representatives, drawn from among 27 organizations representing various rail industry perspectives, and 2 associate non-voting representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico. Staff of the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Transit Administration also participate in an advisory capacity.

During this meeting, the RSAC will be briefed on the proposed standard for locomotive sanitary conditions, which has been forwarded to the Locomotive Cab Working Conditions Working Group for consensus approval to become the Working Group's recommendation to the full RSAC.

The RSAC will be requested to vote on the proposed adoption of the Positive Train Control Working Group's, Report on Implementation of Positive Train Control Systems, as the RSAC's report to the Federal Railroad Administrator.

A status report will be provided by the Accident/Incident Working Group, tasked with evaluating the concept of a reportable train accident, specifically the means by which the railroad property damage threshold is calculated. The Locomotive Crashworthiness Working Group will brief the RSAC on the status of proposed recommended standards for freight, passenger and switching locomotives.

A discussion on the issue of qualification and certification of safety-critical employees will be conducted, based on information to be provided to the FRA by the RSAC members.

FRA may request the RSAC to accept a task that would include revising the regulations governing the protection of employees engaged in the inspection, testing, repair and servicing of rolling equipment (49 CFR part 218, subpart B).

Informational briefings will be provided to the RSAC on safety-related issues of general interest.

Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740) for more information about the RSAC.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on August 23, 1999.

George A. Gavalla,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket: RSPA–98–4957; Notice 7]

Notice of Extension of Existing Information Collection

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) is publishing this notice seeking public comments on a proposed renewal of an information collection for oil spill response plans prepared by onshore oil pipeline operators. This notice provides the public with 60 days for comment

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before October 25, 1999 to be assured of consideration. U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590–001 or e-mail to dms.dot.gov. Please put docket number on all comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW. Washington, DC 20950, (202) 366–6205 or by electronic mail at Marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Response Plans for Onshore Oil Pipelines.

OMB Number: 2137–0589.

Type of Request: Renewal of an existing information collection.

Abstract: The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) requires that certain pipelines that transport oil must develop a response to minimize the impact of an oil discharge in the case of an accident. These response plans enhance the spill response capability of pipeline operators.

Estimate of Burden: The average burden hours per response is approximately 47 hours.

Respondents: Oil pipeline operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,400.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 65,467 hours.

Frequency: Every three years.

Use: To enhance response capability in the event of an oil spill.

Copies of this notice and supporting documents on this information collection renewal can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590, Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Excluding Federal holidays. This information can also be reviewed electronically over the Internet at dms.dot.gov.

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.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 20, 1999.

Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8850

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8850, Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Credits.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 25, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Faye Bruce, (202) 622–6665, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Credits.

OMB Number: 1545–1500.

Form Number: 8850.

Abstract: Employers use Form 8850 as part of a written request to a state employment security agency to certify an employee as a member of a targeted group for purposes of qualifying for the work opportunity credit or the welfare-to-work credit. The work opportunity credit and the welfare-to-work credit cover individuals who begin work for the employer before July 1, 1999.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to Form 8850 at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 3 hr., 59 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,596,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: August 13, 1999.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Notice 99–43

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Notice 99–43, Nonrecognition Exchanges under Section 897.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 25, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the notice should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622–3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Nonrecognition Exchanges under Section 897.

OMB Number: 1545–1660.

Notice Number: Notice 99–43.

Abstract: Notice 99–43 announces a modification of the current rules under Temporary Regulation section 1.897–6T(a)(1) regarding transfers, exchanges, and other dispositions of U.S. real property interests in nonrecognition transactions occurring after June 18, 1980. The notice provides that, contrary to section 1.897–6T(a)(1), a foreign taxpayer will not recognize gain under Code section 897(e) for an exchange described in Code section 368(a)(1)(E) or (F), provided the taxpayer receives substantially identical shares of the same domestic corporation with the same dividend rights, voting power, liquidation preferences, and convertibility as the shares exchanged without any additional rights or features.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the notice at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, and individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.