

intends to request OMB approve of this information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Renewal of Existing Collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* Certification and Agreement Forms for the Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2137-0584.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Use:* This collection is used by RSPA to ensure that state agencies attesting they have regulatory jurisdiction over pipeline safety, have adopted and are complying with minimum Federal safety standards. This information is used to calculate grants to states. These grants are used by states to help fund a significant portion of their state pipeline safety programs.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 62.

*Respondents:* State Agencies.

*Total Annual Hours Requested:* 3,678.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Comments should be sent to Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh St., SW Washington, D.C. 20590-0001 or by e-mail to OPS.comments@rspa.dot.gov.

**DATES:** Comments to this notice must be received on or before December 14, 1998 to be assured consideration.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on October 8, 1998.

**Richard B. Felder,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4452 Notice 2]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of an Existing Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) intention to request a renewal of a currently approved information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) Recordkeeping for Gas Pipeline Operators.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 14, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366-6205, or by e-mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Recordkeeping for Gas Pipeline Operators.

*OMB Number:* 2137-0049.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* 49 U.S.C. 60117 explains that in order to enable the Secretary of Transportation to decide whether a person transporting gas is complying with Federal Safety standards this statute requires the maintenance of records and reports and that these and other requested information be provided to the Department of Transportation upon request. These records help ascertain compliance and provide information for incident investigation.

*Estimate of Burden:* The average burden hours per operator is 42.3.

*Respondents:* Gas Pipeline operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 22,700.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 959,191.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, D.C.

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. Send comments to Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001 or by e-mail to ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also be a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 8, 1998.

**Richard Felder,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket RSPA-98-4452 Notice 3]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of an Existing Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) intention to request renewal of an information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) for Recordkeeping for Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Facilities.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 14, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20950, (202) 366-1640 or e-mail marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Recordkeeping for Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Facilities.

*OMB Number:* 2137-0048.

*Abstract:* 49 U.S.C. 60103 Standards for liquefied natural gas pipeline facilities delegates the responsibility for ensuring safe operation of LNG facilities to the Secretary of Transportation. Regulations for enforcing this legislation are found in 33 CFR 193 Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities: Federal Safety Standards. These regulations include recordkeeping requirements that allow

Federal and State inspectors to ensure that these facilities are operated and maintained in a safe manner.

*Estimate of Burden:* The average burden hours per response is 120.

*Respondents:* LNG facility operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 95

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 400.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 11,400 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW, Washington, D.C.

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. Send comments to Dockets Facility Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001 or by e-mail to OPS.comments@rspa.dot.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also be a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 8, 1998.

**Richard B. Felder,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### Expansion of National Customs Automation Program Test of Account-Based Declaration to Additional Ports of Entry

**AGENCY:** Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces Customs plan to expand the National Customs Automation Program Prototype (NCAP/P) to include five additional ports of entry. The addition of these

ports of entry will address the mutual interests of Customs and the trade community in increasing the volume of prototype entries.

**DATES:** Entries will not be able to be filed by participants at the additional ports of entry before November 1, 1998; participants should contact Mike Jackson concerning the exact dates when entries may be filed at the additional ports of entry. Applications to participate in the NCAP/P that are submitted after October 15, 1998, must include the additional information specified in this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be addressed or faxed to Mike Jackson, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 5.2A, Washington, DC 20229, fax number (202) 927-1096.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Jackson, Office of Field Operations, (202) 927-5286.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On March 27, 1997 Customs announced its plan to initiate an account-based declaration prototype (NCAP/P) under the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) (see, 62 FR 14731). On August 21, 1998, a replacement notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 44949) that also broadened the eligibility requirements for participation in the NCAP/P, incorporated enhancements made to the reconciliation component, and clarified the statement process component.

Due to the mutual interests of Customs and the trade community in increasing the volume of prototype entries, Customs will be making NCAP/P processing available at five additional ports of entry. These ports are located at:

- (1) Buffalo, New York (Peace Bridge and Lewiston Bridge only)
- (2) El Paso, Texas
- (3) Nogales, Arizona
- (4) Calexico, California
- (5) Otay Mesa, California

This expansion will begin no earlier than November 1, 1998. Once Customs implements NCAP/P processing at these additional ports, all current and future participants may enter NCAP/P merchandise at any of the NCAP/P ports, i.e., the NCAP/P ports identified in this notice and the notice of August 21, 1998.

Applications to participate in the NCAP/P submitted after the date of this **Federal Register** notice should contain the information specified in the August 21, 1998, notice and must also include the approximate total entries per month expected at each of the five additional NCAP/P ports listed above.

Dated: October 8, 1998

**Audrey Adams,**

*Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[PS-6-95]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**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 an existing notice of proposed rulemaking, Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Excise Tax; Dye Injection Systems and Markers; Measurement (§ 48.4082-1(d)).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 14, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Excise Tax; Dye Injection Systems and Markers; Measurement.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1481.

*Regulation Project Number:* PS-6-95.

*Abstract:* Internal Revenue Code section 4082(a) exempts from tax diesel fuel that is dyed in accordance with prescribed regulations. Regulation section 48.4082-1(d) provides that diesel fuel that is dyed at a terminal rack must be dyed by means of (1) a prescribed mechanical injection system or (2) nonconforming dyeing. Section 48.4082-1(d)(4) prescribes the information that must be retained by a