

We may modify this plan in light of public comment received during the scoping process. This information will be used as a basis for selecting the proposed action from alternatives under consideration. Analysis of this information may also be used to develop additional alternatives not listed below that can be considered.

### Possible Alternatives

Alternatives currently being considered for future Coast Guard action include:

- Adopting the interim rule as a final rule without changes. This will allow the current level of DCR discharges to continue in limited areas of the Great Lakes and under certain conditions. For the purposes of our environmental review in this second EIS, this represents the “no-action” alternative;
- Adopting a final rule based on the interim rule, but with changes designed to reduce the potential environmental impact of DCR discharges. Possible changes would be specified and could include:
  - Adoption of the mandatory use of DCR control measures;
    - Control measures on vessels, and/or
    - Control measures at the loading and unloading facilities;
    - DCR quantity discharge limits;
    - DCR quantity limits could be scaled according to vessel class, size and/or route length;
    - Cargo type discharge limits; or
    - Additional restrictions on DCR discharge locations;
      - Prohibit all DCR discharges in the Western Basin
      - Zero-Discharge Alternative.

This is not an exhaustive list of alternatives. We intend to be guided by data on DCR discharges and DCR control measures and by consideration of all public comments.

### Scoping Process

Public scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed in this second EIS and for identifying the issues related to the proposed action that may have a significant effect on the Great Lakes environment. The scoping process begins with publication of this notice and ends after the Coast Guard has:

- Invited the participation of Federal, State, and local agencies, any affected Indian tribe, and other interested persons;
  - The Coast Guard has requested the Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the National Park Service, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers

to serve as cooperating agencies in the preparation of this second EIS. With this Notice of Intent, we are asking Federal, State, and local agencies with jurisdiction or special expertise with respect to environmental issues in the Great Lakes region, in addition to those we have already contacted, to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of this tiered EIS.

- Determined the scope and the issues to be analyzed in depth in the second EIS;
  - From our first EIS, we have identified this preliminary list of environmental resources to receive attention in the second EIS:
    - Sediment physical structure
    - Protected and Sensitive Areas
    - Benthic Community
    - Invasive Species
    - Socioeconomic Resources
    - Identified and eliminated from detailed study those issues that are not significant or that have been covered elsewhere (for example, we do not anticipate detailed study of the following environmental resources that we determined, in the first EIS, to have “no impact” from DCR discharges: fish and other pelagic organisms, waterfowl, and recreational or commercial fishing);
      - Allocated responsibility for preparing the tiered EIS components;
      - Indicated any related environmental assessments or environmental impact statements that are not part of the tiered EIS;
      - Identified other relevant environmental review and consultation requirements, such as Coastal Zone Management Act consistency determinations, and threatened and endangered species and habitat impacts;
      - Indicated the relationship between timing of the environmental review and other aspects of the application process; and
      - Exercised our option under 40 CFR 1501.7(b) to hold the public scoping meeting announced in this notice.

Once the scoping process is complete, the Coast Guard will prepare a draft second EIS, and we will publish a **Federal Register** notice announcing its public availability. If you wish to be mailed or e-mailed the announcement of the second EIS’s notice of availability, please contact the person named in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or send a request to be added to our contact mailing list along with your name and mailing address or an e-mail address online, by fax, mail, or hand delivery according to the *Submitting Comments* instructions above. If you provide comments on this notice, we will automatically add your contact information to our contact mailing list

and you will automatically be sent an announcement of the draft second EIS’s notice of availability. We will provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the draft second EIS. After the Coast Guard considers those comments, we will prepare the final second EIS and similarly announce its availability and solicit public review and comment.

Dated: December 19, 2008.

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*Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards, U.S. Coast Guard.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Transportation Security Administration

#### Extension of Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Aircraft Operator Security

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

**ACTION:** 30-day Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has forwarded the Information Collection Request (ICR), OMB control number 1652–0003, abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval of an extension of the currently approved collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. TSA published a **Federal Register** notice, with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments, of the following collection of information on October 10, 2008, 73 FR 60310. TSA has implemented aircraft operator security standards at 49 CFR part 1544, which require each aircraft operator to which this part applies to adopt and implement a security program.

**DATES:** Send your comments by January 28, 2009. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security/TSA, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ginger LeMay, Office of Information Technology, TSA-11, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 20598-0011; telephone (571) 227-3616; e-mail [ginger.lemay@dhs.gov](mailto:ginger.lemay@dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Comments Invited**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation is available at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Information Collection Requirement**

*Title:* Aircraft Operator Security.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 1652-0003.

*Forms(s):* N/A.

*Affected Public:* Aircraft Operators.

*Abstract:* 49 CFR part 1544 requires aircraft operators to maintain, update, and comply with TSA-approved comprehensive security programs to ensure the safety of persons and property traveling on their flights. These programs and related records are subject to TSA inspection.

*Number of Respondents:* 800.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* An estimated 1,841,130 hours annually.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, on December 19, 2008.

**Joanna Johnson,**

*Acting Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Business Improvements and Communications, Office of Information Technology.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Transportation Security Administration**

[Docket No. TSA-2005-21866]

**Extension of Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Enhanced Security Procedures at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport**

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

**ACTION:** 30-day Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has forwarded the Information Collection Request (ICR), OMB control number 1652-0035, abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval of an extension of the currently approved collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. TSA published a **Federal Register** notice, with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments, of the following collection of information on October 20, 2008, 73 FR 62304. TSA requires General Aviation (GA) aircraft operators who wish to fly into and/or out of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) to designate a security coordinator and adopt the DCA Access Standard Security Program (DASSP).

**DATES:** Send your comments by January 28, 2009. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security/TSA, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Comments Invited**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to

respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation is available at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Information Collection Requirement**

*Title:* Enhanced Security Procedures at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 1652-0035.

*Forms(s):* N/A.

*Affected Public:* Aircraft Operators.

*Abstract:* TSA issued an interim final rule to restore access to Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA) for certain aircraft operations while maintaining the security of critical Federal Government and other assets in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The IFR and this information collection apply to all passenger aircraft operations into or out of DCA, except U.S. air carrier operations operating under a full security program required by 49 CFR part 1544 and foreign air carrier operations operating under 49 CFR 1546.101(a) or (b).

*Number of Respondents:* 548.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* An estimated 1,370 hours annually.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, on December 19, 2008.

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