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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2011-1014]

Collection of Information Under Review by Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Thirty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 the U.S. Coast Guard is forwarding Information Collection Requests (ICRs), abstracted below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), requesting an extension of its approval for the following collections of information: 1625-0028, Course Approval and Records for Merchant Marine Training Schools and 1625-0069, Ballast Water Management for Vessels with Ballast Tanks Entering U.S. Waters. Our ICRs describe the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and comments by OIRA ensure we only impose paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard and OIRA on or before February 13, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG-2011-1014] to the Docket Management Facility (DMF) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and/or to OIRA. To avoid duplicate submissions, please use only one of the following means:

(1) Online: (a) To Coast Guard docket at <u>http://www.regulations.gov</u>.
(b) To OIRA by email via: <u>OIRA-submission@omb.eop.gov</u>.

(2) Mail: (a) DMF (M-30), DOT, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. (b) To OIRA, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, attention Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

(3) Hand Delivery: To DMF address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 366-9329.

(4) Fax: (a) To DMF, (202) 493-2251. (b) To OIRA at (202) 395-6566. 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

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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 <u>http://www.regulations.gov</u>. 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: Ms. Kenlinishia Tyler, Office of Information Management, telephone (202) 475-3652 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:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

This Notice relies on the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended. An ICR is an application to OIRA seeking the approval, extension, or renewal of a Coast Guard collection of information (Collection). The ICR contains information describing the Collection's purpose, the Collection's likely burden on the affected public, an explanation of the necessity of the Collection, and other important information describing the Collections. There is one ICR for each Collection.

The Coast Guard invites comments on whether these ICRs should be granted based on the Collections 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 the Collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. These comments will help OIRA determine whether to approve the ICRs referred to in this Notice.

We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. 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 2011-1014], and must be received by February 13, 2012. We will post all comments received, without change, to <u>http://www.regulations.gov</u>. 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-2011-1014], indicate the specific section of the document to which each comment applies, providing a reason for each comment. If you submit a comment online via <u>www.regulations.gov</u>, it will be considered received by the Coast Guard when you successfully transmit the comment. If you fax, hand deliver, or mail your comment, it will be considered as having been received by the Coast Guard when it is received at the DMF. We recommend you include your name, mailing address, an email 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. To submit your comment online, go to <u>http://www.regulations.gov</u>, and type `USCG-2011-1014'' in the `Keyword'' box. If you submit your comments by mail or hand 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 comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and will address them accordingly.

Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this Notice as being available in the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov, click on the ``read comments'' box, which will then become highlighted in blue. In the ``Keyword'' box insert ``USCG-2011-1014'' and click ``Search.'' Click the ``Open Docket Folder'' in the ``Actions'' column. You may also visit the DMF in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

OIRA posts its decisions on ICRs online at <u>http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain</u> after the comment period for each ICR. An OMB Notice of Action on each ICR will become available via a hyperlink in the OMB Control Numbers: 1625-0028 and 1625-0069.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of 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 a Privacy Act statement regarding Coast Guard 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 published the 60-day notice (76 FR 68772, November 7, 2011) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That Notice elicited one comment. The commenter asked the Coast Guard to consider revising the submission format to reflect the content, a subject heading that does the same and condense the redundant verbiage.

Much of the language in these Information Collection Requests is

mandated by statute and regulations of the Office of Management and Budget. That language must remain in the Notices. The Coast Guard acknowledges that it goes to great lengths to inform the public of the various means of submission of comments to the docket and how these comments can be viewed in the public docket. We also feel that it is desirable to inform potential submitters of the Privacy Act ramifications of these comments. The Coast Guard will consider the content of this comment in future revisions to our ICRs to OMB.

Information Collection Request

1. Title: Course Approval and Records for Merchant Marine Training Schools.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0028.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection. Respondents: Merchant marine training schools.

Abstract: The information is needed to ensure that merchant marine training schools meet minimal statutory requirements. The information is used to approve the curriculum, facility and faculty for these schools.

Forms: None.

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Burden Estimate: The estimated burden remains 97,260 hours a year. 2. Title: Ballast Water Management for Vessels with Ballast Tanks Entering U.S. Waters.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0069.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection. Respondents: Owners and operators of certain vessels.

Abstract: This collection requires the master of a vessel to provide information that details the vessel operator's ballast water management efforts. Forms: CG-5662.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden remains 60,727 hours a year.

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

Dated: December 23, 2011. R.E. Day, Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology. [FR Doc. 2012-400 Filed 1-11-12; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 9110-04-P