of leaks and hazardous leaks eliminated or repaired during the calendar year. PHMSA proposed to revise the "Cause of Leak" categories in Part C to align the leak causes in the gas distribution annual report with the incident causes from the gas distribution incident reporting form (PHMSA F 7100.1, Incident Report—Gas Distribution System). AGA and APGA had similar comments proposing that PHMSA adopt more substantive changes to the leak cause definitions to improve clarity and make the definitions more consistent with how incident cause is reported on the gas distribution incident reporting form.

*Response:* PHMSA concurs with the comments, and has expanded the instructions defining leak causes to be consistent with the gas distribution incident reporting form.

4. Part D requires operators to provide information on "Excavation Damage," and PHMSA proposed to add new data collection in "Excavation Damage" to include the four causes from Part I of the "Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT)—Field Form." AGA and APGA had similar comments proposing that PHMSA clarify that it is seeking information on the "apparent root cause" of excavation damage and adopt more substantive changes to the instructions for Part D by incorporating the definitions developed by the Common Ground Alliance's DIRT program.

*Response:* PHMSA concurs with the comments and has revised the form to clarify that PHMSA is seeking information on the "apparent root cause" of excavation damages. We have also revised the instructions to clarify the information to be reported.

5. Part E requires operators to provide information on "Excess Flow Valves" (EFV) installed during the calendar year and the estimated number in the system at the end of the year. AGA and APGA had similar comments proposing that PHMSA clarify language on the form and in the instructions to reduce confusion over the data PHMSA is seeking on "Estimated Number of EFVs in System at End of Year."

*Response:* PHMSA concurs with the comments and has revised the form to define that PHMSA is seeking information on the "Estimated Total number of EFVs in the system." We have also revised the instructions to clarify the data to be reported.

**Proposed Information Collection Revisions and Request for Comments**

The following information is provided for each revised 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 each information collection activity. PHMSA is only focusing on the revisions detailed in this notice and will request revisions to the following information collection activities.

*Title:* Gas Distribution Annual Report.

*OMB Control Number:* N/A.

*Current Expiration Date:* N/A.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Abstract:* PHMSA is looking to revise the Gas Distribution Annual Report (PHMSA F 7100.1-1) to make several minor changes related to data collection.

*Affected Public:* Gas distribution pipeline operators.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Total Annual Responses:* 1,440.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 23,040.

*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.

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**John A. Gale,**

*Director, Office of Standards and Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request: Real Estate Lending and Appraisals

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

Under the PRA, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

In accordance with the requirements of the PRA, the OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

The OCC is soliciting comment concerning renewal of its information collection titled, "Real Estate Lending and Appraisals."

**DATES:** Comments must be received by August 9, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Because paper mail in the Washington, DC area and at the OCC is subject to delay, commenters are encouraged to submit comments by email if possible. Comments may be sent to: Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Attention: 1557-0190, 400 7th Street SW., Suite 3E-218, Mail Stop 9W-11, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (571) 465-4326 or by electronic mail to [regs.comments@occ.treas.gov](mailto:regs.comments@occ.treas.gov). You may personally inspect and photocopy comments at the OCC, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20219. For security reasons, the OCC requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 649-6700. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and to submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

All comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Do not enclose any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may request additional information of the collection from Johnny Vilela or Mary H. Gottlieb, OCC Clearance Officers, (202) 649-5490, Legislative

and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street SW., Suite 3E-218, Mail Stop 9W-11, Washington, DC 20219.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) to include agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the OCC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

*Title:* Real Estate Lending and Appraisals (12 CFR 34, 160, 164, 190).

*OMB Control No.:* 1557-0190.

*Type of Review:* Extension, without revision, of a currently approved collection.

*Description:* Twelve CFR parts 34 and 160 contain a number of reporting and recordkeeping requirements. Twelve CFR part 34, subpart B (Adjustable-Rate Mortgages (ARM)), subpart E (Other Real Estate Owned (OREO)), and part 160 contain reporting requirements. Twelve CFR part 34, subpart C (Appraisal Requirements), subpart D (Real Estate Lending Standards), and parts 160 and 164 contain recordkeeping requirements. Twelve CFR 190.4(h) contains a disclosure requirement concerning Federally-related residential manufactured housing loans.

Twelve CFR part 34, subpart B, § 34.22(a) requires that for ARM loans, the loan documentation must specify an index or combination of indices to which changes in the interest rate will be linked. Sections 34.22(b) and 160.35(d)(3) provide notice procedures to be used when seeking to use an alternative index.

Twelve CFR 34.44 and 164.4 provide minimum standards for the performance of real estate appraisals, including the requirement that appraisals be written and contain sufficient information and analysis to support the institution's decision to engage in the transaction.

Twelve CFR 34.62, 160.101, and the related appendices require each