

purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall use the latest available annual estimates prepared by the Secretary of Commerce.

Appendix 3: Considerations for Diesel Retrofit Projects

The term diesel retrofit includes any technology or system that achieves emission reductions beyond that required by the EPA regulations at the time of engine certification. Assuming all other criteria are met, eligible diesel retrofit projects include the replacement of high-emitting vehicles/equipment with cleaner vehicles/equipment (including hybrid or alternative fuel models), repowering or engine replacement, rebuilding the engine to a cleaner standard, the purchase and installation of advanced emissions control technologies (such as particulate matter traps or oxidation catalysts) or the use of a cleaner fuel to support eligible nonroad devices. The legislation defines retrofit projects as applicable to both on-road motor vehicles and nonroad construction equipment. Retrofit strategies include:

Emissions Control Technologies

The EPA and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) have retrofit technology verification programs that evaluate the performance of advanced emissions control technologies and engine rebuild kits. CMAQ-funded diesel retrofit projects must use retrofit technologies that are verified under the EPA's Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program or CARB.⁵⁹ A list of EPA-verified technologies is available at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/retrofit/retroverifiedlist.htm>. CARB's verification program can be found at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/home/home.htm>. In addition, for more detailed information on the cost-effectiveness of various diesel retrofit technologies, the EPA's study, "The Cost-Effectiveness of Heavy-Duty Diesel Retrofits and Other Mobile Source Emission Reduction Projects and Programs" can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/publications.htm>.

Refueling

Refueling is eligible when combined with an overall diesel retrofit project for which the cleaner fuel is required. For example, ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD) may be purchased as part of a project to install diesel particulate filters on highway construction equipment only because these devices require ULSD to function properly.

Fuel-related technologies identified in EPA's list of retrofit strategies are eligible only until standards for such clean fuel are effective. For example, ULSD is eligible for CMAQ only until the standard is effective. For on-road use, ULSD is mandated for use in October 2006. According to EPA's regulatory development calendar, low sulfur diesel (500 ppm of sulfur) will be required for nonroad use in 2007, while ULSD (15 ppm of sulfur) will be required for nonroad use in 2010.

Vehicle/Equipment Replacement Projects

Replacement projects occur when older vehicles/equipment are replaced with cleaner vehicles/equipment before they would have been removed through normal fleet turnover or attrition. The vehicle or equipment being replaced should be scrapped or the engine remanufactured to a cleaner standard. For areas that want to take credit in the SIP and transportation conformity processes for these projects, see the EPA's retrofit guidance at: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/policy.htm#retrofit>.

Generally, the replacement vehicle or equipment would perform the same function as the vehicle or equipment that is being replaced (e.g., an excavator used to dig pipelines or utility trenches would be replaced by an excavator that continues these duties).

In addition, the vehicle or equipment being replaced would be in good working order and able to perform the duties of the new vehicle or equipment. Removing vehicles that no longer function or are at the end of their useful life will not lead to an emissions reduction.

Repower or Engine Replacement Projects

Engine replacement projects involve the replacement of an older, higher emitting engine with a newer, cleaner engine. Engine replacements can also be combined with emission control technologies. The engines being replaced should be scrapped or remanufactured to a cleaner standard. As noted above, for areas that want to take credit in the SIP and transportation conformity processes for these projects, see EPA's retrofit guidance at: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/policy.htm#retrofit>.

New engines also must be EPA-certified.⁶⁰ For a complete list of all EPA certified large highway and nonroad engines, please consult the list at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/certdata.htm>.

For more information on diesel retrofits, please see the EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

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

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.
ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management

and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 8, 2008, and comments were due by October 7, 2008.

No comments were received.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before November 19, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Harrelson, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5515; or E-Mail: tom.harrelson@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Monthly Report of Ocean Shipments Moving under Export-Import Bank Financing.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0013.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Shippers subject to Export/Import Bank financing.

Form Numbers: MA-518.

Abstract: 46 U.S.C. 55304, requires MARAD to monitor and enforce the U.S.-flag shipping requirements relative to the loans/guarantees extended by the Export-Import Bank (EXIMBANK) to foreign borrowers. Public Resolution 17 requires that shipments financed by EXIMBANK and that move by sea, must be transported exclusively on U.S.-flag registered vessels unless a waiver is obtained from MARAD.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 169 hours.

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

Comments Are Invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary 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 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. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

⁵⁹ 23 U.S.C. 149(b)(7) (SAFETEA-LU § 1808(b)).

⁶⁰ 23 U.S.C. 149(b)(7) (SAFETEA-LU § 1808(b)).

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.)

Issued in Washington, DC on October 14, 2008.

Leonard Sutter,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 670 (Sub-No. 1)]

Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC), pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, beginning at 9 a.m., E.S.T.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Hearing Room on the first floor of the Surface Transportation Board's headquarters at Patriot's Plaza, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott M. Zimmerman (202) 245-0202. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RETAC arose from a proceeding instituted by the Board, in *Establishment of a Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee*, STB Ex Parte No. 670. RETAC was formed to provide advice and guidance to the Board, and to serve as a forum for discussion of emerging issues regarding the transportation by rail of energy resources, particularly, but not necessarily limited to, coal, ethanol, and other biofuels. The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussions regarding issues such as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, carriers, and users of energy resources.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be conducted pursuant to RETAC's charter and Board procedures. Further communications about this meeting may be announced through the

Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: October 14, 2008.

By the Board, Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary.

Anne K. Quinlan,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Management Official Interlocks

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection request (ICR) described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before November 19, 2008. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, can be obtained from RegInfo.gov at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for OTS, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974; and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, by fax to (202) 906-6518, or by e-mail to infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at <http://www.ots.treas.gov>. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to public.info@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to obtain a copy

of the submission to OMB, please contact Ira L. Mills at ira.mills@ots.treas.gov, (202) 906-6531, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Title of Proposal: Management Official Interlocks.

OMB Number: 1550-0051.

Form Number: N/A.

Description: The purpose of the Depository Institution Management Interlocks Act is to foster competition by generally prohibiting a management official from serving two unaffiliated depository organizations in situations where the management interlock would likely have an anticompetitive effect. 12 U.S.C. 3201-3208. This applies to service as a management official of an institution, savings and loan association, and affiliates of either.

OTS regulations set forth several interlocking relationships that are prohibited. 12 CFR part 563f. Generally, a management official of a depository institution or depository holding company may not serve as a management official of an unaffiliated depository institution or depository holding company if the entities in question (or a depository institution affiliate thereof) have offices in the same community or metropolitan statistical area or are of a certain asset size.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3.

Estimated Number of Responses: 3.

Estimated Burden Hours per

Response: 4 hours.

Estimated Frequency of Response:

Other; per transaction.

Estimated Total Burden: 12 hours.

Clearance Officer: Ira L. Mills, (202) 906-6531, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

Dated: October 14, 2008.

Deborah Dakin,

Senior Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division.

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