



# Homeland Security

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SUBJECT: Oil Clean-up Equipment and Skimmers, Emergency Request for  
Approval

This is a request for emergency approval for a new collection of information to recover the oil released from the BP Deepwater Horizon spill. The title of the collection is "Oil Clean-up Equipment and Skimmers." Approval is requested by June 21, 2010, with an expiration date of December 31, 2010.

- a. The information we request under this new collection is essential to the Coast Guard's mission. It is needed to manage oil cleaning assets in the Gulf of Mexico's Deepwater Horizon spill. This collection is necessary to ensure that the National Incident Command can track down any unused oil cleaning assets and effectively use them in the Gulf. Respondents are owners and operators of oil cleaning equipment (i.e. oil skimmers).
- b. The use of the normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to delay or disrupt the collection of information due to the magnitude/urgency of this major on-going spill. Oil is currently discharging into the Gulf of Mexico at unprecedented levels. There are simply not enough U.S. Oil Spill Response Vessels (OSRV) capable of skimming oil to keep up with the pace at which it is flowing from the well. Domestic and Foreign OSRVs capable of skimming oil are needed to provide adequate and timely protection to the Gulf Coast.

The proposed process of information collection will lessen the burden by providing an online form that will be posted to the CG Homeport site that can easily be accessed. This information will be transmitted electronically to the National Incident Command.