

Major topic areas addressed in the guidance document include:

- Establishing Safety Performance Goals.

- Identifying Required Metrics.
- Selecting Additional Meaningful Metrics.

Metrics.

- Metric Monitoring and Data Collection.

- Program Evaluation Using Metrics.

The guidance document includes tables listing regulation-required metrics and other programmatic and threat-specific metrics that operators could include in their documented IM program evaluations.

- Table 1 lists the IM-related metrics documented in pipeline operators' annual reports.

- Table 2 lists the threat-specific metrics required by § 192.945 for gas transmission and required by § 192.1007(g) for gas distribution systems.

- Table 3 provides guidance for operators and inspectors to identify meaningful metrics to help understand and measure the effectiveness of the individual program elements and processes used in an IM program.

- Table 4 provides guidance for operators and inspectors to identify meaningful threat-specific metrics that may be required to effectively measure the performance of gas transmission, hazardous liquid transmission and gas distribution pipeline IM programs.

II. Advisory Bulletin (ADB-2014-05)

To: Owners and Operators of Natural Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipelines.

Subject: Guidance for Strengthening Pipeline Safety Through Rigorous Program Evaluation and Meaningful Metrics.

Advisory: The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is issuing this Advisory Bulletin to inform owners and operators of natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines that PHMSA has developed guidance on the elements and characteristics of a mature IM program evaluation process using meaningful metrics. This guidance document titled "Guidance for Strengthening Pipeline Safety Through Rigorous Program Evaluation and Meaningful Metrics," is available on PHMSA's public Web site at <http://phmsa.dot.gov/staticfiles/PHMSA/DownloadableFiles/Pipeline/Regulations/IMPEG.pdf>, and should be used when operators develop and perform IM program evaluations. This guidance document provides additional specificity to several of the topics detailed in a previously issued Advisory Bulletin, ADB-2012-10, "Using

Meaningful Metrics in Conducting Integrity Management Program Evaluations."

Operators under the current regulations are required to perform program evaluations and use meaningful metrics. PHMSA's "Guidance for Strengthening Pipeline Safety Through Rigorous Program Evaluation and Meaningful Metrics" builds on existing standards and regulations to provide a more detailed and comprehensive description of the steps involved in program evaluations as well as the selection of meaningful performance metrics to support these evaluations. The guidance expands and clarifies PHMSA's expectations for operator processes when measuring IM program effectiveness.

PHMSA inspectors will use the program evaluation guidance within "Guidance for Strengthening Pipeline Safety Through Rigorous Program Evaluation and Meaningful Metrics" as criteria when evaluating the effectiveness of operator IM program evaluations to assure operators are developing sound program evaluation processes and are developing and applying a robust and meaningful set of performance metrics in their program evaluations.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. Chapter 601 and 49 CFR 1.97.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 09, 2014.

Jeffrey D. Wiese,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Debt Management Advisory Committee; Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the Hay-Adams Hotel, 16th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC, on November 4, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. of the following debt management advisory committee:

Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.

The agenda for the meeting provides for a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the Committee discuss particular issues and conduct a working session. Following the working session, the Committee will present a written report of its recommendations. The meeting will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d) and P.L. 103-202, § 202(c)(1)(B) (31 U.S.C. § 3121 note).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of agencies by 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the meeting will consist of discussions and debates of the issues presented to the Committee by the Secretary of the Treasury and the making of recommendations of the Committee to the Secretary, pursuant to P.L. 103-202, § 202(c)(1)(B). Thus, this information is exempt from disclosure under that provision and 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(3)(B). In addition, the meeting is concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decisions on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the Committee, premature disclosure of the Committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, this meeting falls within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(9)(A).

Treasury staff will provide a technical briefing to the press on the day before the Committee meeting, following the release of a statement of economic conditions and financing estimates. This briefing will give the press an opportunity to ask questions about financing projections. The day after the Committee meeting, Treasury will release the minutes of the meeting, any charts that were discussed at the meeting, and the Committee's report to the Secretary.

The Office of Debt Management is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of Committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). The Designated Federal Officer or other responsible agency official who may be contacted for

additional information is Fred Pietrangeli, Director for Office of Debt Management (202) 622-1876.

Dated: October 7, 2014.

Matthew S. Rutherford,
Acting Under Secretary (for Domestic Finance).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

[Docket No. TTB-2014-0002]

Proposed Information Collections; Comment Request (No. 49)

AGENCY: Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB); Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we invite comments on the proposed or continuing information collections listed below in this notice.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before December 15, 2014.

ADDRESSES: As described below, you may send comments on the information collections listed in this document using the "Regulations.gov" online comment form for this document, or you may send written comments via U.S. mail or hand delivery. TTB no longer accepts public comments via email or fax.

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Use the comment form for this document posted within Docket No. TTB-2014-0002 on "Regulations.gov," the Federal e-rulemaking portal, to submit comments via the Internet;

- *U.S. Mail:* Michael Hoover, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW., Box 12, Washington, DC 20005.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier in Lieu of Mail:* Michael Hoover, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW., Suite 200-E, Washington, DC 20005.

Please submit separate comments for each specific information collection listed in this document. You must reference the information collection's title, form or recordkeeping requirement number, and OMB number (if any) in your comment.

You may view copies of this document, the information collections listed in it and any associated instructions, and all comments received in response to this document within Docket No. TTB-2014-0002 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. A link to that docket is posted on the TTB Web site at http://www.ttb.gov/forms/c_comment-on-form.shtml. You may also obtain paper copies of this document, the information collections described in it and any associated instructions, and any comments received in response to this document by contacting Michael Hoover at the addresses or telephone number shown below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Hoover, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW., Box 12, Washington, DC 20005; telephone 202-453-1039, ext. 135; or email informationcollections@ttb.gov (please do not submit comments on this notice to this email address).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Department of the Treasury and its Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), as part of their continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed or continuing information collections listed below in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be included or summarized in our request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the relevant information collection. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in your comments.

We invite comments on: (a) Whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the information collection's burden; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (d) ways to minimize the information collection's burden on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide the requested information.

Information Collections Open for Comment

Currently, we are seeking comments on the following forms, recordkeeping requirements, or questionnaires:

Title: Registration of Volatile Fruit-Flavor Concentrate Plants; REC 5520/2.

OMB Control Number: 1513-0006.

TTB Form Number: 5520.3.

TTB Recordkeeping Requirement Number: 5520/2.

Abstract: Under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (IRC), at 26 U.S.C. 5511, persons who wish to establish premises to manufacture volatile fruit-flavor concentrates are required by regulation to file an application to do so using TTB F 5520.3. TTB uses the application information to identify persons engaging in such manufacture since these products contain ethyl alcohol and have potential for use as alcohol beverages, which would have Federal excise tax implications. The application constitutes registry of a still, which is a statutory requirement of the IRC at 26 U.S.C. 5179. Subsequent to the original application, manufacturers are required to use TTB F 5520.3 to report any changes that affect the accuracy of the form, such as a change in name, plant location, or ownership. Records to support the information provided on TTB F 5520.3 must be retained for 3 years.

Current Actions: We are submitting this information collection for extension purposes only. The information collection, estimated number of respondents, and estimated total annual burden hours remain unchanged.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 80.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 160.

Title: Annual Report of Concentrate Manufacturer; and Usual and Customary Business Records—Volatile Fruit-Flavor Concentrate, TTB REC 5520/1.

OMB Number: 1513-0022.

TTB Form Number: 5520.2.

TTB Recordkeeping Requirement Number: 5520/1.

Abstract: As authorized by the IRC at 26 U.S.C. 5511, manufacturers of volatile fruit-flavor concentrate must provide reports as necessary to ensure the protection of the revenue. The report, TTB F 5520.2, accounts for all concentrates manufactured, removed, or treated so as to be unfit for beverage use. This information is required to verify that alcohol is not being diverted,