forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on June 27, 2002. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 25, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Dunn, Maritime Administration, Office of Ports and Domestic Shipping, 400 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–2307, Fax: (202) 366–6988; or e-mail: kathleen.dunn@marad.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Application for Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for Small Passenger Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0529. Type of Request: Approval of an existing information collection.

Affected Public: Small passenger vessel owners desirous of operating in the coastwise trade.

Form(s): None.

Abstract: Owners of ship vessels desiring waiver of the coastwise trade laws affecting small passenger vessels may file a written application and justification for waiver to the Maritime Administration (MARAD). Since the authority to accept requests for waivers expired September 30, 2002, but may be reauthorized by Congress, MARAD is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve this information collection on a voluntary basis. Such approval would permit MARAD to accept requests for waivers promptly upon renewal of the waiver authority by Congress. The agency would then review the application and make a determination whether to grant the requested waiver. In addition, upon

reauthorization for MARAD to accept waivers, we would request OMB to restore the original approval of this information collection as "required to obtain or retain benefits." This request to OMB would not require additional public notice because such notice is hereby given.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 100 hours.

Addressee: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments are Invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 21, 2002.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration. [FR Doc. 02–27240 Filed 10–24–02; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910–81–P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety Notice of Delays in Processing of Exemption Applications

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), RSPA is publishing the following list of exemption applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Suzanne Hedgepeth, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4535.

Key to "Reasons for Delays"

- 1. Awaiting additional information from applicant
- 2. Extensive public comment under review
- 3. Application is technically complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis
- 4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of exemption applications

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

N-New application

M—Modification request

PM—Party to application with modification request

Dated: Issues in Washington, DC, on October 10, 2002.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion	
New Exemption Application				
11862-N 11927-N 12381-N 12412-N 12440-N 12571-N	The BOC Group, Murray Hill, NJ Alaska Marine Lines, Inc., Seattle, WA Ideal Chemical & Supply Co., Memphis, TN Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR Luxfer Inc., Riverside, CA Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA	4 4 4 4	12/31/2002 12/31/2002 12/31/2002 11/29/2002 12/31/2002 11/29/2002	
12648-N	Stress Engineering Services, Inc., Houston, TX Stress Engineering Services, Inc., Houston, TX Fuel Cell Components & Integrators, Inc., Hauppauge, NY Raufoss Composites AS, Raufoss, NO Arkansas Eastman Division, Eastman Chemical Co., Batesville, AR Weldship Corporation, Bethlehem, PA Defense Technology Corporation, Casper, WY	4 1 4 4 4	11/29/2002 12/31/2002 11/29/2002 11/29/2002 11/29/2002 11/29/2002 11/29/2002	

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
12843–N	United States Enrichment Corporation, Bethesda, MD	4	11/29/2002
12859–N	Atlantic Research Corporation, Gainesville, VA	4	11/29/2002
12867–N	G.L.I. Citergaz, 964 Civray, FR	1	12/31/2002
12902–N	C&S Railroad Corp., Jim Thorpe, PA	4	12/31/2002
12921–N	GATX Rail, Chicago, IL	4	12/29/2002
12929–N	Matheson Tri-Gas, East Rutherford, NJ	4	11/29/2002
12941–N	The Neiman Marcus Group, Longview, TX	4	11/29/2002
12950–N	Walnut Industries, Inc., Bensalem, PA	4	11/29/2002
12960–N	International Fuel Cells, South Windsor, CT	4	11/29/2002
12966–N	Scientific Cylinder Corporation, Englewood, CO	4	11/29/2002
12973–N	Viking Packing Specialist, Tulsa, OK	4	11/29/2002
12990–N	Technifab Products, Inc., Brazil, IN	4	12/31/2002
12991–N	General Plastics Manufacturing Company, Tacoma, WA	4	12/31/2002
4453–M	Dyno Nobel, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT	4	12/31/2002
4884–M	Matheson Tri-Gas East Rutherford, NJ	4	11/29/2002
7060–M	Federal Express Memphis, TN	4	12/31/2002
	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA	4	12/31/2002
7277–M	Structural Composites Industries, Portiona, CA	-	
8162–M		4	12/31/2002
8308–M	Tradewind Enterprises, Inc., Hillsboro, OR	4	10/31/2002
8308–M	American Courier Express Corporation, Miramar, FL	4	10/31/2002
8495–M	Kidde Aerospace, Wilson, NC	4	11/29/02
8718–M	Structural Composities Industries, Pomona, CA	4	12/31/2002
8723–M	Dyno Nobel, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT	4	12/31/2002
10019–M	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA	4	12/31/2002
10440–M	MASS Systems (A Unit of Ameron Global, Inc.), Baldwin Park, CA	4	10/31/2002
10751–M	Dyno Nobel, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT	4	12/31/2002
11194–M	Carleston Technologies Inc, Pressure Technology Div, Glen Burnie, MD	4	11/29/2002
11327–M	Phoenix Services, Inc., Pasadena, MD	1	11/29/2002
11537–M	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., Milford, VA	4	12/31/2002
11579–M	Dyno Nobel, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT	4	12/31/2002
11769–M	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	4	12/31/2002
11769–M	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	4	12/31/2002
11769–M	Hydrite Chemical Company, Brookfield, WI	4	12/31/2002
11791–M	The Coleman Company, Inc., Wichita, KS	4	12/31/2002
11850–M	Air Transport Association, Washington, DC	4	11/29/2002
11860–M	GATX Rail, Chicago, IL	4	12/31/2002
11911–M	Transfer Flow, Inc., Chico, CA	4	12/31/2002
19111–M	Transfer Flow, Inc., Chico, CA	4	12/31/2002
12065–M	Petrolab Company, Latham, NY	4	11/29/2002
12443–M	Dow Reichhold Speciality Latex, LLC, Chickamauga, GA	4	11/29/2002
12449–M	Chlorine Service Company, Inc., Kingwood, TX	4	11/29/2002
12599–M	Voltaix, Inc., North Branch, NJ	4	10/31/2002
12866–M	Delta Air Lines (Technical Operations Center), Atlanta, GA	4	11/29/2002

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection(s); Comment Request

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, Transportation.

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites comment on the information collection(s) described below, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 (PRA). Under the PRA, a Federal agency

conducting or sponsoring a collection of information must display a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), Federal agencies are required to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. The Board is publishing this notice to comply with this requirement. We should note that OMB control numbers were obtained in the past for six of the seven collections of information that are the subject of this notice. Comments are requested

concerning: (1) Whether the particular collections of information described below are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collections have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate.

DATES: Written comments are due on December 24, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments (an original plus 1 copy) should be identified as Paperwork Reduction Act