

Cultural Affairs, Room 246, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, who may be reached on 202-453-8524 or ChavezCC@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

This collection was formerly entitled Application and Evaluation of DOS-sponsored Academic Exchange Programs. The Department of State collects this information to identify qualified candidates for the Office's academic exchange programs.

Methodology

Applications are delivered physically to the offices of the grantee organization, submitted electronically, or through the mail.

Additional Information: None.

June 16, 2008.

Thomas Farrell,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Academic Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6247]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-3091; Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program, OMB Control No. 1405-0143

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

• *Title of Information Collection:* Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0143.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* HR/REE/REC.
- *Form Number:* DS-3091.
- *Respondents:* College Students.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 500.
- *Average Hours per Response:* 5.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 2,500 hours.
- *Frequency:* On Occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from June 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: Katherine_T._Astrich@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Office of Foreign Missions, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520.
- Fax: 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Stedman D. Howard, Department of State, 2401 E. Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at: 202-261-8958 or Howardsd2@state.gov.

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Abstract of Proposed Collection

This collection is necessary for the process of identifying highly motivated students with an interest in international affairs. Our goal is to identify and select these students from a nation-wide pool of very talented applicants. Through our application process, the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship has managed to attract many students from diverse backgrounds to consider a career in the Foreign Service.

Methodology

This information collection is posted on the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Web sites, where an applicant can complete, and submit, the application online.

Additional Information: None.

Dated: June 16, 2008.

Ruben Torres,

Executive Director, Bureau of Human Resources, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6275]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Artistic Luxury: Faberge Tiffany Lalique"

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Artistic Luxury: Faberge Tiffany Lalique," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Cleveland Museum of Art, from on or about October 19, 2008, until on or about January 19, 2009; at the Palace of the Legion of Honor, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, from on or about February 14, 2009, to on or about May 31, 2009, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8048). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: June 18, 2008.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-RSPA-2004-19856]

Pipeline Safety: Notice to Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Operators of Request for Voluntary Advance Notification of Intent To Transport Biofuels

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; Issuance of Advisory Bulletin.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is requesting that any hazardous liquid pipeline operator intending to transport ethanol, ethanol-gasoline blends, or other biofuels by pipeline voluntarily provide us with advance notice of their intent to transport these fuels to facilitate cooperation in achieving safety. We request that any operator intending to field test transportation of biofuels by pipeline notify PHMSA of such testing in advance so that PHMSA can work with the operator to address any safety concerns that arise. PHMSA will be interested in discussing the steps the operator will take to ensure safety during the test and informing the local emergency response officials about the product being transported.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Mayberry, (202) 366-5124, or by e-mail at alan.mayberry@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On August 10, 2007, PHMSA published a **Federal Register** document regarding the transportation of ethanol and biofuels by pipeline (72 FR 45002). PHMSA advised pipeline operators that

the transportation of batches of ethanol or other biofuels in an existing petroleum products pipeline, and the transportation of blends of biofuels and petroleum products, are subject to the pipeline safety regulations and standards. The document described the potential technical issues associated with transporting biofuels by pipeline including internal corrosion and stress corrosion cracking, and the performance of seals, gaskets and internal coatings. As with the transportation of any hazardous liquid by pipeline, operators intending to transport these new fuels are expected to conduct risk analysis, monitoring, and controls as needed to move biofuels safely as well as conduct spill response planning for the new product. PHMSA seeks to work with pipeline operators that plan to transport these new fuels in existing regulated hazardous liquid pipelines (or in new pipelines that might be constructed for the purpose of transporting ethanol or biofuels). Accordingly, we are requesting that operators provide us with advance notice of their intent to transport these fuels to facilitate cooperation in achieving safety.

II. Advisory Bulletin (ADB-08-05)

To: Owners and Operators of Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Systems.

Subject: Notice to Operators of Request for Voluntary Advance Notification of Intent to Transport Biofuels.

Advisory: On August 10, 2007, PHMSA published a **Federal Register** document on the applicability of the pipeline safety regulations to the transportation of ethanol and biofuels by pipeline (72 FR 45002). In the document, PHMSA noted the technical issues associated with transporting biofuels by pipeline including internal corrosion and stress corrosion cracking, and the performance of seals, gaskets and internal coatings. As with the transportation of any hazardous liquid by pipeline, operators intending to transport these new fuels are expected to conduct risk analysis, monitoring, and controls as needed to move biofuels safely as well as conduct spill response planning for the new product. PHMSA seeks to work with pipeline operators that plan to transport these new fuels in existing regulated hazardous liquid pipelines or in new pipelines that might be constructed for the purpose of transporting ethanol or biofuels. Accordingly, we are requesting that operators provide us with advance notice of their intent to transport these fuels to facilitate cooperation in achieving safety.

Notice of Field Testing: PHMSA seeks to encourage field testing by pipeline operators to accelerate the development of knowledge about the safe and reliable transportation of ethanol and biofuels by pipeline. We are requesting that any operator intending to field test transportation of biofuels by pipeline provide advance notification to PHMSA of such testing so that PHMSA can work with the operator to address any safety concerns that arise. To the extent proprietary concerns permit, PHMSA also seeks to share in the evaluation of the results to supplement the information we are receiving from our collaborative research efforts and help facilitate standards development. Although such field testing would be limited in scope and duration, PHMSA will be interested in discussing the steps the operator will take to ensure safety during the test and inform local emergency response officials about the product being transported.

Commencement of Commercial Operations: Under 49 CFR part 195, an operator is obligated to modify its operating procedures, integrity management programs, and emergency response plans, among other things, prior to commencing commercial transportation of a new hazardous liquid. Under part 194, operators must also update their spill response plans to account for the new product being transported. PHMSA will apply its proven risk-based regulatory approach to the operation of pipelines transporting these fuels. PHMSA requests that any operator intending to commence regular commercial transportation of ethanol or other biofuels provide advance notification to PHMSA as soon as possible, but preferably 60 days in advance, to provide time for review. PHMSA is interested in learning about: The work to be performed to prepare the pipeline for ethanol or biofuel service; the anticipated blend concentration and batch frequency; the additional employee training to be conducted; the additional emergency response planning and liaison with local emergency response officials, including spill response plans; and the plans for ongoing monitoring of the integrity of the pipe. We would also like to know what modifications operators will make to their written operating and maintenance procedures, including their integrity management program and spill response plans prior to commencement of operations. On being notified by an operator about the new biofuel operations and associated program modifications, PHMSA will