

public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

##### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-FINRA-2016-040 on the subject line.

##### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2016-040. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FINRA. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-

2016-040, and should be submitted on or before November 25, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>15</sup>

**Brent J. Fields,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9781]

##### **E.O. 13224 Designation of Abu Ali Tabatabai, aka Abu Ali Tabtabai, aka Abu 'Ali Al-Tabataba'i, aka Haytham 'Ali Tabataba'i, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist**

Acting under the authority of and in accordance with section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, as amended by Executive Order 13268 of July 2, 2002, and Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003, I hereby determine that the individual known as Abu Ali Tabatabai, aka Abu Ali Tabtabai, aka Abu 'Ali Al-Tabataba'i, aka Haytham 'Ali Tabataba'i, committed, or poses a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States.

Consistent with the determination in section 10 of Executive Order 13224 that prior notice to persons determined to be subject to the Order who might have a constitutional presence in the United States would render ineffectual the blocking and other measures authorized in the Order because of the ability to transfer funds instantaneously, I determine that no prior notice needs to be provided to any person subject to this determination who might have a constitutional presence in the United States, because to do so would render ineffectual the measures authorized in the Order.

This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 12, 2016.

**John F. Kerry,**

*Secretary of State.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9783]

##### **60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Exchange Programs Alumni Web Site Registration**

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to *January 3, 2017*.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the Internet may use the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) to comment on this notice by going to [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov). You can search for the document by entering the docket number (DOS-2016-0052) in the Search bar.

- *Email:* [MessengerCB@state.gov](mailto:MessengerCB@state.gov).

- *Mail:* Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; U.S. Department of State; SA-5, Room C2-C20; Washington, DC 20522-0503.

You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Carlyn Messenger, Alumni Outreach Specialist, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; U.S. Department of State; SA-5, Room C2-C20; Washington, DC 20522-0503, who may be reached on 202-632-6183 or at [MessengerCB@state.gov](mailto:MessengerCB@state.gov).

##### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* Exchange Programs Alumni Web site Registration.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0192.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of an Approved Request.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, ECA/P/A.
- *Form Number:* DS-7006.

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

- *Respondents*: Exchange program alumni and current participants of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents*: 5,000 for full form, and 41,000 for expedited form.

- *Estimated Number of Responses*: 46,000.

- *Average Time per Response*: 10 minutes for response to the full form or 2 minutes for response to the expedited form.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time*: 2,200 hours (reduction of approximately 30% since last approval).

- *Frequency*: One time per respondent.

- *Obligation To Respond*: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

*Abstract of proposed collection*: The International Exchange Alumni Web site requires information to process users' voluntary request for participation in the International Exchange Alumni Web site. Other than contact and exchange program information, which is required for Web site registration, all other information is provided on a voluntary basis. Participants also have the option of restricting access to their information.

Respondents to this registration form are U.S. government-sponsored exchange program participants and alumni. Alumni Affairs collects data from users not only to verify their status or participation in a program, but to help alumni network with one another and aid Embassy staff in their alumni outreach. Once a user account is activated, the same information may be used for contests, competitions, and other public diplomacy initiatives in

support of Embassy and foreign policy goals.

*Methodology*: Information provided for registration is collected electronically via the Alumni Web site, [alumni.state.gov](http://alumni.state.gov).

*Additional Information*: Since the previous approval, improvements made to the Web site have decreased the burden to respondents by 30%. International Exchange Alumni is a secure, encrypted Web site.

Dated: October 7, 2016.

**Alyson Grunder**,

Director, Office of Policy and Evaluation,  
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs,  
Department of State.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0127]

#### Pipeline Safety: Research and Development Forum

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

**ACTION**: Notice of public forum.

**SUMMARY**: This notice announces a PHMSA sponsored Pipeline Safety Research and Development Forum. PHMSA periodically holds this public forum to generate a national research agenda that fosters solutions for the many challenges with pipeline safety and with protecting the environment. This forum allows public, government, and industry pipeline stakeholders to develop a consensus on the technical gaps and challenges for future research. It also reduces duplication of programs, factors ongoing research efforts, leverages resources, and broadens synergies. The national research agenda developed through this forum is aligned with the needs of the pipeline safety mission and makes use of the best available knowledge and expertise and considers stakeholder perspectives.

**DATES**: The public forum will be held on November 16-17, 2016. Name badge pick up and on-site registration will be available starting at 7:00 a.m. on November 16, with the public forum taking place from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m., November 17 central time.

**ADDRESSES**: The public forum will be held at the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center, 127 Public Square, (Driveway Entrance on 1360

West Mall Drive), Cleveland, OH 44114. The hotel can be contacted at 800-228-9290 or 216-696-9200 or at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/clescleveland-marriott-downtown-at-key-center/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert Smith, Engineering and Research Division, at 919-238-4759 or [robert.w.smith@dot.gov](mailto:robert.w.smith@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Registration*: Members of the public may attend this free forum. Please note that this public forum will not be available by webcast. Onsite registration will also be available for those attending in person. Event reporting and presentations will be available shortly after the public forum.

*Comments*: Members of the public may submit written comments either before or after the public forum. Comments should reference Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0127. Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- *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 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Instructions*: Identify the docket number PHMSA-2016-0127 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 below 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 19476) or visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.