# SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION UNDER 5 CFR PART 1320 INFORMATION COLLECTION: 2133-New

### B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

#### 1. Universe and Respondent Selection

The survey universe is U.S. commercial cargo/passenger vessel operators. The potential respondent sample for the survey will consist of approximately 100 U.S. vessel operators. The respondents can be grouped into 10 market segments:

Ocean (Coastal) Tanker
Ocean (Coastal) Tank Barge
Inland Tank Barge
Ocean Container
Dry Bulk
Ocean (Coastal) Dry Cargo Barge
Inland Dry Cargo Barge
Offshore Service
Great Lakes Dry Bulk
Ferry

### 2. Procedures for Collecting Information

MARAD will mail a letter to each company's Human Resources Department forwarding the survey and explaining its importance, with a cc to the company's CEO. Responses will be requested within two weeks.

#### 3. Methods to Maximize Response

If responses are not received within two weeks, MARAD will follow up with a phone call to the HR Department and to the CEO if necessary.

## 4. Testing of Procedures

MARAD plans no formal testing of the questionnaire since it is quite brief and does not ask for specific data.

### 5. Contacts for Statistical Aspects and Data Collection

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