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- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Danielle Bennett (202) 366–5469, Office of Maritime Workforce Development, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Request for Waiver of Service Obligation, Request for Deferral of Service Obligation, Application for Review.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133–0510.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The Information collection is essential for determining if a student or graduate of the USMMA or a SMA that participated in the Student Incentive Payment (SIP) Program has a valid circumstance preventing them

from fulfilling the requirements of the service obligation contract signed at the time of their enrollment in USMMA or the SIP program. It also permits the Maritime Administration (MARAD) to determine if a graduate, who wishes to defer their service obligation to attend graduate school, is eligible to receive a deferment. Student or graduates who submit a waiver or deferral request have an opportunity to appeal MARAD's decision. This collection is essential for determining if the original decision for a waiver or deferral request should be overturned. Their service obligation is required by law.

*Respondents:* U.S. Merchant Marine Academy students and graduates, and subsidized students and graduates.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 11.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 11.

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Annual Estimated Total Annual*

*Burden Hours:* 5.30.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.

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By Order of the Acting Maritime Administrator.

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

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT–MARAD–2021–0018]

#### Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Application and Reporting Requirements for Participation in the Maritime Security Program

**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 to be collected will be used to determine if selected vessels are qualified to participate in the Maritime Security Program. 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 June 7, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. DOT–MARAD–2021–0018] 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.

*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.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rhonda Davis, 202–366–6379, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23–343, Washington, DC 20590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Application and Reporting Requirements for Participation in the Maritime Security Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133–0525.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The Maritime Security Act of 2003 extended under Section 3508 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, Public Law 112–239 provides for the enrollment of qualified vessels in the Maritime Security Program Fleet. Applications and amendments are used to select vessels for the fleet. Periodic reporting is used to monitor adherence of contractors to program parameters.

*Respondents:* Vessel operators.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for Profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 195.

*Annual Estimated Total Annual*

*Burden Hours:* 210.

*Frequency of Response:* Monthly/Annually.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.

By Order of the Acting Maritime Administrator.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**  
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2021-0039]

RIN 2137-AF51

#### Pipeline Safety: Pipeline Leak Detection, Leak Repair, and Methane Emission Reductions Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting during which stakeholder groups and members of the public will have the opportunity to share and discuss perspectives on improving gas pipeline leak detection and repair. PHMSA expects to cover subjects that include examining the sources of methane emissions from natural gas pipeline systems, current regulatory requirements for managing fugitive and vented emissions, industry leak detection and repair practices, and the use of advanced technologies and practices to reduce methane emissions from gas pipeline systems. The meeting will occur virtually on May 5-6, 2021. This discussion is intended to inform a rulemaking and report to Congress on natural gas pipeline leak detection and repair mandated by Sections 113 and 114 of the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2020.

**DATES:** The leak detection and repair public meeting will occur on May 5-6, 2021. Members of the public who want to participate in the virtual meeting must register no later than April 30, 2021. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other aids, are asked to notify PHMSA no later than April 26, 2021. For additional information, please see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Individuals who are interested in submitting comments on the subject of the public meeting must do so by May 24, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held virtually. The meeting agenda and

instructions on how to attend virtually will be published once they are finalized on the following public meeting registration page at: <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=152>. Presentations will be available on the meeting website and on the E-gov website, <https://regulations.gov>, under docket number PHMSA-2021-0039, no later than 30 days following the meeting. You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. PHMSA-2021-0039, by any of the following methods:

- **E-Gov Web:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- **Hand Delivery:** DOT Docket Management System: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.
- **Instructions:** Identify the Docket No. PHMSA-2021-0039, at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, you must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

- **Note:** All comments received are posted without edits to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

- **Privacy Act:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy).

- **Confidential Business Information:** Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments in response to this notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private,

that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.343, you may ask PHMSA to provide confidential treatment to information you give to the agency by taking the following steps: (1) Mark each page of the original document submission containing CBI as "Confidential;" (2) send PHMSA a copy of the original document with the CBI deleted along with the original, unaltered document; and (3) explain why the information you are submitting is CBI. Unless you are notified otherwise, PHMSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act and only the redacted version will be placed in the public docket of this notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Sayler Palabrica, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, DOT: PHMSA-PHP-30, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket.

- **Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets. Alternatively, you may review the documents in person at the street address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sayler Palabrica by phone at 202-744-0825 or via email at [sayler.palabrica@dot.gov](mailto:sayler.palabrica@dot.gov).

Sam Hall by phone at 804-551-3876 or via email at [sam.hall@dot.gov](mailto:sam.hall@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Natural gas is composed primarily of methane, a greenhouse gas several times more potent than carbon dioxide. Prompt detection and repair of methane leaks from gas pipelines can result in safety, environmental and economic benefits. Section 113 of the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2020 (PIPES Act of 2020; Division R of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021; Pub. L. 116-260) mandates that the Secretary of Transportation promulgate a final rule concerning gas pipeline leak detection and repair programs no later than one year after the enactment of the law (*i.e.*, by December 27, 2021).

Additionally, Section 114(a) and (b) of the PIPES Act of 2020 requires that each pipeline operator update their inspection and maintenance plans to