

Transportation (DOT) so as to comply with the mandates of the Intermodal Surface Transportation and Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-240, December 18, 1991). 49 CFR Part 23.49(a) requires that DOT and its Operating Administrations develop a recordkeeping system to monitor, assess and identify contract awards and progress in achieving DBE subcontract goals. In addition, Public Law 102-240 section 1003(b) requires that each state annually survey and compile a list of small business concerns and the location of such concerns, and notify the Secretary of Transportation of the percentage of such concerns controlled by women and by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals other than women. If these reporting requirements were not available, firms controlled by minorities would not achieve the fullest possible participation in DOT programs, and the Department would not be able to identify its recipients and evaluate the extent to which financial assistance recipients have been awarded a reasonable amount.

In order to minimize the burden on DOT recipients the Department has limited its informational request and reporting frequency to that necessary to meet its program and administrative monitoring requirements. The informational request consists of 17 data items on one page and one attachment, to be completed on an annual, semi-annual or quarterly basis. It is the overall long range objective of DOT to permit all DOT recipients to report on a yearly basis depending upon their past experience in meeting their goals.

**Respondents:** DOT financially-assisted state and local transportation agencies.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,057.

**Average Annual Burden per Respondent:** 1 hour.

**Estimated Total Burden on Respondents:** 20,824 hours (Including 19,026 hours for recordkeeping).

This information collection is available for inspection at the Office of Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement (C-50), Office of the General Counsel, DOT, at the address above. Copies of 49 CFR Part 23 can be obtained from Mr. Robert C. Ashby at the address and telephone number shown above.

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden

of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements: Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on August 12, 1997 [62 FR 43193-43195].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 24, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Davis, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Information Management, (202) 267-2326, Department of Transportation, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### United States Coast Guard (USCG)

**Title:** Shipping Articles.

**OMB No.:** 2115-0015.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

**Affected Public:** Merchant Mariners.

**Abstract:** This collection of information requires merchant mariners to complete form CG-705A Shipping Articles before entering the service of a shipping company.

**Need:** 46 U.S.C. 10302, 10303, 13304, 10307 and 10103, requires a master of a vessel to have each crew member make a shipping article agreement in writing before proceeding on a voyage.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:** 18,000 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 900.

**Title:** Barge Fleeting Facility Records. **OMB No.** 2115-0092.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

**Affected Public:** Persons in charge of barge fleeting families.

**Abstract:** This collection of information requires the person in charge of a barge fleeting facility to keep records of the twice daily inspections of the barge mooring and movements of barges and hazardous cargo in and out of the facility.

**Need:** Title 33 CFR 165.803(I), is designed to prevent barges from breaking away from a fleeting facility and drifting downstream out of control in very congested areas.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:** 19,162 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 70.

**Title:** Various Forms and Posting Requirements Under Title 46, CFR Concerning Vessel Inspections.

**OMB No.** 2115-0133.

**Type of Request:** Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

**Affected Public:** Owners, operators, agents or masters of certain inspected vessels.

**Abstract:** This requires owners, operators, agents or masters of certain inspected vessels to obtain and/or post various forms as part of the Coast Guard's Commercial Vessels Safety Program.

**Need:** Under 46 U.S.C. 2113, 3301, 3304-3714, the U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for ensuring the proper administration of the Coast Guard Commercial Vessel Safety Program.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:** 3,130 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 12,159.

**Title:** Plan Approval and Records for Tank, Passenger, Cargo & Miscellaneous Vessels, Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, Nautical Schools, Oceanographic Vessels & Electrical Engineering.

**OMB No.** 2115-0505.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

**Affected Public:** Shipyard, designer or manufacturer of certain vessels.

**Abstract:** This collection of information requires the shipyard, designer or manufacturer for the construction of vessels to submit plans,

technical information, and operating manuals to the U.S. Coast Guard.

*Need:* Under 46 U.S.C. 3301 and 3306, the U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for enforcing regulations promoting the safety of life and property in marine transportation. This information is used by the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure that a vessel meets the applicable construction, arrangement and equipment standards.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 7,545 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 146.

*Title:* Liquefied Natural Gas and Liquefied Hazard Gas Waterfront Facilities.

*OMB No.:* 2115-0552.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection which approval has expired.

*Affected Public:* Operators or Owners of waterfront facilities that transfer LNG and LHG.

*Abstract:* The collection of information requires owners or operators of waterfront facilities that handle liquefied hazardous gas (LHG) or liquefied natural gas (LNG) to: (a) Provide the Coast Guard with a letter of intent when a facility transfers the gases in bulk; (b) request permission to use an alternative procedure that provide at least the same degree of safety as the regulations; (c) develop and submit to the Coast Guard two copies of the facilities operations manual and emergency manual; (d) certify in writing that each person in charge of shoreside transfer operations is qualified; (e) complete, with the person in charge of vessel transfer operations, a Declaration of Inspection; (f) test and inspect the transfer system to ensure the system will not fail and release hazardous gases; and, (g) provide for the right to appeal the action in these regulations.

*Need:* 33 CFR Part 127, Subparts A and C, gives Coast Guard the authority to publish regulations that provide safety standards for the design, construction, equipment, operations, maintenance, personnel training, and fire protection at waterfront facilities handling liquefied natural and hazardous gases.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 3,261 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 173.

*Title:* 33 CFR Subchapter P-Ports and Waterways Safety.

*OMB No.:* 2115-0540.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection which approval has expired.

*Affected Public:* Master, owner or agents of a vessel.

*Abstract:* This collection of information allows the master, owner or

agent of a vessel affected by these regulations to request to the Coast Guard, deviation from navigation safety equipment requirements to the extent that there is no reduction in safety.

*Need:* Title 33 CFR, Subchapter P, allows any person directly affected by these regulations to request a deviation from any of the requirements as long as the level of safety is not reduced.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 600 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 400.

*Title:* 46 CFR Subchapter S—Subdivision and Stability.

*OMB No.:* 2115-0589.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection which approval has expired.

*Affected Public:* Owners or operators of inspected vessels.

*Abstract:* This collection of information requires owners or operators of inspected vessels to submit plans and information concerning stability to the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure that applicable stability standards are met.

*Need:* Title 46 U.S.C. 3306, directs the Coast Guard to make appropriate regulations, including standards for vessel stability. This information is used by the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure that a vessel meets the applicable stability standards.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 19,693 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 644.

*Title:* Hopper Dredge Working Freeboard; Loadline and Stability.

*OMB No.:* 2115-0565.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Affected Public:* Owners or operators of self-propelled hopper dredges.

*Abstract:* This collection of information provides a mechanism for owners and operators of self-propelled hopper dredges to request a working freeboard.

*Need:* Title 46 U.S.C. 3703 requires the U.S. Coast Guard to prescribe regulations necessary for navigation and vessels safety. These requirements ensure that self-propelled hopper dredges meet certain structural and stability standards.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 50 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Title:* Alternative Provisions for Reinspection of Offshore Supply Vessels in Foreign Ports, 46 CFR 91.27-13.

*OMB No.:* 2115-0571.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Affected Public:* Owners or operators of offshore supply vessels operating in foreign ports.

*Abstract:* This collection of information provides a mechanism for owners and operators of Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV) based overseas to submit certified examination reports and statements to the U.S. Coast Guard as an alternative to Coast Guard reinspection.

*Need:* Title 46 U.S.C. 3308 gives Coast Guard the authority to examine each vessel subject to inspection at proper times to ensure continued compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This requirement allows the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure that applicable OSV are in compliance.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 572 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 10.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Approvals and Disapprovals

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Monthly Notice of PFC Approvals and Disapprovals. In September 1997, there were 13 applications approved. Additionally, 14 approved amendments to previously approved applications are listed.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA publishes a monthly notice, as appropriate, of PFC approvals