

Internet site, which will have the document posted.

Summaries will be prepared at the conclusion of each workshop by the Coast Guard which will be made available to interested parties upon their request. Summaries may be obtained by calling VRP Status-line at 202-267-0434 or may be accessed through the Vessel Response Plan Program Internet site (<http://www.uscg.mil/vrp>).

For questions on this docket, contact Carol Kelly, Coast Guard Dockets Team Leader, or Paulette Twine, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) contained provisions that were intended to increase the preparedness of tank vessel owners or operators to respond to a spill, as well as increase the oil spill response capability in the United States. To achieve these goals, minimum on-water oil-removal capability requirements (often referred to as "caps") were set out in 33 CFR 154.1045(m) and 33 CFR 155.1050(o). These equipment caps were established in 1993 based on available equipment and technology levels.

These caps were scheduled to increase by 25% in 1998 as a planning target for increasing response capabilities within the United States. 33 CFR 154.1045(n) and 33 CFR 155.1050(p) requires the Coast Guard to review the proposed increases to determine if they are practicable prior to implementing any new requirements. The Coast Guard is charged with evaluating other spill removal technologies as part of that review. The Coast Guard intends to review the proposed increases with a holistic approach to oil spill removal, evaluating our national response capability in light of all available technologies.

The Coast Guard published a "Request for Comment" with regard to the cap review in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 1998. The Coast Guard received 21 written comments which were entered into the public docket, as well as numerous verbal comments from interested stakeholders at various public forums.

Raising the equipment requirements for mechanical recovery systems appears to be a controversial item, with numerous comments received both for and against such as increase. Many comments suggested that the increase was not necessary because the equipment already exists. Other comments agreed that the equipment already exists, but argued that it was

obtained in anticipation of the scheduled increase, and that a failure to implement the new requirements will result in equipment being sold off or put out of service.

In order to ascertain whether existing equipment stocks are able to meet the scheduled 25% increase, the Coast Guard National Strike Force Coordination Center (NSFCC) reviewed the availability of mechanical recovery systems throughout the United States. The NSFCC looked at the private sector resources available to respond to a spill in each Captain of the Port (COTP) zone using the data compiled in the Regional Response Inventory (RRI). The NSFCC review indicates that mechanical recovery systems are available in quantities sufficient to meet the proposed increase. The Coast Guard will present a summary of this report at the public workshops. While the NSFCC report establishes that mechanical recovery equipment is available to meet the scheduled increases, the Coast Guard must still determine whether implementing such as increase is practicable, which must include an examination of the expected benefits in comparison to the associated costs.

Most of the comments received strongly supported developing new requirements for other removal technologies as part of any cap increase. Many comments suggested that high-rate removal technologies are a more cost-effective or capacity-enhancing method of increasing overall response preparedness than mechanical recovery. Other comments suggested that the use of these technologies offers positive net environmental benefits for many response situations, and are a necessary tool for today's response infrastructure. The use of dispersants was the most widely supported means for increasing the existing requirements, and was generally preferred to increases in mechanical recovery [in the comments that were received].

The Coast Guard is reviewing dispersants and other oil spill removal technologies with regard to their potential for inclusion in a proposed cap increase. The Coast Guard is evaluating a range of alternatives, including mandatory requirements /and/ or credits for dispersants, in situ burning, and oil spill tracking resources. The Coast Guard will present these alternatives for discussion and comment during these workshops. The Coast Guard solicits public comment regarding appropriate performance dimensions for these technologies, including: areas of applicability, response times, ensured levels of capability, application equipment,

application rates, monitoring, anticipated costs and other applicable planning requirements. Interested persons are encouraged to submit any pertinent written views, data, or arguments, either prior to or during the workshops, to the Coast Guard.

Agenda for the Workshops

Equipment Cap and Dispersant Planning Public Workshop

The agenda includes the following short information presentations, each followed by an open discussion period:

- (1) Introduction and presentation on concept of Integrated Equipment Cap Review.
- (2) Presentation of National Strike Force Coordination Center Report on OSRO Resource Information.
- (3) Presentation of summary of comments received in response to Request for Comment, Review of Cap Increases, 63 FR 3861, January 27, 1998.
- (4) Presentation and discussion of potential changes to regulations as part of integrated cap increase:
 - (a) Increases to Mechanical Recovery
 - (b) Required Dispersant Capabilities

Note: The Coast Guard will present a concept position to facilitate discussion during the workshop. The document identifies key elements and issues for dispersant planning. The concepts contained within are mainly for discussion purposes and are likely to change as a result of public involvement and further regulatory analysis to be performed at a later date. Participants may obtain a copy of this document prior to the workshop [see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**].

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact LCDR John Caplis at the address or phone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

Dated: June 17, 1998.

Robert North,

Rear Admiral, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 8, 1998.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,

Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Dates: Written comments should be received on or before July 24, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

Special Request: In order to conduct the surveys described below at the end of May 1998, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by May 20, 1998. To obtain a copy of this study, please contact the Internal Revenue Service Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1432.

Project Number: M:SP:V 98-009-G.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: 1999 Filing Season TeleFile Customer Satisfaction Survey.

Description: The IRS is planning to conduct a three question automated TeleFile customer satisfaction survey in 1999 administered to a sample of taxpayers who successfully use TeleFile. This survey will build on the 1998 data. In 1998 a six question automated customer satisfaction survey of taxpayers who had successfully used TeleFile was developed with the Bureau of Labor Statistics Behavioral Science Research Center (BLS BSRC) to gather data on the taxpayers' satisfaction and use of TeleFile.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,746.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (one-time only).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 192 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503

Dale A. Morgan,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

[T.D. 98-57]

Revocation of Marine Chemist Service Inc. Customs Gauger Approval and Laboratory Accreditations

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Revocation of Customs Gauger Approval and Laboratory Accreditations.

SUMMARY: Marine Chemist Service, Inc. of Newport News, Virginia, a Customs approved gauger and accredited laboratory under Section 151.13 of the Customs Regulations (19 CFR 151.13), has requested that the U.S. Customs Service revoke its gauger approval and laboratory accreditations. Accordingly, pursuant to 151.13(f) of the Customs Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Customs commercial gauger approval and laboratory accreditations of Marine Chemist Service, Inc. has been revoked without prejudice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 9, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Parker, Science Officer, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 5.5-B, Washington, DC 20229 at (202) 927-1060.

Dated: June 11, 1998.

George D. Heavey,

Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

[T.D. 98-58]

Revocation of I.N.C. Surveys Customs Gauger Approval

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Revocation of Customs Gauger Approval.

SUMMARY: I.N.C. Surveys of Houston, Texas, a Customs approved gauger under Section 151.13 of the Customs Regulations (19 CFR 151.13), has requested that the U.S. Customs Service revoke its gauger approval. Accordingly, pursuant to 151.13(f) of the Customs Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Customs commercial gauger approval of I.N.C. Surveys has been revoked without prejudice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 4, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Parker, Science Officer, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 5.5-B, Washington, DC 20229 at (202) 927-1060.

Dated: June 9, 1998.

George D. Heavey,

Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0179]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information on the insured's eligibility to change his/her insurance plan.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0179" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5038.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is