

Regulatory History

This request constitutes the 30-day notice required by OIRA. The Coast Guard has already published [68 FR 40280 (July 7, 2003)] the 60-day notice required by OIRA. That notice elicited no comments.

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine whether the collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments, to DMS or OIRA, must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR addressed. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, USCG 2003-15506. Comments to OIRA are best assured of having their full effect if OIRA receives them 30 or fewer days after the publication of this request.

Information Collection Request

1. *Title:* Nondestructive Testing of Certain Cargo Tanks on Unmanned Barges.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0052.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners of tank barges.

Form: This collection of information does not require the public to fill out forms, but does require the submittal of information to the Coast Guard in written format.

Abstract: The Coast Guard uses the results of nondestructive testing to evaluate the suitability of older pressure-vessel-type cargo tanks of unmanned barges to remain in service. Once every ten years, it subjects such a tank on an unmanned barge 30 years old or older to nondestructive testing.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 72 hours a year.

2. *Title:* Small Passenger Vessels—46 CFR Subchapters K and T.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0057.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of small passenger vessels.

Form: CG-841, CG-854, CG-948, CG-949, CG-3752 and CG-5256.

Abstract: The information is necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of the program on safety of commercial vessels as it affects small passenger vessels. Collecting it affects small passenger vessels (under 100 gross tons) that carry more than 6 passengers.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 366,798 hours a year.

3. *Title:* Display of Fire-Control Plans for Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0033.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of vessels.

Form: This collection of information does not require the public to fill out forms, but does require the posting and updating of general arrangement plans of certain vessels to minimize danger to personnel onboard, damage to the vessel and the safety of the port and environment.

Abstract: This collection of information takes the form of the posting or display of specific plans on certain categories of commercial vessels. The availability of these plans aids firefighters and damage-control efforts in response to emergencies.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 911 hours a year.

4. *Title:* Approval of Plans and Records for Foreign Vessels Carrying Oil in Bulk.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0026.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of vessels.

Form: This collection of information does not require the public to fill out forms, but does require the submittal of information to the Coast Guard in written format.

Abstract: The Coast Guard collects plans and records to determine whether foreign tank vessels comply with applicable standards for design and construction.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 157 hours a year.

5. *Title:* Offshore Supply Vessels (OSVs)—46 CFR Subchapter L.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0065.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of vessels.

Form: This collection of information does not require the public to fill out forms, but does require the submittal of information to the Coast Guard in written format.

Abstract: Requirements are necessary to instruct those on board of actions to

take in an emergency. These requirements help verify compliance with rules without inspectors' presence to witness routine matters; they even enable OSVs based overseas to stay in compliance without undergoing reinspection here.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 6,175 hours a year.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Standards for Living Organisms in Ship's Ballast Water Discharged in U.S. Waters

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Under the direction of the National Invasive Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act, the Coast Guard seeks consultation with all interested and affected stakeholders to discuss issues to be addressed in the programmatic environmental impact statement for the development of ballast water discharge standards as stated in the September 26, 2003, **Federal Register** (68 FR 55559). To accomplish this, the Coast Guard will hold five regional public scoping meetings in order to expand the opportunity for public input. We seek comments from any interested or affected stakeholders and encourage all stakeholders to attend these meetings.

DATES: The public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates in the cities listed:

- New Orleans, LA, October 27, 2003, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.;
- Oakland, CA, October 29, 2003, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.;
- Cleveland, OH, October 31, 2003, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.;
- Norfolk, VA, November 3, 2003, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and
- Washington DC, November 7, 2003, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.