

We are especially interested in responses to the following questions:

- *Need*—Is there still a need for the regulation? Is the problem that the regulation was originally intended to solve still a problem?
- *Technical Accuracy*—Has the regulation kept pace with the technological, economic, environmental, or other relevant conditions? Would any particular changes make it more effective in achieving its intended goal?
- *Cost/Benefit*—What are the costs, or other burdens or adverse effects, including impacts on use of energy, of the regulation? What are the benefits of the regulation in terms of personal safety or other values? Do the benefits outweigh the costs?
- *Problems*—Are there any problems or complaints in understanding or complying with the regulation?
- *Alternative*—Are there any nonregulatory ways to achieve the goal of the regulation at a lower cost, lower burden, or adverse effect?

We will summarize all comments received in response to this request during the comment period and will provide a copy of the summary to the NBSAC members for their consideration before the October 2002 meeting. We will consider all relevant comments in the formulation of any changes to the boating safety regulations that may result from this review stage.

Dated: March 20, 2002.

Kenneth T. Venuto,

Rear Admiral, Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Marshall and St. Joseph Counties in Indiana

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 (EIS) will be prepared for proposed improvements to US 31 in Marshall and St. Joseph Counties in Indiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Dirks, Environmental Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, 575 North Pennsylvania Street, Room 254, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Telephone:

(317) 226-7492, Fax: (317) 226-7341, e-mail: robert.dirks@fhwa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will prepare an EIS to improve the US 31 corridor through Marshall and St. Joseph Counties in Indiana. The proposed corridor is between US 30 near Plymouth and US 20 in South Bend, a distance of about 20 miles.

This project is intended to evaluate various transportation alternatives that would reduce traffic congestion and improve safety on US 31 with minimal impacts to the environment. The project would also provide greater accessibility to north-central Indiana and would accommodate the transportation needs of the growing population and employment of northern Indiana. Along this 20 mile section of US 31, many of the intersections are currently experiencing traffic congestion and travel delay.

FHWA and INDOT will determine the purpose and need for the project, evaluate alternatives that satisfy the needs, describe the affected environment, discuss the environmental consequences regarding the alternatives, while providing agency coordination and public involvement. The project will follow Indiana's Streamlined EIS Procedures, which can be found on their website at www.fhwa.dot.gov/indiv/procedur.htm.

Early Coordination letters will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies describing the proposed action and inviting the agencies to be Participating Agencies in the study. Once the draft purpose and need has been developed and preliminary alternatives identified, the agencies and the public will have an opportunity to review and comment on this information. Agencies and the public will also have an opportunity to comment when the preliminary alternatives have been screened to those carried forward for more detailed environmental evaluation in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Upon completion of the DEIS, the DEIS will be available for public review and hearings will also be held. Public notice will be given as to the time and place of the meetings and hearings. Another interagency meeting will be held to offer the opportunity to comment on the preferred alternative and mitigation measures that are recommended.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed and any significant impacts are identified, comments and

suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and this EIS should be directed to the FHWA contact provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to the program).

Authority: 23 USC 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: February 22, 2002.

Robert Dirks,

Environmental Specialist, FHWA, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2002-11732]

Notice of Request for Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection: Financial Responsibility, Trucking and Freight Forwarding

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of FMCSA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its clearance of the currently approved information collection identified below under Supplementary Information. This information collection provides registered motor carriers, property brokers, and freight forwarders a means of meeting financial security documentation requirements.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted on the Internet by using the universal resource locator (URL) at: <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>, or by fax to (202) 493-2251. Internet users may view all comments received by the Document Management System (DMS) on the Internet at: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help. Please include the docket

number appearing in the heading of this document on your comment. All comments received will be available for examination and copying at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you would like to be notified when your comments are received, you must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard, or you may print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marian Lee, (202) 358-7028, Insurance Compliance Division (MC-ECI), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Financial Responsibility, Trucking and Freight Forwarding.
OMB Number: 2126-0017.

Background: The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) is authorized to register for-hire motor carriers of regulated commodities under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13902, surface freight forwarders under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13903, and property brokers under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13904. These persons may conduct transportation services only if they are registered pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13901. The Secretary has delegated authority pertaining to these registrations to the FMCSA. Registration remains valid only as long as the transportation entities maintain, on file with the FMCSA, evidence of the required levels of insurance coverage pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13906. Regulations governing financial responsibility requirements are found at 49 CFR 387.

Forms BMC-91, 91X, and 82 provide evidence of the required coverage for bodily injury and property damage (BI&PD) liability. Forms BMC-34 and 83 establish compliance with cargo liability requirements. Forms BMC-84 and 85 are filed by brokers to comply with the requirement for a \$10,000 surety bond or trust fund agreement. Forms BMC-35, 36, and 85 cancel prior filings. Forms BMC-90 and 32 are endorsements that must be attached to BI&PD and cargo insurance policies, respectively, but are not filed with the FMCSA.

Motor carriers can also apply to self-insure BI&PD and/or cargo liability in lieu of filing certificates of insurance or surety bonds with the FMCSA. Form BMC-40 is the application used to apply for self-insurance authority.

Respondents: Motor carriers, freight forwarders, and brokers.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The estimated average burden per response for the BMC-40 is 40 hours. The estimated average burden per response for each of the other forms (BMC-32, 34, 35, 36, 82, 83, 84, 85, 90, 91, and 91X) is 10 minutes per form.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The estimated total annual burden is 200 hours for the BMC-40 based on 5 filings per year [5 filings per year $\times$ 40 hours to complete = 200]. The estimated total annual burden for all of the other forms described above is 45,025 hours based on 270,152 filings per year [270,152 filings per year $\times$ 10 minutes to complete divided by 60 minutes = 45,025 total burden hours]. Therefore, the total burden hour request is 45,225 [200 estimated annual burden hours for the BMC-40 + 45,025 hours for the other forms = 45,225 total burden hours].

Frequency: Certificates of insurance, surety bonds, and trust fund agreements are required when the transportation entity first registers with the FMCSA and then when such coverages are replaced. Notices of cancellation are required only when such certificates of insurance, surety bonds or trust fund agreements are canceled. Form BMC-40 is generally filed only when a carrier seeks approval to self-insure its BI&PD and/or cargo liability.

Public Comments Invited: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FMCSA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance for a renewal of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended, and 49 CFR 1.73.

Issued on: March 18, 2002.

Joseph M. Clapp,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2002-11871]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before May 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Kline, Maritime Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5744; fax: 202-366-7901, or e-mail: kenneth.kline@marad.dot.gov.

Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Obligation Guarantees—46 CFR part 298, Title XI.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0018.

Form Numbers: MA-163, MA-163A

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2002.

Summary of Collection of Information: In accordance with the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, MARAD is authorized to execute a full faith and