

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
INFORMATION COLLECTION

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

“Reporting Confirmed Discovery Data in Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Accidents”
OMB Control No. 2137-XXXX (PHMSA is requesting a new OMB Control No.)
Docket No. PHMSA-2013-0163

INTRODUCTION

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) requests approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of a new information collection entitled, “Reporting Confirmed Discovery Data in Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Accidents.” The development of this information collection is necessary due to the following PHMSA action that will trigger components of the Paperwork Reduction Act:

- **Docket No. PHMSA-2013-0163 - Pipeline Safety: Operator Qualification, Cost Recovery, Accident and Incident Notification, and Other Pipeline Safety Proposed Changes**
 - o **This collection will add 400 Annual Responses and 13 Annual Burden Hours for the reporting of confirmed discovery accident data on PHMSA Form 7000-1.**

Part A. Justification

1. Circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

49 CFR 195.50 of the Pipeline Safety regulations require hazardous liquid pipeline operators to report accidents. Section 9 of the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011 required PHMSA to establish time limits, not later than 1 hour following the confirmed discovery of an accident, for pipeline operators to make telephonic or electronic notifications of such events. The NPRM “Pipeline Safety: Operator Qualification, Cost Recovery, Accident and Incident Notification, and Other Pipeline Safety Proposed Changes” would amend 49 CFR 1.97(a) to add the definition of “confirmed discovery” and 49 CFR Part 191.5 to require the immediate notification of certain accidents and to require operators to indicate the date and time of confirmed discovery when reporting a hazardous liquid accident. This information collection is designed to account for the burden it will take operators to comply with this reporting requirement.

Specifically, this information is designed to account for revisions being made to the Hazardous Liquid Accident report form (PHMSA Form 7000-1) which is currently under OMB Control No. 2137-0047. Upon OMB approval, the burden associated with this collection will be merged

with the burden of 2137-0047 to account for the overall burden of submitting the Hazardous Liquid annual report and this information will be discontinued.

This information collection promotes the US DOT's Safety Strategic Goals. The PHMSA delegation of authority is found in 49 CFR 1.97 which allows for PHMSA to exercise the authority vested in the Secretary in under Chapter 601 of title 49, U.S.C.

2. How, by whom, and for what purpose is the information to be used.

The information collection provides PHMSA with the information necessary to evaluate the risk posed by these lines. PHMSA will use the information provided in the reports to more accurately assess the risks to hazardous liquid pipeline infrastructure, understand emerging safety related trends, and identify opportunities for improving the regulatory system for hazardous liquid pipelines.

3. Extent of automated information collection

PHMSA Form 7000.1 Hazardous Liquid Accident Report may be submitted electronically on-line on the PHMSA website. PHMSA encourages the use of electronic technology. PHMSA expects at least 90 percent of data collection and reporting to be completed electronically.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication

There is no duplication, as the information collected is unique to specific situations.

5. Efforts to minimize the burden on small businesses.

The burden has been made as simple as possible. PHMSA expects impacted operators to be large and small businesses. For PHMSA to be able to effectively carry out its legislative mandate and monitor overall pipeline safety, it is essential that both large and small operators of pipelines provide incident reports.

6. Impact of less frequent collection of information.

It is not possible to conduct the collection less frequently and still ensure the necessary level of safety to life and property inherent in transporting hazardous materials. PHMSA would not be able to adequately assess potential risks associated with these pipelines, which could potentially be detrimental to the pipeline safety and the protection of the environment. Therefore, less frequent information collection could compromise the safety of the U.S. pipeline system and the environment.

7. Special Circumstances.

The information collection contains no special circumstances.

8. Compliance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d).

PHMSA issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on July 10, 2015 (80 FR 39916). The comment period ends on September 8, 2015.

9. Payment or gifts to respondents.

There is no payment or gift provided to respondents associated with this collection of information.

10. Assurance of confidentiality.

PHMSA does not have the authority to guarantee confidentiality.

11. Justification for collection of sensitive information.

The reporting requirements of this information collection do not involve questions of a sensitive nature.

12. Estimate of burden hours for information requested.***400 Annual Responses and 13 Annual Burden Hours***

PHMSA estimates that 400 hazardous liquid accident reports (responses) are submitted each year using PHMSA Form 7000-1. As a result of the proposed rule, PHMSA will revise the accident reporting form and instructions to allow operators to enter the date and time they confirm the discovery of an accident. PHMSA estimates that it will take operators one (1) additional minute to read the revision to the instructions for PHMSA Form 7000-1 and another minute to enter the date and time of a confirmed accident discovery on the hazardous liquid report form. The two additional minutes equate to .0333hours. This results in an overall burden estimate of 13 hours (400 responses *.0333hours)

13. Estimate of the total annual costs burden.

There are no additional monetary costs to the respondents to comply with this data request.

14. Estimates of costs to the Federal Government

There is no additional cost to the Federal Government associated with this information collection.

15. Explanation of the program change or adjustments.

The Pipeline Safety: Operator Qualification, Cost Recovery, Accident and Incident Notification, and Other Pipeline Safety Proposed Changes NPRM proposes to amend 49 CFR Part 191.5 to require the immediate notification of certain accidents and to require operators to indicate the date and time of confirmed discovery when reporting a hazardous liquid accident. This information collection is designed to account for the burden it will take operators to comply with this reporting requirement.

16. Publication of results of data collection.

This information will not be published for statistical purposes.

17. Approval for not displaying the expiration date of OMB approval.

PHMSA is not seeking such approval.

18. Exceptions to the certification statement.

There is no exception.