

6(b)³ of the Act in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)⁴ in particular in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 35 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve the proposed rule change, or

(B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Also, copies of

such filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NYSE. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-97-21 and should be submitted by July 16, 1997.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2558]

United States-Spain Joint Commission on Science and Technology; Public Announcement of a New Science and Technology Program for Competitive Grants To Support International, Collaborative Projects in Science and Technology Between U.S. and Spanish Cooperators

AGENCY: U.S. Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Finver, Office of Regional Policy Initiatives, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State, 202-736-7375.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: This program is established under the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain.

Project call: A solicitation for this program will begin June 30, 1997. This program will provide grants for collaborative projects submitted by U.S. and Spanish researchers. Projects must help the United States and Spain utilize science and apply technology by providing opportunities to exchange idea, information, skills and techniques, and to collaborate on scientific and technological endeavors of mutual interest and benefit. Proposals considered for funding in calendar year 1998 must be received by the Program Administrators by October 31, 1997. Priority fields for the 1998 proposals are as follows: life sciences, environment, information and communication technology, energy and high energy physics, and materials sciences.

More information and copies of the Program Announcement and

Application may be obtained upon request to: Commission for Cultural, Educational and Scientific Exchange between the United States of America and Spain, Paseo Gral. Martinez Campos 24, 28010 Madrid, Spain; telephone (34-1) 308-2436, FAX (34-1) 308-5704; E-mail address:

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Acting Director, Office of Regional Policy Initiatives, Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Comprehensive Plan

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC).

ACTION: Notice of public hearing on addition to Comprehensive Plan.

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing in conjunction with its regular meeting on July 10, 1997 at the Holiday Inn Arena, 2-6 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901-3199, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The first hearing will be for the purpose of receiving public comments on the inclusion of the proposed Out-of-Basin Diversion Policy and Protocol in the Commission's *Comprehensive Plan for Management and Development of the Water Resources of the Susquehanna River Basin*.

Under Section 3.10 of the Susquehanna River Basin Compact, Pub. Law 91-575, 84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*, the Commission must review and approve all diversions of water from the Susquehanna River Basin. Up to this time, the Commission has adopted no formal policy position or statement on how it will evaluate proposed diversions, but has relied on positions articulated in past docket decisions. This policy establishes the principles that the Commission will consider in the approval of diversions and adds a protocol describing how those principles will be applied. Written comments will also be accepted and made a part of the hearing record.

Copies of the entire policy statement and protocol may be obtained upon request to the Commission at 1721 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17102-2391; (717)238-0423. Written comments may be submitted to and further information obtained from Richard A. Cairo, General Counsel.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁵ 17 C.F.R. 200.30-3(a)(12).

Dated: June 17, 1997.

Paul O. Swartz,

Executive Director.

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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 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), 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 ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on April 18, 1997 [FR 62, pages 19159-19162].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 25, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Davis, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Information Management, telephone (202) 267-2326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

United States Coast Guard (USCG)

Title: Plan Approval and Records for Foreign Vessels Carrying Oil in Bulk.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0106.

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

Affected Public: Owners or operators of foreign vessels carrying oil in bulk.

Abstract: This collection of information requires owners or operators of certain foreign vessels carrying oil in bulk to submit documents to the U.S. Coast Guard to determine if vessels meets certain requirements in 33 CFR 157. This collection mainly affects vessels from countries that are not signatory to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78).

Need: Under 46 U.S.C. 3703 and 3703(a), the USCG is authorized to issue regulations dealing with design, construction, alteration, repair,

maintenance, operation and equipping of foreign vessels which carry or are constructed to carry or adapted to carry vessels which carry or are constructed to carry or adapted to carry oil in bulk. The information will be used to determine if (1) the vessel meets the Double Hull standards in 33 CFR 157.10(d); (2) information is available to vessel personnel to operate the vessel and equipment required and (3) a means is available to appeal U.S. Coast Guard decisions with respect to the regulations and for obtaining those waivers or exemptions permitted by the regulations.

Estimated Annual Burden: 244 hours.

Title: Non Destructive Testing Proposal and Results for Pressure Vessels Cargo Tanks on Unmanned Barges.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0563.

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

Affected Public: Owners of inspected barges.

Abstract: This collection of information requires owners of unmanned barges with tanks that are required to be nondestructively tested (NDT) to submit a proposal which includes the NDT methods and procedures, and locations of the tanks to be tested. The results must also be submitted to identify any defects and to evaluate the suitability of a tank to remain in service. The Coast Guard requires pressure vessel type tanks that are thirty years old and older to be subjected to NDT at 10 year intervals.

Need: Under 46 U.S.C. 3703, the U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for ensuring safe shipment of liquid dangerous cargoes and has promulgated regulations on board certain barges to ensure that safety standards are met.

Estimated Annual Burden: 39 hours.

Title: Declaration of Inspection.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0506.

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

Affected Public: Persons in Charge of Transfer Operation.

Abstract: The collection of information requires a person in charge of onshore and offshore facilities to complete a Declaration of Inspection (DOI) for each bulk transfer of oil and hazardous material conducted and to maintain the DOI onboard the vessel and facility for a one month period.

Need: 33 U.S.C. 1221 authorizes the Coast Guard to establish procedure, methods, and equipment requirements to prevent the discharge of oil and

hazardous material from vessels and both onshore and offshore.

Estimated Annual Burden: 78,800 hours.

Title: Display of Plans.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0135.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for 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 display certain vessel plans.

Need: Under 46 U.S.C. 3305 and 3306, the U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for ensuring the safety of inspected vessels and has promulgated regulations to ensure that safety standards are met. The information contained on these plans will be used by shipboard personnel during routine duties, such as equipment and system maintenance or servicing, as well as under emergency conditions such as fire or flooding. In the event assistance is rendered from external sources, the plans allow for rapid familiarization with the vessels and its system, the information and its availability is crucial in minimizing danger to those on board, damage to the vessel, and the safety of the port and the environment.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Annual Burden: 450 hours.

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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Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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