

Regulatory History

This request constitutes the 30-day notice required by OIRA. The Coast Guard has already published [68 FR 40280 (July 7, 2003)] the 60-day notice required by OIRA. That notice elicited no comments.

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine whether the collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments, to DMS or OIRA, must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR addressed. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, USCG 2003-15506. Comments to OIRA are best assured of having their full effect if OIRA receives them 30 or fewer days after the publication of this request.

Information Collection Request

1. *Title:* Nondestructive Testing of Certain Cargo Tanks on Unmanned Barges.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0052.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners of tank barges.

Form: This collection of information does not require the public to fill out forms, but does require the submittal of information to the Coast Guard in written format.

Abstract: The Coast Guard uses the results of nondestructive testing to evaluate the suitability of older pressure-vessel-type cargo tanks of unmanned barges to remain in service. Once every ten years, it subjects such a tank on an unmanned barge 30 years old or older to nondestructive testing.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 72 hours a year.

2. *Title:* Small Passenger Vessels—46 CFR Subchapters K and T.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0057.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of small passenger vessels.

Form: CG-841, CG-854, CG-948, CG-949, CG-3752 and CG-5256.

Abstract: The information is necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of the program on safety of commercial vessels as it affects small passenger vessels. Collecting it affects small passenger vessels (under 100 gross tons) that carry more than 6 passengers.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 366,798 hours a year.

3. *Title:* Display of Fire-Control Plans for Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0033.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of vessels.

Form: This collection of information does not require the public to fill out forms, but does require the posting and updating of general arrangement plans of certain vessels to minimize danger to personnel onboard, damage to the vessel and the safety of the port and environment.

Abstract: This collection of information takes the form of the posting or display of specific plans on certain categories of commercial vessels. The availability of these plans aids firefighters and damage-control efforts in response to emergencies.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 911 hours a year.

4. *Title:* Approval of Plans and Records for Foreign Vessels Carrying Oil in Bulk.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0026.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of vessels.

Form: This collection of information does not require the public to fill out forms, but does require the submittal of information to the Coast Guard in written format.

Abstract: The Coast Guard collects plans and records to determine whether foreign tank vessels comply with applicable standards for design and construction.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 157 hours a year.

5. *Title:* Offshore Supply Vessels (OSVs)—46 CFR Subchapter L.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0065.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of vessels.

Form: This collection of information does not require the public to fill out forms, but does require the submittal of information to the Coast Guard in written format.

Abstract: Requirements are necessary to instruct those on board of actions to

take in an emergency. These requirements help verify compliance with rules without inspectors' presence to witness routine matters; they even enable OSVs based overseas to stay in compliance without undergoing reinspection here.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 6,175 hours a year.

Dated: September 30, 2003.

Clifford I. Pearson,

Director of Information and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2001-10486]

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Standards for Living Organisms in Ship's Ballast Water Discharged in U.S. Waters

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Under the direction of the National Invasive Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act, the Coast Guard seeks consultation with all interested and affected stakeholders to discuss issues to be addressed in the programmatic environmental impact statement for the development of ballast water discharge standards as stated in the September 26, 2003, **Federal Register** (68 FR 55559). To accomplish this, the Coast Guard will hold five regional public scoping meetings in order to expand the opportunity for public input. We seek comments from any interested or affected stakeholders and encourage all stakeholders to attend these meetings.

DATES: The public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates in the cities listed:

- New Orleans, LA, October 27, 2003, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.;
- Oakland, CA, October 29, 2003, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.;
- Cleveland, OH, October 31, 2003, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.;
- Norfolk, VA, November 3, 2003, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and
- Washington DC, November 7, 2003, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Coast Guard will hold the public scoping meetings at the following locations:

- New Orleans, LA—New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, 1-504-581-1000;
- Oakland, CA—Elihu Harris Building, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612, 1-510-622-2398;
- Cleveland, OH—Holiday Inn Select, 1111 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114, 1-216-241-5100;
- Norfolk, VA—Marriott Norfolk Waterside, 235 E. Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, 1-757-627-4200; and
- Washington, DC—EPA East Building, Room 1153, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20590, 1-202-566-1200.

You may also submit your comments on this scoping effort directly to the Docket Management Facility. To ensure that your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket [USCG-2001-10486], please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-2003-14273), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

(5) Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

You must also mail comments on collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer, United States Coast Guard. In choosing among these means, please give due regard to the recent difficulties and delays associated with delivery of mail through the U.S. Postal Service to Coast Guard Headquarters.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington,

DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review Department of Transportation's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have any questions about the project or the meetings, contact Mr. Bivan R. Patnaik, U.S. Coast Guard at (202) 267-1744 or bpatnaik@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages you to submit comments and related material on the development of the programmatic environmental impact statement. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number [USCG-2001-10486], and provide the reasons for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by mail, delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. Public comments will also be accepted at these public scoping meetings.

Information on Service for Individuals With Disabilities

If you plan to attend these meetings and require special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, contact us as indicated in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Public Scoping Meetings

The Coast Guard encourages interested and affected stakeholders to attend the meetings and present oral comment or written comments during the meetings. The meetings are open to members of the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. If you are unable to attend the meetings, we encourage you to submit comments to the Docket Management Facility as indicated under **Addresses** by December 26, 2003.

Background and Purpose

On September 26, 2003, the Coast Guard published a notice of intent with request for comments in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 55559) to develop a programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) in preparation of a proposed rulemaking to establish standards for ballast water discharges. As part of the scoping process summarized in that notice, and authorized by 40 CFR 1508.22(b)(4), the Coast Guard will hold public meetings at the times and locations noted above under **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**. You may consult the notice of intent for further information about the proposed rule for establishing standards for ballast water discharges. Please note that information regarding the PEIS can also be found at the following Web sites: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mso/mso4/ans.html>; and http://www.epa.gov/owow/invasive_species/.

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Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security & Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4820-N-38]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Single Family Acquired Asset Management System (SAMS)

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* December 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8003, Washington, DC 20410 or Wayne_Eddins@hud.gov.