

Section 1136 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996;

2. For Chrysler to amend its trust agreement covering the SEA-LAND ENDURANCE to qualify Chrysler Financial as the new Owner Participant under Section 1136 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996 for the MSP program;

3. For Chrysler to amend its trust agreements covering the SEA-LAND PACIFIC and SEA-LAND ENTERPRISE to qualify Chrysler Financial as the new Owner Participant under Section 1113 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996 for CDS; and

4. For Chrysler to amend its trust agreement covering the TYSON LYKES to qualify Chrysler Financial as the new Owner Participant under Section 1136 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996, for the remainder of the ODS period and anticipating the vessel's entry into the MSP program upon expiration of the ODS contract in December 1998.

Chrysler has stated that they intend to leave the owner trusts in place but merely amend the trust agreements with certain limitations whereby the U.S. citizen owner trustee is given absolute and complete discretion in connection with matters involving the ownership and operation of the vessels that may adversely affect the interests of the United States.

This notice, which is published as a matter of discretion, invites comments on maritime issues that may be raised by Chrysler's proposal relating to the transfer of beneficial ownership of the referenced vessels under ODS, CDS, and MSP contracts. This application may be inspected in the Office of the Secretary, Maritime Administration. Any person, firm, or corporation having any interest in such request and desiring to submit comments concerning the application must file written comments in triplicate with the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Room 7210, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 20, 1998. The Maritime Subsidy Board/Maritime Administrator may consider any comments submitted and take such action with respect thereto as may be deemed appropriate.

Dated: October 9, 1998.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Michael J. McMorrow,

Assistant Secretary, Maritime Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Safety Performance Standards Program Meeting

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

ACTION: Notice of NHTSA industry meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will answer questions from the public and the automobile industry regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program.

DATES: The Agency's regular, quarterly public meeting relating to its vehicle regulatory program will be held on Thursday, December 17, 1998, beginning at 9:45 a.m. and ending at approximately 12:30 p.m., at the Clarion Hotel, Romulus, MI. Questions relating to the vehicle regulatory program must be submitted in writing with a diskette (Wordperfect) by Tuesday, November 17, 1998, to the address shown below or by e-mail. If sufficient time is available, questions received after November 17 may be answered at the meeting. The individual, group or company submitting a question(s) does not have to be present for the question(s) to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by November 17, 1998, and the issues to be discussed, will be posted on NHTSA's web site (www.nhtsa.dot.gov) by Monday, December 14, 1998, and will be available at the meeting. The next NHTSA vehicle regulatory program meeting will take place on Thursday, March 18, 1999 at the Clarion Hotel, Romulus, MI.

ADDRESSES: Questions for the December 17, NHTSA Technical Industry Meeting, relating to the agency's vehicle regulatory program, should be submitted to Delia Lopez, NPS-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, Fax Number 202-366-4329, e-mail dlopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. The meeting will be held at the Clarion Hotel, 9191 Wickham Road, Romulus, MI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delia Lopez, (202) 366-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA holds a regular, quarterly meeting to answer questions from the public and the regulated industries regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program. Questions on aspects of the agency's research and development activities that relate directly to ongoing regulatory actions should be submitted, as in the

past, to the agency's Safety Performance Standards Office. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on those phases of NHTSA activities which are technical, interpretative or procedural in nature. Transcripts of these meetings will be available for public inspection in the DOT Docket in Washington, DC, within four weeks after the meeting. Copies of the transcript will then be available at ten cents a page, (length has varied from 100 to 150 pages) upon request to DOT Docket, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. The DOT Docket is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Questions to be answered at the quarterly meeting should be organized by categories to help us process the questions into an agenda form more effectively. Sample format:

I. RULEMAKING

- A. Crash avoidance
- B. Crashworthiness
- C. Other Rulemakings

II. CONSUMER INFORMATION

III. MISCELLANEOUS

NHTSA will provide auxiliary aids to participants as necessary. Any person desiring assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunications devices for deaf persons (TDDs), readers, taped texts, brailled materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Delia Lopez on (202) 366-1810, by COB November 17, 1998.

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L. Robert Shelton,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket Number: RSPA-98-4452; Notice 1]

Notice of Request for Extension of an Existing Information Collection

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, (202) 366-6205, to ask questions about this notice, or write by e-mail to marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUMMARY: This notice requests public participation in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval process regarding the renewal of a collection of information. RSPA

intends to request OMB approve of this information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Type of Information Collection Request: Renewal of Existing Collection.

Title of Information Collection: Certification and Agreement Forms for the Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program.

OMB Approval Number: 2137-0584.

Frequency: Annually.

Use: This collection is used by RSPA to ensure that state agencies attesting they have regulatory jurisdiction over pipeline safety, have adopted and are complying with minimum Federal safety standards. This information is used to calculate grants to states. These grants are used by states to help fund a significant portion of their state pipeline safety programs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 62.

Respondents: State Agencies.

Total Annual Hours Requested: 3,678.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Comments should be sent to Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh St., SW Washington, D.C. 20590-0001 or by e-mail to OPS.comments@rspa.dot.gov.

DATES: Comments to this notice must be received on or before December 14, 1998 to be assured consideration.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on October 8, 1998.

Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4452 Notice 2]

Notice of Request for Extension of an Existing Information Collection

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) intention to request a renewal of a currently approved information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) Recordkeeping for Gas Pipeline Operators.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 14, 1998.

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 e-mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Recordkeeping for Gas Pipeline Operators.

OMB Number: 2137-0049.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 60117 explains that in order to enable the Secretary of Transportation to decide whether a person transporting gas is complying with Federal Safety standards this statute requires the maintenance of records and reports and that these and other requested information be provided to the Department of Transportation upon request. These records help ascertain compliance and provide information for incident investigation.

Estimate of Burden: The average burden hours per operator is 42.3.

Respondents: Gas Pipeline operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22,700.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 959,191.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, D.C.

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. Send comments to Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001 or by e-mail to ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov.

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

Issued in Washington, DC on October 8, 1998.

Richard Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket RSPA-98-4452 Notice 3]

Notice of Request for Extension of an Existing Information Collection

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) intention to request renewal of an information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) for Recordkeeping for Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Facilities.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 14, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

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. 20950, (202) 366-1640 or e-mail marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Recordkeeping for Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Facilities.

OMB Number: 2137-0048.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 60103 Standards for liquefied natural gas pipeline facilities delegates the responsibility for ensuring safe operation of LNG facilities to the Secretary of Transportation. Regulations for enforcing this legislation are found in 33 CFR 193 Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities: Federal Safety Standards. These regulations include recordkeeping requirements that allow