

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

Dated: March 29, 2018.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2018-0189]

#### Information Collection Request to Office of Management and Budget; OMB Control Number: 1625-0101

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Sixty-day notice requesting comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard intends to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), requesting an extension of its approval for the following collection of information: 1625-0101, Periodic Gauging and Engineering Analyses for Certain Tank Vessels Over 30 Years Old; without change. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Before submitting this ICR to OIRA, the Coast Guard is inviting comments as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before June 8, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG-2018-0189] to the Coast Guard using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public participation and request for comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

A copy of the ICR is available through the docket on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Additionally, copies are available from: COMMANDANT (CG-612), ATTN: PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT MANAGER, U.S. COAST GUARD, 2703 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE, STOP 7710, WASHINGTON, DC 20593-7710.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Mr. Anthony Smith, Office of Information Management, telephone 202-475-3532, or fax 202-372-8405, for questions on these documents.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Public Participation and Request for Comments

This Notice relies on the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended. An ICR is an application to OIRA seeking the approval, extension, or renewal of a Coast Guard collection of information (Collection). The ICR contains information describing the Collection's purpose, the Collection's likely burden on the affected public, an explanation of the necessity of the Collection, and other important information describing the Collection. There is one ICR for each Collection.

The Coast Guard invites comments on whether this ICR should be granted based on the Collection being necessary for the proper performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the Collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the Collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the Collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the Collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. In response to your comments, we may revise this ICR or decide not to seek an extension of approval for the Collection. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. Comments must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR and the docket number of this request, [USCG-2018-0189], and must be received by June 8, 2018.

##### Submitting Comments

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <http://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions. Documents mentioned in this notice, and all public comments, are in our online docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to [http://](http://www.regulations.gov)

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and the docket, you may review a Privacy Act notice regarding the Federal Docket Management System in the March 24, 2005, issue of the **Federal Register** (70 FR 15086).

##### Information Collection Request

**Title:** Periodic Gauging and Engineering Analyses for Certain Tank Vessels Over 30 Years Old.

**OMB Control Number:** 1625-0101.

**Summary:** The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 required the issuance of regulations related to the structural integrity of tank vessels, including periodic gauging of the plating thickness of tank vessels over 30 years old. This collection of information is used to verify the structural integrity of older tank vessels.

**Need:** Title 46 U.S.C. 3703 authorizes the Coast Guard to prescribe regulations related to tank vessels, including design, construction, alteration, repair, and maintenance. Title 46 CFR 31.10-21a prescribes the regulations related to periodic gauging and engineering analyses of certain tank vessels over 30 years old.

**Forms:** None.

**Respondents:** Owners and operators of certain tank vessels.

**Frequency:** Every 5 years.

**Hour Burden Estimate:** The estimated burden has decreased from 5,278 hours to 2,784 hours a year due to a decrease in the estimated annual number of respondents.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5858-N-09]

#### Solicitation of Appointment Nominations to the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of appointment nominations for the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) established the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee (HCFAC) on April 14, 2015. This notice invites nominations of individuals to fill vacancies for two-year and three-year terms.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations as soon as possible, but no later than May 9, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations must be in writing and submitted via email to [HCFAC.application@hud.gov](mailto:HCFAC.application@hud.gov). Individuals that do not have internet access may submit nominations to Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing Counseling, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 9224, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Virginia F. Holman, Housing Specialist, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Housing Counseling, Office of Outreach and Capacity Building, [Virginia.F.Holman@hud.gov](mailto:Virginia.F.Holman@hud.gov), telephone number 804-822-4911 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 (toll-free number). Individuals with questions may also email [HCFAC.application@hud.gov](mailto:HCFAC.application@hud.gov) and in the subject line write "HCFAC application question."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background and Authority

The Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee (HCFAC) is congressionally mandated to provide advice to the Office of Housing Counseling (OHC) (Pub. L. 111-203). The HCFAC provides the OHC valuable advice regarding its mission to provide individuals and families with the knowledge they need to obtain, sustain, and improve their housing through a strong national network of HUD-approved housing counseling agencies and HUD-certified counselors. The HCFAC, however, shall have no role in reviewing or awarding of OHC housing counseling grants and procurement contracts. The HCFAC is subject to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix), 41 CFR parts 101-6 and 102-3, and Presidential Memorandum "Final Guidance on Appointments of Lobbyists to Federal Boards and Commissions," dated June 18, 2010, along with any relevant guidance published in the **Federal Register** or otherwise issued by

the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).<sup>1</sup>

The HCFAC shall consist of not more than 12 individuals appointed by the Secretary. The membership will equally represent the mortgage industry, real estate industry, consumers, and HUD-approved housing counseling agencies. Each member shall be appointed in his or her individual capacity for a term of 3 years and may be reappointed at the discretion of the Secretary. Of the 12 members first appointed to the HCFAC in 2016, 4 were appointed for an initial term of 1 year, 4 were appointed for a term of 2 years, and 4 were appointed for a term of 3 years. The initial 12 appointments were made by the Secretary on June 1, 2016. The one-year appointees' terms expired on May 31, 2017, and the two-year appointees' terms will expire on May 31, 2018.

On June 6, 2017, HUD published a **Federal Register** notice (FR-5858-N-07) soliciting nominations for one expired position and announcing its intention to reappoint 3 members whose terms expired on May 31, 2017. Subsequently, the Secretary has chosen to solicit nominations for those vacancies along with solicitation of nominations to fill the 4 appointments scheduled to expire on May 31, 2018. This is keeping with the intent of Congress to rotate appointments and stagger member terms. Appointees whose terms have expired are eligible to apply to be nominated for the positions announced herein.

Of the 8 new members, two each must represent one of the following 4 categories: mortgage industry, real estate industry, consumers, and HUD-approved housing counseling agencies. Four members will be selected to serve for the remainder of the 3-year term that commenced June 1, 2017 and is set to expire May 31, 2020, and the remaining 4 members will be selected to serve for a 3-year term commencing June 1, 2018 and expiring May 31, 2021.

##### II. Nominations for the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee

HUD is seeking nominations for individuals whose experience is representative of at least one of the 4 categories—the mortgage industry, real estate industry, consumers, and HUD-

approved housing counseling agencies. Nominations may be made by agency officials, members of Congress, the general public, professional organizations, and self-nominations. Nominees must be U.S. citizens and cannot be employees of the U.S. Government. All nominees will be serving in their "individual capacity" and not in a "representative capacity," therefore, no Federally-registered lobbyists may serve on the HCFAC.<sup>2</sup> Individual capacity, as clarified by OMB, refers to individuals who are appointed to committees to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the government, such as when they are designated as Special Government Employees as defined in 18 U.S.C. 202.

Nominations to the HCFAC must be submitted via HUD Form 90005 which is available on the Office of Housing Counseling's Federal Advisory Committee web page at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/housing-counseling/federal-advisory-committee/>. Each nominee will be required to provide all the information on HUD Form 90005, as well as the following information:

- Name, title, and organization of the nominee and a narrative description of how the applicant is representative of at least one of the following 4 categories: mortgage industry, real estate industry, consumers, and HUD-approved housing counseling agencies.
- Nominee's mailing address, email address, and telephone number;
- A narrative statement summarizing the nominee's qualifications, unique experiences, skills and knowledge the individual will bring to the HCFAC and reasons why the nominee should be appointed to the HCFAC;
- A statement agreeing to submit to any pre-appointment screenings HUD might require of Special Government Employees, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 202;
- A statement confirming that the nominee is not a registered federal lobbyist; and
- The Nominee's signature and date.

Nominations should be submitted via email to [HCFAC.application@hud.gov](mailto:HCFAC.application@hud.gov). Individuals that do not have internet access may submit nominations to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing Counseling, HUD, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410. Those who submitted applications previously, and those who have been

<sup>1</sup> See <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/presidential-memorandum-lobbyists-agency-boards-and-commissions> ("Lobbyists on Agency Boards and Commissions"); see also 76 FR 61756 ("Final Guidance on Appointments of Lobbyists to Federal Boards and Commissions"), and 79 FR 47482 ("Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Federal Advisory Committees, Boards, and Commissions").

<sup>2</sup> See 79 FR 47482 ("Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Federal Advisory Committees, Boards, and Commissions") (clarifying that federally registered lobbyists may not serve on advisory committee, board, or Commission in an "individual capacity.")

appointed previously, must reapply if they wish to be considered for a position.

All Nominations must be received no later than May 9, 2018.

HCFAC members will be required to adhere to the conflict of interest rules applicable to Special Government Employees as such employees are defined in 18 U.S.C. 202. The rules include relevant provisions in Title 18 of the U.S. Code related to criminal activity, Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch (5 CFR part 2635) and Executive Order 12674 (as modified by Executive Order 12731). Therefore, applicants will be required to submit to pre-appointment screenings relating to identity of interest and financial interests that HUD might require as shown above. If selected, HCFAC members will also be asked to complete form OGE Form 450 (Confidential Financial Disclosure Report).

Members of the HCFAC shall serve without pay but shall receive travel expenses including per diem in lieu of subsistence as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703. Regular attendance is essential to the effective operation of the HCFAC.

Please note this Notice is not intended to be the exclusive method by which HUD will solicit nominations and expressions of interest to identify qualified candidates; however, all candidates for membership on the HCFAC will be subject to the same evaluation criteria.

### III. Selection and Meetings

After all nominations have been reviewed, HUD will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the appointment of the HCFAC members. Member selections will be made by the Secretary and will be based on the candidates' qualifications to contribute to the accomplishment of the HCFAC's objectives. HCFAC selection will be made based on factors such as expertise and diversity of viewpoints that are necessary to effectively address the matters before the HCFAC. Membership on the HCFAC is personal to the appointee and HCFAC members serve at the discretion of the Secretary.

The estimated number of in-person meetings anticipated within a fiscal year is two (2) in Washington DC or elsewhere in the United States. Additional meetings may be held as needed to render advice to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Housing Counseling. The meetings may use electronic communication technologies for attendance.

All meetings will be announced by notice in the **Federal Register**.

Announcements of a meeting may be made, in addition to the **Federal Register** notice, using other methods.

Dated: March 30, 2018.

**Dana T. Wade,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

**[GX18RN00FUJA3; OMB Control Number 1028-0048]**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Did You Feel It? Earthquake Questionnaire**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 9, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov); or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-0048 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact David Wald by email at [wald@usgs.gov](mailto:wald@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 303-273-8441. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the USGS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and

minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A Federal Register notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 5, 2017 (82 FR 57466). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the USGS; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the USGS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the USGS minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** The U.S. Geological Survey is required to collect, evaluate, publish and distribute information concerning earthquakes. Respondents have an opportunity to voluntarily supply information concerning the effects of shaking from an earthquake—on themselves, buildings, other man-made structures, and ground effects such as faulting or landslides. Respondents' observations are interpreted in terms of numbers that measure the strength of shaking, and the resulting numbers are displayed on maps that are viewable from USGS earthquake websites. Observations are submitted via the Felt Report questionnaire accessed from the USGS Did You Feel It? Earthquake Questionnaire web pages, and may be submitted via computer or mobile phone. Respondents are asked to provide information on the location to which the report pertains. The locations may, at the respondent's option, be given imprecisely (city-name or postal Zip Code) or precisely (street address, geographic coordinates, or current