Public Participation and Request for Comments

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The Coast Guard invites comments on whether this ICR should be granted based on the Collection being necessary for the proper performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the Collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the Collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the Collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the Collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. These comments will help OIRA determine whether to approve the ICR referred to in this Notice.

We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. Comments to Coast Guard or OIRA must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR. They must also contain the docket number of this request, [USCG–2017–0126], and must be received by November 20, 2017.

Submitting Comments

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov and can be viewed by following that Web site’s instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and the docket, you may review a Privacy Act notice regarding the Federal Docket Management System in the March 24, 2005, issue of the Federal Register (70 FR 15086).

OIRA posts its decisions on ICRs online at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain after the comment period for each ICR. An OMB Notice of Action on each ICR will become available via a hyperlink in the OMB Control Number: 1625–0082.

Previous Request for Comments

This request provides a 30-day comment period required by OIRA. The Coast Guard published the 60-day notice (82 FR 34960, July 27, 2017) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). We received two comments from a commenter to the 60-day Notice. The first comment was about the navigation charts and publications requirements for small towing vessels that operate on inland waters. The commenter stated that the requirements for these vessels should not be the same as the requirements for vessels on other voyages. We agree. 33 CFR 164.72 prescribes fewer publication carriage requirements for vessels engaged in towing exclusively on Western Rivers than for those that operate elsewhere (towing or otherwise). Furthermore, the Coast Guard has allowed electronic carriage of some publications further reducing burden (see Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular 01–16).

The second comment was about the Muster List and Emergency Instructions requirements. The commenter stated that we should take into account various levels of risk and not apply the rules to all towing vessels. Again, we agree. The Muster List and Emergency Instructions requirements in 33 CFR 199.80 do not apply to towing vessels inspected under 46 CFR Subchapter M. These requirements apply to towing vessels inspected under 46 CFR Subchapter I on international voyages. The comments result in no changes to the Collection.

Information Collection Request

Title: Navigation Safety Information and Emergency Instructions for Certain Towing Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 1625–0082.

Summary: Navigation safety regulations in 33 CFR part 164 help assure that the mariner piloting a towing vessel has adequate equipment, charts, maps, and other publications. For inspected towing vessels, under 46 CFR 199.80 a muster list and emergency instructions provide effective plans and references for crew to follow in an emergency situation.

Need: The purpose of the regulations is to improve the safety of towing vessels and the crews that operate them.

Forms: None.

Respondents: Owners, operators and masters of vessels.

Frequency: On occasion.

Hour Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has increased from 345,620 hours to 369,980 hours a year due to an increase in the estimated annual number of respondents.


Dated: October 12, 2017.

James D. Roppel,
U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Chief, Office of Information Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2017–0009]

Information Collection Request to Office of Management and Budget; OMB Control Number: 1625–0120

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Sixty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard intends to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), requesting an extension of its approval for the following collection of information: 1625–0120, U.S. Coast Guard Non-A appropriated Fund Employment Application without change. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Before submitting this ICR to OIRA, the Coast Guard is inviting comments as described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before December 19, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket
number [USCG–2017–0009] to the Coast Guard using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov. See the “Public participation and request for comments” portion of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for further instructions on submitting comments.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Contact Mr. Anthony Smith, Office of Information Management, telephone 202–475–3532, or fax 202–372–8405, for questions on these documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
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The Coast Guard invites comments on whether this ICR should be granted based on the Collection being necessary for the proper performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the Collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the Collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the Collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the Collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. In response to your comments, we may revise this ICR or decide not to seek an extension of approval for the Collection. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. Comments must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR and the OMB control number of this request, [USCG–2017–0009], and must be received by December 19, 2017.

Submitting Comments
We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov. If your material cannot be submitted using http://www.regulations.gov, contact the person in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document for alternate instructions. Documents mentioned in this notice, and all public comments, are in our online docket at http://www.regulations.gov and can be viewed by following that Web site’s instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted.

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Information Collection Request
Title: U.S. Coast Guard Non-appropriated Fund Employment Application.
OMB Control Number: 1625–0120.
Summary: The USCG Non-Appropriated Fund Employment Application form is used to collect applicant qualification information associated with vacancy announcements. The form allows individuals to apply for employment opportunities with the Coast Guard Non-appropriated Fund (NAF) workforce and fills the gap created by the cancellation of the optional Application for Federal Employment, form OF–612, OMB No. 3206–0219.
Need: The U.S. Coast Guard rates applicants under the authority of Title 5 of U.S. Code, Sections 1104, 2103, 3301 and 3320. The Optional Application for Federal Employment, Form OF–612, was cancelled and the information is now collected in USA Jobs. The NAF personnel system does not utilize USA Jobs because of the high cost and high turnover rate and thus relied heavily on form OF–612 for applicants.

Respondents: Public applying for positions with the USCG Non-appropriated fund workforce.
Frequency: Per vacancy announcements.
Hour Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has decreased from 8,400 hours to 3,837 hours a year due to a decrease in the estimated annual number of respondents.


James D. Roppel,
U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Chief, Office of Information Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Coast Guard
[Docket No. USCG–2017–0949]
Information Collection Request to Office of Management and Budget; OMB Control Number: 1625–0106
AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.
ACTION: Sixty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard intends to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), requesting an extension of its approval for the following collection of information: 1625–0106, Unauthorized Entry into Cuban Territorial Waters; without change. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Before submitting this ICR to OIRA, the Coast Guard is inviting comments as described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before December 19, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG–2017–0949] to the Coast Guard using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov. See the “Public participation and request for comments” portion of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for further instructions on submitting comments.

A copy of the ICR is available through the docket on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov. Additionally, copies are available from: Commandant (CG–612), Attn: Paperwork Reduction Act Manager, U.S. Coast Guard, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE., Stop 7710, Washington, DC 20593–7710.

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