

signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

*Docket:* To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tyneka Thomas (202) 267-7626 or Laverne Brunache (202) 267-3133, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85.

**Pamela Hamilton-Powell,**  
*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

#### **Petition for Exemption**

*Docket No.:* FAA-2007-0377.

*Petitioner:* United Technologies Corporation.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* 14 CFR 61.3(a)(1).

*Description of Relief Sought:* To permit United Technologies Corporation's customers, whose pilots do not hold FAA issued airman certificates, to perform evaluation flights of its Sikorsky S-92 aircraft in the U.S.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Highway Administration**

#### **Environmental Impact Statement; Grays Harbor County, WA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is issuing this notice to advise the public, affected Indian tribes and agencies that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed development of a site to build pontoons that would be used to restore the function of the existing SR 520 Evergreen Point Bridge in case of catastrophic failure. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is a co-lead agency on the EIS. FHWA and WSDOT will prepare the EIS in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA), the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and with Washington's State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Stephen Boch, Federal Highway Administration, 915 2nd Avenue, Room 3142, Seattle, Washington, 98174, Telephone: (206) 220-7536; Jenifer Young, Washington State Department of Transportation, SR 520 Project Office, Seattle, Washington, Telephone: (206) 770-3522.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the project is to expedite construction of pontoons to be used to restore the existing SR 520 Evergreen Point Bridge in the event of a catastrophic failure. To meet this purpose, the proposed action being evaluated in the EIS is to develop a facility to build pontoons that would be of appropriate size and type to restore the function of the existing floating bridge, and to store these pontoons until needed at open-water moorage locations or onsite. Other potential uses of the pontoons are to support future planned replacement of the Evergreen Point Bridge if the pontoons are not needed for emergency use, or support emergency replacement or repair of other WSDOT floating bridges.

WSDOT and FHWA, as lead agencies, have identified an underlying need of timely availability of new pontoons. (1) The SR 520 Evergreen Point Bridge is vulnerable to catastrophic failure; severe winter storms have damaged the 44-year-old bridge and rendered it increasingly vulnerable to windstorms and earthquakes. (2) The SR 520 Evergreen Point Bridge is a key regional transportation link. There is no available detour designed for, or capable of, accommodating the vehicles that cross the bridge each day at equivalent speeds or travel times. (3) It will take several years to produce SR 520 Evergreen Point Bridge pontoons. Currently, no existing facility in Washington has the capacity to quickly produce the number and size of pontoons that would be needed to replace the SR 520 bridge in the event of catastrophic failure. FHWA and WSDOT are seeking comment on the proposed purpose and need for the project, as required by SAFETEA-LU. Information on public and agency scoping meetings and address to send written comments to is provided below.

The proposed location for construction of pontoons is a 45 acre property in the City of Hoquiam, Grays Harbor County. Alternatives under initial consideration include: (1)

Constructing a casting basin facility; (2) constructing a barge launch facility; (3) constructing a barge slip facility; and (4) No Build. Each "build" alternative will also include: improvements to the existing shoreline earthen berm and additional ancillary facilities, including a concrete batch plant, office space, parking area, access roads, rail spur, laydown area, and water treatment area. The EIS will evaluate potential effects on the physical, human, and natural environments. Areas of investigation include, but are not limited to: ecosystems, including threatened and endangered species, archaeological and historic resources, social and economic factors, land use, transportation, noise and vibration, air quality, soils and geology, hazardous materials, visual and aesthetic qualities, and public services and utilities.

The purpose of the Notice of Intent is to invite participation in the EIS process and comment from interested agencies, organizations, and citizens. In accordance with SAFETEA-LU, FHWA extended invitation to other Federal and non-Federal agencies and Indian tribes that may have an interest in being a "cooperating agency" or "participating agency" in December 2007. A public, agency and tribal coordination plan is being prepared. Agency and public scoping meetings will be held in January 2008. Scoping meetings are scheduled for the following date and times:

- *Agency and Tribal Scoping Meeting:* January 17, 2008, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Old Capital Building, Room 430, 600 South Washington, Olympia Washington.
- *Public Scoping Meeting:* January 17, 2008, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Hoquiam High School Cafeteria, 501 West Emerson Avenue, Hoquiam, Washington. A court reporter will be available to record oral comments.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed, and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments on the proposed purpose and need and the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered are requested by February 1, 2008 and should be sent to: Jenifer Young, WSDOT-SR 520 Project Office, 600 Stewart Street, Suite 520, Seattle, WA, 98101; fax number (206) 770-3569; or e-mail to [pontoons@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:pontoons@wsdot.wa.gov).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation of

federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Dated: December 20, 2007.

**Stephen Boch,**

*Major Project Oversight Manager, Olympia, WA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2007-0083]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection: Transportation of Hazardous Materials, Highway Routing

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests approval to extend an existing information collection entitled "Transportation of Hazardous Materials, Highway Routing," which requires States and Indian tribes to identify designated/restricted routes and restrictions or limitations affecting how motor carriers may transport certain hazardous materials on the highway. On October 30, 2007, FMCSA published a **Federal Register** notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on the ICR. *No comment was received.*

**DATES:** Please send your comments by February 4, 2008. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act quickly on the ICR.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should reference DOT Docket No. FMCSA-2007-0083. You may submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, *Attention: DOT/FMCSA Desk Officer.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James O. Simmons, Hazardous Materials Division, phone (202) 366-6121; FAX (202) 366-3921; or e-mail [james.simmons@dot.gov](mailto:james.simmons@dot.gov); Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are

from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Transportation of Hazardous Materials, Highway Routing.

*OMB Control Number:* 2126-0014.

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

*Respondents:* The reporting burden is shared by the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas, and the Virgin Islands.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Expiration Date:* February 28, 2007.

*Frequency of Response:* There is one response annually from approximately 53 respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 13 hours [53 respondents × 1 response × 15 minutes per response/60 minutes = 13.25 hours, rounded to 13 hours].

*Background:* The data for the Transportation of Hazardous Materials; Highway Routing designations are collected under authority of 49 U.S.C. 5112 and 5125. That authority places responsibility on the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) to specify and regulate standards for establishing, maintaining, and enforcing routing designations.

Under 49 CFR 397.73, the Administrator has the authority to request that each State and Indian tribe, through its routing agency, provide information identifying hazardous materials routing designations within their jurisdictions. That information is collected and consolidated by the FMCSA and published annually in whole, or as updates, in the **Federal Register**.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

Issued on: December 18, 2007.

**Terry Shelton,**

*Associate Administrator for Research and Information Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### Maintenance and Repair Reimbursement Pilot Program

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of application deadline.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration is hereby giving notice that the closing date for filing applications to enroll in the Maintenance and Repair Reimbursement Pilot Program is extended until February 15, 2008. The notice announcing the initial application deadline was published in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 2007 (72 FR 36103). An extension to October 30, 2007 was previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 30, 2007 (72 FR 41581-01). A subsequent extension to December 30, 2007 was published in the **Federal Register** on October 30, 2007 (72 FR 61421-01).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean E. McKeever, Associate Administrator for Business and Workforce Development, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590; phone: (202) 366-5737; fax: (202) 366-3511; or e-mail: [Jean.McKeever@dot.gov](mailto:Jean.McKeever@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3517 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2007 (Pub. L. 109-163) requires a person who is awarded a Maritime Security Program ("MSP") agreement to also enter into an agreement with the Maritime Administration to perform maintenance and repair ("M&R") work in United States shipyards as a condition of the MSP award. The Maritime Administration's M&R regulations do not apply the M&R condition to contractors who have already been awarded an M&R agreement. Thus, the Maritime Administration's M&R regulations make the M&R obligation mandatory on new awardees, including transferees, of MSP agreements, and voluntary for existing MSP contractors.

The M&R regulations were published in the **Federal Register** on February 6, 2007 (72 FR 5342-01), but did not specify a time period for submitting applications. The deadline for applying for the M&R program is being extended to accommodate one or more carriers that are considering submitting applications, but need additional time to make a decision.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.66)

Dated: December 27, 2007.