

of vessels. The data are used for the purposes described under the "Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses" heading in the enclosed copy of the system notice prepared for publication in the **Federal Register**.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

a. Federal, state, local and international law enforcement officials for law enforcement purposes including the recovery and return of stolen property and to deter vessel theft, fraud, and pollution. International organizations include International Maritime Organization (IMO), foreign governments for Port State Control, foreign governments for marine casualties, and civil penalty respondents.

b. Federal and state numbering and titling officials for the purposes of tracking, registering and titling vessels.

c. Disclosure may be made to agency contractors who have been engaged to assist the agency in the performance of a contract service or other activity related to this system of records and who need to have access to the records in order to perform the activity. Recipients shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a.

d. See DOT Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Not applicable.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Storage of all records is in an automated database operated and maintained by the U.S. Coast Guard.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by:

- a. Vessel hull identification number (HIN).
- b. State certificate of number.
- c. U.S. Coast Guard official number.
- d. USCG vessel name and hailing port.
- e. Vessel owner or business name.
- f. Interested parties social security number or alternate identifier (e.g., DOB, driver's license number, or taxpayer identification number).
- g. Case number.

SAFEGUARDS:

The MSIS falls under the guidelines of the United States Coast Guard

Operations System Center (OSC) in Martinsburg, WV. This computer facility has its own approved System Security Plan, which provides that:

a. The system is maintained in a secure computer room with access restricted to authorized personnel only.

b. Access to the building must be authorized and is limited.

c. MSIS supports different access levels for fields in the same record. These levels allow different classes of users access to specific information as governed by Federal privacy laws.

d. MSIS controls access by requiring that users provide a valid account name and password. MSIS contains a function that tracks system usage for other authorized users. MSIS requires users to change access control identifiers at six month intervals. The U.S. Coast Guard operates the MSIS in consonance with Federal security regulations, policy, procedures, standards and guidance for implementing the Automated Information Systems Security Program.

e. Only authorized DOT and authorized U.S. Government contractors conducting system maintenance may access MSIS records.

f. Access to records are password protected and the scope of access for each password is limited to the official need of each individual authorized access.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

a. Records of active cases are retained until they become inactive; inactive cases are archived. Disposition of records is pending and will be determined at a later date. Records will be selected to be archived into an off-line file for any vessel that has been inactive for a period of 10 years. A vessel is inactive when the State number and/or Coast Guard Document have expired with the exception of the vessels that have a law enforcement hold and vessels with a law enforcement status of stolen.

b. Daily backups shall be performed automatically. The backups will be comprised of weekly full backups followed by daily incremental backups; a log of transactions is maintained daily for recovery purposes.

c. Copies of backups are stored at an off-site location.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard Headquarters, Information Resource Division, System Support Division (G-MRI-2), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Submit a written request noting the information desired and for what purpose the information will be used. The request must be signed by the individual or his/her legal representative. Send the request to: USCG Headquarters, Commandant (G-SII), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Same as Notification Procedures.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Same as Notification Procedures.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

All information entered into the MSIS is gathered from the Coast Guard in the course of normal routine.

SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

Portions of this system of records may be exempt from disclosure under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a (k)(2). However, in specific cases where maintenance of information results in the denial of a right, privileges or benefits to which the individual is entitled, the information will be released in accordance with section (k)(2). This provides in part that material compiled for law enforcement purposes may be withheld from disclosure to the extent the identity of the source of the information would be revealed by disclosing the investigatory record, and the source has received an express promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence. Additionally, material received prior to 27 September 1974 will be withheld, if the source received an implied promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

Dated: December 4, 1997.

Eugene K. Taylor, Jr.,

*Office of the Chief Information Officer,
U.S. Department of Transportation.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD 97-075]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities Under OMB Review**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard intends to request

renewal for one Information Collection Request (ICR). The ICR concerns vessels response plans, facility response plans, shipboard oil pollution emergency plans, and additional requirements for Prince William Sound, Alaska. Before submitting the ICR package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the U.S. Coast Guard is asking for comments on the collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 6106 (Attn: Barbara Davis), 2100 Second St, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, or deliver them to the same address between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-2326. The comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying by appointment at the above address.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The U.S. Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written views, comments, data, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this Notice and the specific ICR to which each comments applies, and give reasons for each comments. The U.S. Coast Guard requests that all comments and attachments be submitted in an unbound format no larger than 8½ by 11 inches suitable for copying and electronic filing. If that is not practical, a second copy of any bound material is requested. Persons desiring acknowledgement that their comments have been received should enclose a stamped, self-addressed post card or envelope.

Interested persons can receive copies of the complete ICR by contacting Ms. Davis where indicated under

ADDRESSES.

Information Collection Requests

1. **Title:** Vessel Response Plans, Facility Response Plans, Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans, and Additional Requirements for Prince William Sound, Alaska.

OMB Control No. 2115-0595.

Summary: Three of the requirements found in this collection of information are from the passage of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-380). The requirements meet the intent of the Oil

Pollution Action of 1990 to reduce the impact of oil spills by requiring owners or operators of certain tank vessels and facilities to plan response actions, practice those actions, and ensure, through appropriate means, the necessary response resources for an oil spill. Additionally, Regulation 26 of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78, the Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan requirements were designed to improve response capabilities and minimize environmental impacts of oil spills.

Need: 33 U.S.C. 1321 requires the development of tank vessel and facility response plans. 33 U.S.C. 1901-1911 requires the implementation of MARPOL 73/78 in U.S. regulations. 33 U.S.C. 2735 requires the additional response measure in Prince William Sound, Alaska.

Respondents: Owners or operators of tank vessels that carry oil in bulk and operate in waters subject of U.S. jurisdiction; owners or operators of marine transportation-facilities; owners or operators of U.S. flag oil tankers of 150 gross tons and above and each U.S. ship of 400 gross tons and above; owners or operators of tank vessels that load cargo at a facility permitted under the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act in Prince William Sound, Alaska.

Frequency: On occasion and annually.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 188,629 hours annually.

Dated: December 4, 1997.

O.N. Naccara,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Information and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (DOT/FAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) this notice announces that the information collection request described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The FAA is requesting an immediate emergency clearance in accordance with 5 CFR § 1320.13. The following information describes the

nature of the information collection and its expected burden.

DATES: Submit any comments to OMB and FAA by February 9, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Office of Rulemaking Request for Evaluation of Customer Standards Survey.

Need: This information is being conducted to comply with the Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards. The information will be used to evaluate agency performance in the area of response to exemptions. The completion of this form is voluntary and the information collection will be conducted anonymously.

Respondents: 325 individuals/business who have applied for exemptions.

Frequency: Annually.

Burden: 81 hours annually.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the request for clearance submitted to OMB, you may contact Ms. Judith Street at the: Federal Aviation Administration, Corporate Information Division, ABC-100, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

Comments may be submitted to the agency at the address above and to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, Attention FAA Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 3, 1997.

Steve Hopkins,

Manager, Corporate Information Division, ABC-100.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Montgomery and Frederick Counties, Maryland

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed transportation project in Montgomery and Frederick Counties, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Renee Sigel, Planning, Research, and Environmental Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, The