

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) is publishing its intention to create a new information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) Damage Prevention Grant Program. The purpose of this notice is to allow the public 60 days from the date of this notice to send in their comments.

Congress authorized the Department of Transportation to create a Damage Prevention Grant Program to assist the States. The Department is requiring that states requesting grants must provide a written proposal to RSPA for approval.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 21, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should identify the docket number of this notice, RSPA-98-4957, and be mailed to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You should submit the original and one copy. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your comments, you must include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. The Dockets facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. In addition, the public may also submit or review comments by accessing the Docket Management System's home page at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366-6205 or by electronic mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Damage Prevention Grant Program.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: Third party damage is a leading cause of pipeline accidents. Congress has allocated funds to provide states grants to develop one-call notification programs which will reduce the amount of third party damage. States will be required to submit proposals for these grants that will be evaluated by RSPA.

Estimate of Burden: The average burden hours per response is 40 hours.
Respondents: States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30 the first year and 40 the second year.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1200-1600 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. They also can be viewed over the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 15, 1999.

Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.
[FR Doc. 99-27666 Filed 10-21-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-60-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket RSPA-98-4957; Notice 9]

Notice of Extension of Existing Information Collection Comments

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) is publishing its intention to renew an existing information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) for Management Information System (MIS) Standardized Data Collection and Reporting of Drug Testing Materials. The purpose of this notice is to allow the public 60 days from the date of this notice to send in their comments.

RSPA believes that its drug testing requirements are an important tool for operators to monitor drug usage in the industry. RSPA has found that drug use

in the pipeline industry is less than one percent of all covered employees.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 21, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should identify the docket number of this notice, RSPA-98-4957, and be mailed to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You should submit the original and one copy. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your comments, you must include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. The Dockets facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. In addition, the public may also submit or review comments by accessing the Docket Management System's home page at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6205 or by electronic mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Management Information System (MIS) Standardized Data Collection and Reporting of Drug Testing Materials.

OMB Number: 2137-0579.

Type of Request: Extension of an existing information collection.

Abstract: Drug abuse is a major societal problem and it is reasonable to assume the problem exists in the pipeline industry as it does in society as a whole. The potential harmful effect of drug abuse on safe pipeline operations warrants imposing comprehensive drug testing regulations on the pipeline industry. These rules are found in 49 CFR part 199. These regulations require annual information collection of the results of the drug testing program.

Estimate of Burden: The average burden hours per response is approximately 6 hours.

Respondents: Pipeline operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,149.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 12,809 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. They also can be

viewed over the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 15, 1999.

Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.
[FR Doc. 99-27667 Filed 10-21-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-60-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Quarterly IRS Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds on Customs Duties

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of Customs duties. For the quarter beginning October 1, 1999, the interest rates for overpayments will be 7 percent for corporations and 8 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 8 percent. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ronald Wyman, Accounting Services Division, Accounts Receivable Group, 6026 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278, (317) 298-1200, extension 1349.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505 and Treasury Decision 85-93, published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1985 (50 FR 21832), the interest rate paid on applicable overpayments or underpayments of Customs duties shall be in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code rate established under 26 U.S.C. 6621 and 6622. Section 6621 was amended (at paragraph (a)(1)(B) by the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, Pub.L. 105-206, 112 Stat. 685) to provide different interest rates applicable to overpayments: one for corporations and one for non-corporations. The interest

rate applicable to underpayments is not so bifurcated.

The interest rates are based on the short-term Federal rate and determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury on a quarterly basis. The rates effective for a quarter are determined during the first-month period of the previous quarter.

In Revenue Ruling 99-36 (see, 1999-35 IRB 319, dated August 30, 1999), the IRS determined the rates of interest for the first quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2000 (the period of October 1-December 31, 1999). The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the short-term Federal rate (5%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of eight percent (8%). For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (5%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of seven percent (7%). For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (5%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of eight percent (8%). These interest rates are subject to change for the second quarter of FY-2000 (the period of January 1-March 31, 2000).

For the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel the following list of Internal Revenue Service interest rates used, covering the period from before July of 1974 to date, to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of Customs duties, is published in summary format.

Beginning date	Ending date	Under-payments (percent)	Over-payments (percent)	Corporate overpayments (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent)
Prior to:				
070174	063075	6	6	.....
070175	013176	9	9	.....
020176	013178	7	7	.....
020178	013180	6	6	.....
020180	013182	12	12	.....
020182	123182	20	20	.....
010183	063083	16	16	.....
070183	123184	11	11	.....
010185	063085	13	13	.....
070185	123185	11	11	.....
010186	063086	10	10	.....
070186	123186	9	9	.....
010187	093087	9	8	.....
100187	123187	10	9	.....
010188	033188	11	10	.....
040188	093088	10	9	.....
100188	033189	11	10	.....
040189	093089	12	11	.....
100189	033191	11	10	.....
040191	123191	10	9	.....
010192	033192	9	8	.....
040192	093092	8	7	.....
100192	063094	7	6	.....
070194	093094	8	7	.....
100194	033195	9	8	.....
040195	063095	10	9	.....