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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2009-0362]

Collection of Information Under Review by Office of Management
and Budget: OMB Control Numbers: 1625-0014, 1625-0038, and 1625-0069

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Thirty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the U.S. Coast Guard is forwarding three Information Collection Requests (ICRs), abstracted below, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting an extension of its approval for the following collections of information: (1) 1625-0014, Request for Designation and Exemption of Oceanographic Research Vessels; (2) 1625-0038, Plan Approval and Records for Tank, Passenger, Cargo and Miscellaneous Vessels, Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, Nautical School Vessels and Oceanographic Research Vessels--46 CFR Subchapters D, H, I, I-A, R and U; and (3) 1625-0069, Ballast Water Management for Vessels with Ballast Tanks Entering U.S. Waters. Review and comments by OIRA ensure we only impose paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before November 16, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG-2009-0362] to the Docket Management Facility (DMF) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) or to OIRA. To avoid duplication, please submit your comments by only one of the following means:

(1) Electronic submission. (a) To Coast Guard docket at <http://www.regulation.gov>. (b) To OIRA by e-mail via: oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.

(2) Mail or Hand delivery. (a) DMF (M-30), DOT, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey

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Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Hand deliver between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The telephone number is 202-366-9329. (b) To OIRA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, attention Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

(3) Fax. (a) To DMF, 202-493-2251. (b) To OIRA at 202-395-5806. To ensure your comments are received in a timely manner, mark the fax, attention Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

The DMF maintains the public docket for this Notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this Notice as being available in the docket, will become part of the docket and will be available for inspection or copying at Room W12-140 on the West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find the docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Copies of the ICRs are available through the docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Additionally, copies are available from: Commandant (CG-611), Attn: Paperwork Reduction Act Manager, U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd St., SW., Stop 7101, Washington, DC 20593-7101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Mr. Arthur Requina, Office of Information Management, telephone 202-475-3523 or fax 202-475-3929, for questions on these documents. Contact Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, 202-366-9826, for questions on the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Coast Guard invites comments on whether these ICRs should be granted based on it being necessary for the proper performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments to Coast Guard or OIRA must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR. They must also contain the docket number of this request, [USCG 2009-0362]. For your comments to OIRA to be considered, it is best if they are received on or before November 16, 2009.

Public participation and request for comments: We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. We will post all comments received, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>. They will include any personal information you provide. We have an agreement with DOT to use their DMF. Please see the ``Privacy Act'' paragraph below.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include the docket number [USCG-2009-0362], indicate the specific section of the document to which each comment applies, providing a reason for each comment. We recommend you include your name, mailing address, an e-mail address, or other contact information in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. You may submit comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the DMF at the address under ADDRESSES; but please submit them by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8\1/2\ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. In response to your comments, we

may revise the ICR or decide not to seek an extension of approval for this collection. The Coast Guard and OIRA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Viewing comments and documents: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> to view documents mentioned in this Notice as being available in the docket. Click on the "read comments" box, which will then become highlighted in blue. In the "Keyword" box insert "USCG-2009-0362" and click "Search." Click the "Open Docket Folder" in the "Actions" column. You may also visit the DMF in room W12-140 on the West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received in dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Privacy Act statement regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008 issue of the Federal Register (73 FR 3316).

Previous Request for Comments

This request provides a 30-day comment period required by OIRA. The Coast Guard has published the 60-day notice (74 FR 26875, June 4, 2009) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That Notice elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request

1. Title: Request for Designation and Exemption of Oceanographic Research Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0014.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Owners/operators of vessels.

Abstract: This information is necessary to ensure a vessel qualifies for the designation.

Forms: None.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has decreased from 51 hours to 35 hours a year.

2. Title: Plan Approval and Records for Tank, Passenger, Cargo and Miscellaneous Vessels, Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, Nautical School Vessels and Oceanographic Research Vessels--46 CFR Subchapters D, H, I, I-A, R and U.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0038.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Shipyards, designers, and manufacturers of certain vessels.

Abstract: Under 46 U.S.C. 3301 and 3306, the Coast Guard is responsible for enforcing regulations promoting safety of life and property in marine transportation. The Coast Guard uses this information to ensure a vessel meets the applicable standards for construction, arrangement, and equipment.

Forms: None.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has decreased from 13,790 hours to 2,970 hours a year.

3. Title: Ballast Water Management for Vessels with Ballast Tanks Entering U.S. Waters.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0069.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Owners and operators of certain vessels.

Abstract: The information is needed to ensure compliance with requirements in 33 CFR Part 151, Subparts C and D. The information will also be used for research and periodic reporting to Congress.

Forms: CG-5662.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has decreased from 60,769 hours to 60,727 hours a year.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

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