

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG—1999–5717]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, the Coast Guard intends to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for the renewal of nine Information Collection Requests (ICRs). These ICRs comprise: 1. (A) Report of MARPOL 73/78 Oil, Noxious Liquid Substance (NLS) and Garbage Discharge, (B) Application for Equivalents, Exemptions and Alternatives, (C) Voluntary Reports of Pollution Sightings; 2. Private Aids to Navigation Application and Application for Class 1 Private Aids to Navigation on Artificial Islands and Fixed Structures; 3. Bridge Permit Application Guide; 4. Electrical Equipment and Fire Protection Materials/Systems; 5. Defect/Noncompliance Report and Campaign Update Report; 6. Application for Vessel Inspection and Waiver; 7. Course Approvals for Merchant Marine Training Schools; 8. Ships' Stores Certification for Hazardous Materials Aboard Ships; and 9. Licensing and Manning Requirements for Towing Vessels. Before submitting the ICRs to OMB, the Coast Guard is asking for comments on the collections described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before August 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG—1999–5717), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington DC 20590–0001, or deliver them to room PL–401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this document. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL–401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also access this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Copies of the complete Information Collection Request are available through this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and also from Commandant (G–SII–2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, room 6106, (Attn: Barbara Davis), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001. The telephone number is 202–267–2326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202–267–2326, for questions on this document. Should there be questions on the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202–366–9330.

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written comments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this document (USCG–1999–5717) and the specific ICR to which each comment applies, and give the reason(s) for each comment. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

Information Collection Requests

1. Title: (A) Report of MARPOL 73/78 Oil, Noxious Liquid Substance (NLS) and Garbage Discharge, (B) Application for Equivalent, Exemptions and Alternatives, (C) Voluntary Reports of Pollution Sightings

OMB Control Number: 2115–0556.

Summary: The information in this report is needed by the Coast Guard to ensure compliance with pollution prevention standards and to respond and investigate pollution incidents.

Need: Title 33 U.S.C. 1321 and 1903 authorize the Coast Guard to establish regulations that promote the protection of the environment. Title 33 CFR, Subchapter O (parts 151 to 159) prescribe the Coast Guard pollution prevention regulations.

Respondents: Vessel owners and operators for (A) and (B) and the public for (C).

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 15 hours annually.

2. Title: Private Aids to Navigation Application and Application for Class 1 Private Aids to Navigation on Artificial Islands and Fixed Structures (CG–4143)

OMB Control Number: 2115–0038.

Summary: The collection of information requires respondents to provide to the Coast Guard, on two applications (CG–2554 and CG–4143), vital information about private aids to navigation.

Need: 33 CFR Parts 66 and 67 authorize the Coast Guard to collect and process the information furnished from the private aids applications to ensure that private aids to navigation appropriately mark the associated hazard or waterway.

Respondents: Owners of Private Aids to Navigation.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 3,073 hours annually.

3. Title: Bridge Permit Application Guide

OMB Control Number: 2115–0050.

Summary: The collection of information is a bridge permit request submitted as an application for Coast Guard approval of proposed bridge projects. Applicants will submit to the Coast Guard a letter of application along with letter size drawings (plans) and maps showing the proposed bridge project and its location.

Need: Title 33 U.S.C. 401, 491, 525, and 535, authorize the Coast Guard to approve plans and locations for all bridges or causeways that are to be constructed over navigable waters of the United States.

Respondents: Public and private owners of bridges over navigable waters of the United States.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 2,800 hours annually.

4. Title: Electrical Equipment and Fire Protection Materials/Systems—46 CFR Subchapter Q

OMB Control Number: 2115–0121.

Summary: The information in this report is needed to ensure compliance with U.S. regulations for the design and construction of certain electrical equipment and fire protection materials/systems.

Need: Title 46 U.S.C. 3306, 3703, and 4302 authorized the Coast Guard to establish regulations to protect life, property, and the environment. Title 46 CFR subchapter Q prescribes the Coast Guard regulations for the design and construction of certain electrical equipment and fire protection materials/systems.

Respondents: Electrical equipment and fire protection material/system manufacturers.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 268 hours annually.

5. Title: Defect/Noncompliance Report and Campaign Update Report

OMB Control Number: 2115-0035.

Summary: The information in this report is needed to ensure compliance with requirements for defect notification applicable to manufacturers of recreational boats, inboard engines, outboard motors, and sterndrive units.

Need: Title 46 U.S.C. 4310 requires boat and engine manufacturers to conduct defect notification for failures to comply with applicable U.S. Coast Guard safety standards or regulations, and for defects which create a substantial risk of personal injury to the public. 46 U.S.C. 4310 and 33 CFR Part 179 prescribe requirements for certain reports to the Coast Guard concerning potential impacts on recreational boating safety, how problems will be corrected, and progress in notifying owners and repairing affected units.

Respondents: Manufacturers of recreational boats, inboard engines, outboard motors, and sterndrive units.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Burden: The estimated burden is 312 hours annually.

6. Title: Application for Vessel Inspection and Waiver

OMB Control Number: 2115-0007.

Summary: The collection of information requires the owner, operator, agent, or master of a vessel to apply in writing to the Coast Guard before commencing the inspection for certification, or when, in the interest of national defense, a waiver is desired from the requirements of navigation and vessels inspection.

Need: Title 46 U.S.C. 3306 and 3309 authorize the Coast Guard to establish regulations to protect life, property, and the environment. The reporting requirements of the Application for Inspection of U.S. Vessels and the Application for Waiver and Waiver Order are part of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Program.

Respondents: Vessel owner, operator, agent, master or interested U.S. Government agency.

Frequency: On occasion, biennially, and triennially.

Burden: The estimated burden is 1,504 hours annually.

7. Title: Course Approvals for Merchant Marine Training Schools

OMB Control Number: 2115-0111.

Summary: The information for this report is necessary to ensure that merchant marine training schools meet minimal statutory requirements. The information is used to approve the curriculum, facility and faculty for these schools.

Need: Title 46 U.S.C. 7315 authorizes a license or document applicant to substitute the completion of an approved course for a portion of the required sea service. Title 46 CFR 10.302 prescribe the Coast Guard regulations for course approval.

Respondents: Merchant marine training schools.

Frequency: Once every five years for reporting; annually for recordkeeping.

Burden: The estimated burden is 19,026 hours annually.

8. Title: Ships' Stores Certification for Hazardous Materials Aboard Ships

OMB Control Number: 2115-0139.

Summary: The information is this report is needed to ensure that personnel aboard ships are made aware of the proper usage and stowage instructions for certain hazardous materials.

Need: Title 46 United States Code 3306 authorizes the Coast Guard to prescribe regulations for the transportation, stowage, and use of ships' stores and supplies of a dangerous nature. Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations part 146 prescribe the regulations for hazardous ships' stores.

Respondents: Suppliers and manufacturers of hazardous products used on ships.

Frequency: On occasion.

9. Title: Licensing and Manning Requirements for Towing Vessels

OMB Control Number: 2115-0623.

Summary: The Coast Guard has requirements for licensing individuals that operate towing vessels. The requirements ensure that towing vessels operating in the navigable waters of the U.S. are under the control of licensed officers who meet certain qualification and training standards.

Need: Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations Part 10 prescribes regulations for the licensing of maritime personnel. This information collection is necessary to ensure that a mariner's training information is available to assist in determining his or her overall qualifications to hold certain licenses.

Respondents: Mariners licensed to operate towing vessels, prospective towing-vessel officers, and companies employing these mariners.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 1,590 hours annually.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1999-5666]

National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP)

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments on PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1999, 2000, and 2001 and new equipment deployment exercise.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Research and Special Program Administration (RSPA) and the Minerals Management Service (MMS), in concert with the states, the oil industry and concerned citizens, developed the Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP). This notice announces the PREP triennial cycle, 1999-2001; requests comments from the public; and requests industry participants to volunteer for scheduled PREP Area exercises.

DATES: Comments are due by August 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please submit your comments and related material by only one of the following methods to avoid multiple listings in the public docket:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-1999-5666), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By hand 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 Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice and general information regarding the PREP program and the schedule, contact Ms. Karen Adams, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, Office of Response, (G-MOR-2), (202) 267-2850. For questions on viewing, or submitting material to, the docket, contact Ms. Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone (202) 366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PREP Area exercise schedule and exercise design manual are available on the internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/gmhome.htm> (see index, then oil