

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review****AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on May 5, 2005, and comments were due by July 5, 2005. One comment was received by MARAD opposing and objecting to any waivers of any kind being extended due to terrorist concerns. While MARAD appreciates public input regarding the small vessel waiver program, this notice is concerned only with the information collection under review. MARAD is required to and requested comments specifically about whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. Because this comment does not address this information collection, MARAD will not address the respondent's comments in this action.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 12, 2005.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sharon Cassidy, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5506; FAX: 202-366-6988; or e-mail: [sharon.cassidy@dot.gov](mailto:sharon.cassidy@dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Maritime Administration (MARAD).

*Title:* Application for Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for Small Passenger Vessels.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0529.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Small passenger vessel owners who desire to operate in the coastwise trade.

*Forms:* None.

*Abstract:* Owners of small passenger vessels desiring waiver of the coastwise trade laws affecting small passenger vessels will be required to file a written application and justification for waiver to the Maritime Administration (MARAD). The agency will review the application and make a determination whether to grant the requested waiver.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 100 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden 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. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**Authority:** 49 CFR 1.66.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 3, 2005.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

[Docket: RSPA-98-4957]

**Request for Public Comments and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approval of an Existing Information Collection (2137-0601)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Pipeline Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation (DOT).

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests public participation in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval process regarding the renewal of an existing PHMSA/Office of Pipeline

Safety (OPS) collection of information for Operator Qualification of Pipeline Personnel. PHMSA is requesting OMB approval for renewal of this information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320. The public is invited to submit comments over the next 60 days on ways to minimize the burden associated with collection of information related to the pipeline safety reports of abandoned underwater pipelines

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 11, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference Docket No. RSPA-98-4957 and may be submitted in the following ways:

- DOT Web Site: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

- Mail: Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- Hand Delivery: DOT Docket Management System; Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- 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.

*Instructions:* You should identify the docket number, RSPA-98-4957, at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, you should submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, you should include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and may access all comments received by DOT at <http://dms.dot.gov> by performing a simple search for the docket number. **Note:** All comments will be posted without changes or edits to <http://dms.dot.gov> including any personal information provided.

*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 on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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*William.Fuentevilla@dot.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are invited on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; 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, in including the use of automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology.

Congress expressed concern with unskilled pipeline personnel in the Pipeline Safety and Reauthorization Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-561). This act authorized the Secretary of Transportation to require all individuals responsible for the operation and maintenance of pipeline facilities to be properly qualified to safely perform their tasks. The operator qualification requirements are described in the pipeline safety regulations at 49 CFR Part 192, subpart N and 49 CFR Part 195, subpart G. PHMSA/Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) seeks to extend an existing collection of information for Operator Qualification of Pipeline Personnel. PHMSA/OPS published the initial notice requesting public comment on April 18, 2002 (67 FR 19312-13).

This information collection supports the DOT strategic goal of safety by reducing the number of fatalities, injuries, and amount of property damage.

As used in this notice, "information collection" includes all work related to preparing and disseminating information related to this recordkeeping requirement including completing paperwork, gathering information and conducting telephone calls.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Renewal of Existing Collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* Operator Qualification of Pipeline Personnel.

*Respondents:* Gas and hazardous liquid pipeline operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 22,300.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 466,667 hours.

Issued in Washington DC on August 5, 2005.

**Florence L. Hamm,**

*Director, Office of Regulations.*

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Underwater pipelines are being abandoned at an increasing rate as older facilities reach the end of their useful life. This trend is expected to continue. In 1992, Congress responded to this issue by amending the Pipeline Safety Act (49 U.S.C. 60108(c)(6)(B)). The amendment directs the Secretary of Transportation to require operators of an offshore pipeline facility, or a pipeline crossing navigable waters, to report the abandonment to the Secretary of Transportation in a way that specifies whether the facility has been abandoned properly according to applicable Federal and State requirements. PHMSA's regulations for abandonment reporting can be found at Title 49 CFR 192.727 and 195.402.

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