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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket Number: DOT-OST-2017-0043]

#### Agency Information Collection Activity; Response to Comments on Notice of Request for Approval To Collect New Information: Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data Program

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), U.S. Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** 30-day Notice and Response to Comments.

**SUMMARY:** On May 7, 2019, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) announced its intention in a **Federal Register** Notice (83 FR 20139) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the following information collection: Voluntary Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data Program. The Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data (ISO) program, is a component of BTS's SafeOCS data sharing framework, that provides a trusted, proactive means for the oil and gas industry to report sensitive and proprietary safety information, and to identify early warnings of safety problems and potential safety issues by uncovering hidden, at-risk conditions not previously exposed from analysis of reportable accidents and incidents. The ISD identifies a broader range of data categories to ensure safe performance and appropriate risk management, which adds a learning component to assist the oil and gas industry in achieving improved safety performance. At that time, BTS also encouraged interested parties to submit comments to docket number DOT-OST-2017-0043, allowing for a 60-day comment period. The comment period closed on July 7, 2018. BTS received two non-relevant comments from the anonymous public entities. The purpose of this Notice is to respond to the comments received on the May 7, 2018 announcement and allow 30 days for public comment to OMB on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by *August 17, 2018*.

**ADDRESSES:** BTS seeks public comments on its proposed information collection. Comments should address whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimated burden hours 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. Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: BTS Desk Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Demetra V. Colia, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Statistical and Economic Analysis, RTS-31, E36-302, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001; Phone No. (202) 366-1610; Fax No. (202) 366-3383; email: [demetra.colia@dot.gov](mailto:demetra.colia@dot.gov). Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Data Confidentiality Provisions:** The confidentiality of oil and gas industry safety data information submitted to BTS is protected under the BTS confidentiality statute (49 U.S.C. 6307) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-347, Title V.) In accordance with these confidentiality statutes, only statistical (aggregated) and non-identifying data will be made publicly available by BTS through its reports. BTS will not release to the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), or to any other public or private entity, any information that might reveal the identity of individuals or organizations mentioned in failure notices or reports without explicit consent of the respondent and any other affected entities.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. The Data Collection

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35; as amended) and 5 CFR part 1320 require each Federal agency to obtain OMB approval to initiate an information collection activity. BTS is seeking OMB approval for the following BTS information collection activity:

**Title:** Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data (ISD) Program.

**OMB Control Number:** TBD.

**Type of Review:** Approval of data collection.

**Respondent:** Oil and gas industry companies involved in the exploration and/or productions working in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM).

**Number of Potential Responses:** One hundred.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 40 hours.

**Frequency:** Annual.

**Total Annual Burden:** 400 hours.

##### II. Public Participation and Request for Public Comments

On May 7, 2018, BTS published a Notice (83 FR 20139) encouraging interested parties to submit comments to docket number DOT-OST-2017-0043 and allowing for a 60-day comment period. The comment period closed on July 6, 2018. There were two comments non-relevant to the topic of the Notice. To view comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, "DOT-OST-2017-0043" in the "search" box and click "Search." Next click "Open Docket Folder" button and choose document listed to review. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W 12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

##### Privacy Act

All comments the BTS received were posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.) You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

##### III. Discussion of Public Comments and BTS Responses

BTS announced on May 7, 2018 in a **Federal Register** Notice (83 FR 20139) its intention to request that OMB approve the new collection of: Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data Program. BTS received no relevant comment during the 60-day public comment period. The May 7th notice stated that the BTS was seeking approval to collect Industry Safety Data information.

Dated: July 11, 2018.

**Patricia Hu,**

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research  
and Technology U.S. Department of  
Transportation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

[Docket No. TTB-2018-0001]

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request (No. 70) for Chemist Certification Program

**AGENCY:** Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and  
Trade Bureau, Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** As part of our continuing  
effort to reduce paperwork and  
respondent burden, and as required by  
the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,  
the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade  
Bureau (TTB) invites comments on the  
proposed information collection  
associated with its chemist certification  
program.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before  
September 17, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** As described below, you  
may send comments on the proposed  
information collection using the  
“*Regulations.gov*” online comment form  
for this document, or you may send  
written comments via U.S. mail or hand  
delivery. TTB no longer accepts public  
comments via email or fax.

- *https://www.regulations.gov*: Use  
the comment form for this document  
posted within Docket No. TTB-2018-  
0001 on “*Regulations.gov*,” the Federal  
e-rulemaking portal, to submit  
comments via the internet;

- *U.S. Mail*: Michael Hoover,  
Regulations and Rulings Division,  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade  
Bureau, 1310 G Street NW, Box 12,  
Washington, DC 20005.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier in Lieu of  
Mail*: Michael Hoover, Alcohol and  
Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G  
Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC  
20005.

Please reference the proposed  
information collection's title in your  
comment. You may view copies of this  
document and all comments received in  
response to this document within  
Docket No. TTB-2018-0001 at *https://  
www.regulations.gov*. A link to that  
docket is posted on the TTB website at

*https://www.ttb.gov/forms/comment-on-  
form.shtml*. You may also obtain paper  
copies of this document and any  
comments received in response to this  
document by contacting Michael Hoover  
at the addresses or telephone number  
shown below.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Hoover, Alcohol and Tobacco  
Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street  
NW, Box 12, Washington, DC 20005;  
telephone (202) 453-1039, ext. 135; or  
email *informationcollections@ttb.gov*  
(please *do not* submit comments on the  
proposed information collection to this  
email address).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Request for Comments

As required by the Paperwork  
Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501  
*et seq.*), the Department of the Treasury  
and its Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and  
Trade Bureau (TTB), as part of a  
continuing effort to reduce paperwork  
and respondent burden, invite the  
general public and other Federal  
agencies to comment on the proposed  
information collection associated with  
TTB's chemist certification program.

Comments submitted in response to  
this notice will be included or  
summarized in our request for Office of  
Management and Budget (OMB)  
approval of the proposed information  
collection. All comments are part of the  
public record and subject to disclosure.  
Please do not include any confidential  
or inappropriate material in comments.

In particular, we invite comments on:  
(a) Whether the information collection  
is necessary for the proper performance  
of the agency's functions, including  
whether the information has practical  
utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's  
estimate of the information collection's  
burden; (c) ways to enhance the quality,  
utility, and clarity of the information  
collected; (d) ways to minimize the  
information collection's burden on  
respondents, including through the use  
of automated collection techniques or  
other forms of information technology;  
and (e) estimates of capital or start-up  
costs and costs of operation,  
maintenance, and purchase of services  
to provide the requested information.

#### Chemist Certification Information Collection

Currently, we are seeking comments  
on the following information collection:

*Title:* Applications, Notices, and  
Record Related to the Voluntary  
Chemist Certification Program for the  
Analysis of Wine, Distilled Spirits, and  
Beer for Export.

*OMB Number:* 1513-NEW.

**Abstract:** The TTB chemist  
certification program, established under  
the authority of section 105(e) of the  
Federal Alcohol Administration Act  
(FAA Act; 27 U.S.C. 205(e)), is a  
voluntary program that certifies private  
industry chemists to analyze alcohol  
beverages and report the results of  
specific chemical analyses on alcohol  
beverages to the governments of  
importing countries. As a condition of  
importation, some countries require that  
their own government laboratories (or  
laboratories certified by their  
government) perform these analyses,  
while other countries allow a person  
certified by the government of the  
exporting country to perform the  
analyses. TTB conducts its chemist  
certification program as a service to the  
alcohol beverage industry to facilitate  
the export of domestic alcohol beverage  
products. This certification program  
helps ensure that chemists, enologists,  
brewers, and technicians (referred to in  
this document collectively as  
“chemists”) generate quality data and  
have the required proficiencies to  
conduct chemical analyses associated  
with exportation of alcohol beverages  
from the United States.

The information collected under  
TTB's chemist certification program  
includes: Letterhead applications for  
chemist certification and supporting  
documentation such as copies of  
diplomas, transcripts, accreditation  
certificates, and laboratory verification  
statements; results of qualifying  
analyses of TTB-supplied alcohol  
beverage samples made by applicants;  
and miscellaneous letterhead  
applications and notices to TTB such as  
applications and supporting documents  
related to requests for certification in  
additional types of analysis, requests for  
TTB-affirmed reports of analysis, and  
notices of changes in employment place  
or status. TTB believes the burden  
associated with the application portion  
of this information collection is minimal  
and is the minimum necessary to ensure  
that certified chemists are professionally  
qualified to conduct analyses of alcohol  
beverages for export purposes.

Certified chemists also must retain,  
and allow TTB inspection of, records of  
all analysis results conducted under the  
authority of a TTB certificate, for a  
period of up to two years. In addition,  
the laboratories of certified chemists  
must retain for a similar period, and  
allow TTB inspection of, records related  
to laboratory equipment, laboratory  
quality control policies, procedures and  
systems, analyst training and  
competence, and analysis records  
pertaining to certified tests. TTB  
believes that the required records are