

railroads to affix a “bad order” tag describing each defect to each side of the freight car. It is imperative that a defective freight car be tagged “bad order” so it can be readily identified and moved to another location for repair purposes only, and so that the maximum speed and other restrictions necessary for safely conducting the movement are known. At the repair location, the “bad order” tag serves as a notification of the defective condition of the freight car. Railroads must retain each tag for 90 days to verify that proper repairs were made at the designated location. When inspecting a freight car,

FRA and State inspectors review all pertinent records to determine railroads’ compliance with the movement restrictions of 49 CFR 215.9. Additionally, section 215.301 requires railroads and private car owners to stencil or otherwise display identification marks on freight cars. FRA uses the identification marks to determine the railroads affected, the number and type of cars involved, the commodities being carried, and the territorial and speed limits within which the cars will be operated. FRA reviews this information to determine if the freight car is safe to operate and if the operation qualifies for dedicated

service and is excluded from the requirements of part 215. Railroads use the required information to provide identification and control so that dedicated cars remain in the prescribed service.

*Type of Request:* Extension with change (revised estimates) of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses (railroads).

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Respondent Universe:* 752 railroads.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Reporting Burden:*

CFR Section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per responses (minutes)	Total annual burden hours	Total cost equivalent
215.9(a)—Movement of Defective Cars for Repair—Tagging.	752 railroads .....	150,000 tags .....	5	12,500	\$715,000
215.9(b)—Notifications of Removal of Defective Car Tags.	752 railroads .....	75,000 notifications ...	2	2,500	143,000
215.11(c)—Designated Inspectors—Records	752 railroads .....	45,000 records .....	1	750	42,900
215.301—Stenciling—General .....	752 railroads .....	30,000 repainted/ stenciled.	45	22,500	1,287,000
Total .....	752 railroads .....	300,000 responses ...	N/A	38,2500	2,187,900

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 300,000.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 38,250 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent:* \$2,187,900.

*Title:* Bridge Worker Safety Rules.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0535.

*Abstract:* Subpart B of 49 CFR part 214 establishes minimum workplace safety standards for railroad employees as they apply to railroad bridges. Specifically, 49 CFR 214.105(c) establishes standards and practices for

safety net systems. Safety nets and net installations must be drop-tested at the job site after initial installation and before being used as a fall-protection system, after major repairs, and at 6-month intervals if left at one site. If a drop-test is not feasible and is not performed, then the railroad or railroad contractor, or a designated certified person, must provide written certification the net complies with the safety standards of 49 CFR 214.105. FRA and State inspectors use the information

to enforce Federal regulations. The information maintained at the job site promotes safe bridge worker practices.

*Type of Request:* Extension with change (revised estimates) of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses (railroads).

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Respondent Universe:* 746 railroads.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Reporting Burden:*

CFR Section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per responses (minutes)	Total annual burden hours	Total cost equivalent
214.105(c)(4)— Fall protection systems standards and practices- Safety net systems certification records.	746 railroads .....	3 written certification records.	5	.25 (15 minutes)	\$19

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 3.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 15 minutes.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent:* \$19.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD–2019–0157]

**Request for Comments on the Approval of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Voluntary Tanker Agreement**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. This collection of information is used to gather information on tanker operators who agree to contribute, either by direct charter to the Department of Defense or to other participants tanker capacity as requested by the Maritime Administrator at such times and such amounts as determined to be necessary to meet the essential needs of DOD for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk by sea. The Voluntary Tanker Agreement is a voluntary emergency preparedness agreement. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MARAD-2019-0157 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ram Nagendran, 202-366-8584, Office of Sealift Support, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590, Email: [ram.nagendran@dot.gov](mailto:ram.nagendran@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Voluntary Tanker Agreement.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0505.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a previously approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The Voluntary Tanker Agreement is a voluntary emergency preparedness agreement in accordance with Section 708, Defense Production Act, as amended (50 U.S.C. 4558). The collection consists of a request from the Maritime Administration (MARAD) that each participant in the Voluntary Tanker Agreement submit a list of the names of ships owned, chartered or contracted for by the participant, their size, flags of registry, and other pertinent information. There is a recommended format for this information included as part of the

application. The collection of information is necessary to evaluate tanker capability and make plans for use of this capability to meet national emergency requirements. This information will be used by both MARAD and Department of Defense to establish contingency plans.

*Respondents:* Coastwise qualified vessel owners, operators, charterers, brokers and vessel representatives.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 15 (1 per respondent).

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 1 hr.

*Annual Estimated Total Annual*

*Burden Hours:* 15.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Public Comments Invited:* Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.49.)

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Dated: October 2, 2019.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD-2019-0156]

**Request for Comments on the Approval of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Requirements for Eligibility of U.S.-Flag Vessels of 100 Feet or Greater in Registered Length To Obtain a Fishery Endorsement**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

approval to renew an information collection. The information collection is necessary for MARAD to determine that a particular vessel is owned and controlled by United States citizens and is eligible to receive a fishery endorsement to its documentation. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MARAD-2019-0156 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael C. Pucci, (202) 366-5167, Division of Maritime Programs, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, Email: [michael.pucci@dot.gov](mailto:michael.pucci@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Requirements for Eligibility of U.S.-Flag Vessels of 100 Feet or Greater in Registered Length to Obtain a Fishery Endorsement.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0530.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a previously approved information collection.

*Abstract:* In accordance with the American Fisheries Act of 1998, owners of vessels of 100 feet or greater who wish to obtain a fishery endorsement to the vessels' documentation are required to file with the Maritime Administration (MARAD) an Affidavit of United States Citizenship. The information collected will be used by MARAD to determine that a vessel is owned and controlled by citizens of the United States in accordance with the requirements of the American Fisheries Act (AFA) of 1998 and, therefore, is eligible to be documented with a fishery endorsement to its documentation.

*Respondents:* Certain vessel owners, vessel operators, financial institutions, and professional trusts.

*Affected Public:* Vessel owners, charterers, mortgagees, mortgage trustees and managers of vessels of 100 feet or greater who seek a fishery endorsement for the vessel.