

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

[Docket: PHMSA-98-4957]

**Request for Public Comments and Office of Management and Budget Approval of an Existing Information Collection (2137-0522)**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests public participation in the OMB approval process for the renewal of an existing PHMSA information collection. This renewal of information complies with the natural gas pipeline operator's reporting requirements. PHMSA is requesting OMB approval for renewal of this information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. With this notice, PHMSA invites the public to submit comments over the next 60 days on ways to minimize the burden associated with the collection of information related to natural gas pipelines operator's reports.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 13, 2007.

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

- *DOT Web Site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

To submit comments on the DOT electronic docket site, click "Comment/Submissions," click "Continue," fill in the requested information, click "Continue," enter your comment, then click "Submit."

- *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, PHMSA-98-4957, at the beginning of your comments. If you mail your comments, you should send 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 (65 FR 19477) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** L.E. Herrick at (202) 366-5523, or by e-mail at [le.herrick@dot.gov](mailto:le.herrick@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. These include (1) Whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the information collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

PHMSA collects information on distribution, transmission, and gathering pipeline incidents as part of its efforts to minimize natural gas pipeline failures. The requirements for reporting are found in 49 CFR Part 191. PHMSA requires the immediate telephonic notification (§ 191.5) to address potentially significant safety issues related to an incident. The follow-up individual reports for each incident (§§ 191.9 and 191.15) are submitted within 30 days of the incident. PHMSA also requires operators to submit an annual report containing system information. These reports enable PHMSA to identify and evaluate existing and potential pipeline safety problems and to develop statistical and data/safety reports. A copy of these report forms can be found in the docket for this information collection renewal.

As used in this notice, the term "information collection" includes all work related to preparing and disseminating information related to these recordkeeping requirements including completing paperwork,

gathering information, and conducting telephone calls.

**Type of Information Collection Request:** Renewal of existing collection.

**Title of Information Collection:** Incident and Annual Reports for Gas Pipeline Operators.

**Respondents:** 2100 gas pipeline operators.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 36,105 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 6, 2007.

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

[Docket: PHMSA-98-4957]

**Request for Public Comments and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approval of an Existing Information Collection (2137-0614)**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests public participation in the OMB approval process regarding the renewal of an existing PHMSA information collection. This renewal of information complies with the hazardous liquid and carbon dioxide pipeline operator's annual report requirement. PHMSA is requesting OMB approval for renewal of this information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. With this notice, PHMSA invites the public to submit comments over the next 60 days on ways to minimize the burden associated with the collection of information related to the hazardous liquid and carbon dioxide pipelines operator's annual report.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 13, 2007.

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

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