

**Supporting Statement
for
Approval of Alterations to Marine Portable Tanks;
Approval of Non-Specification Portable Tanks**

OMB No.: 1625-0062
COLLECTION INSTRUMENTS: Instruction

A. Justification

1. Circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

The U.S. Coast Guard administers and enforces the laws and regulations promoting the safety of life and property in marine transportation. The offshore oil industry uses marine portable tanks (MPTs) and other types of portable tanks to carry hazardous materials such as combustible liquids to and from offshore drill rigs. These tanks must be capable of being filled and discharged safely aboard vessels.

Title 46 CFR 64.9 specifies that each owner or manufacturer who wants to alter an existing MPT must request a written approval from the Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center. New MPTs may no longer be built under this part. Title 46 CFR 98.33-1 specifies that the Commandant of the Coast Guard may approve the design of portable tanks for the transport of certain Grade E combustible liquids and other low hazard materials when the tank does not meet a DOT design specification.

The legal requirements that necessitate this collection are 46 U.S.C. 3306, 3703 and 49 U.S.C. 5103, 5106 and 5121.

Under the Federal Enterprise Architecture Business Reference Module, the Line of Business is Transportation and the **Subfunction** is **Water Transportation**.

This information collection supports the following strategic goals:

Department of Homeland Security

- Prevention
- Protection

U.S. Coast Guard

- Marine Safety
- Protection of the Natural Resources

Prevention Policy & Response Policy Directorates (CG-5P & CG-5R)

- Safety: Eliminate deaths, injuries, and property damage associated with commercial maritime operations.
- Economic Growth and Trade/Mobility: Reduce interruptions and impediments that restrict the economical flow of goods and people, while maximizing safe, effective, and efficient waterways for all users.

2. Purpose of the information collection.

Approval by the Coast Guard for alterations to MPTs ensures that the altered tank retains the level of safety to which it was originally designed. Approval by the Coast Guard of portable tanks that do not meet DOT specification ensures that the non-specification tank will provide a level of safety equivalent to a specification tank. If the Coast Guard did not approve MPT alterations, use of unsafe tanks could result in fires, chemical spills or similar marine casualties. In addition, rules that allow for the approval of non-specification portable tanks assure that innovation and new designs are not frustrated by the regulations.

3. Consideration of the use of improved information technology.

The information specified above is MPT specific. The Coast Guard Marine Safety Center (MSC) has a Web site that details how a respondent may submit plans electronically for review. For information on submitting information to the CG MSC, go to the Marine Safety Center Bulletin 01-15 at this [LINK](#). We estimate that 100% of the responses may be done electronically. At this time, we estimate that 100% of responses are received in electronic format.

4. Efforts to identify duplication.

The information of each submission is specific to that operation. There are no other similar Federal requirements known to exist.

5. Methods to minimize the burden to small businesses if involved.

For safety reasons all portable tanks must be built to the same recognized standards. The burden imposed on small businesses cannot, therefore, be lessened relative to the burden on larger entities.

6. Consequences to the Federal program if collection were conducted less frequently.

Information will not be collected at any set frequency or schedule. Information is submitted only when a manufacturer or owner seeks approval of an MPT alteration or new tank design.

7. Special collection circumstances.

This information collection is conducted in manner consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. Consultation.

A 60-Day Notice (See [USCG-2017-0114], August 7, 2017, 82 FR 36810) and 30-Day Notice (October 25, 2017, 82 FR 49392) were published in the Federal Register to obtain public comment on this collection. The Coast Guard has not received any comments on this information collection.

9. Provide any payments or gifts to respondents.

There is no offer of monetary or material value for this information collection.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents.

There are no assurances of confidentiality provided to the respondents for this information collection. However, the U.S. Coast Guard activities cited in this information collection request is covered by the Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE) Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) and System of Records Notice (SORN). Links to the MISLE PIA and SORN are provided below:

- https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/privacy_pia_uscg_misle.pdf
- <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2009-06-25/html/E9-14906.htm>

11. Additional justification for questions of a sensitive nature.

There are no questions of sensitive language.

12. Estimate of annual hour and cost burdens to respondents.

- The estimated number of annual respondents is 1.
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- The estimated hour burden is 18.

- The estimated cost burden is \$1,566.

The burden to respondents is provided in Appendix A. We estimate that it takes a portable tank design engineer about 18 hours to prepare a plan submission for a MPT modification or non-specification portable tank. The position of a design engineer is analogous to a GS-13. The wage rate used is in accordance with the current edition of COMDTINST 7310.1(series) for “Out-Government” personnel.

The frequency of response is not on a set schedule, but happens whenever a revision is made.

13. Estimate of annualized capital and start-up costs.

There are no capital, start-up or maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

14. Estimate of annualized Federal Government costs.

The estimated annual Federal Government cost is \$744 (Appendix B). We estimate that it will take a Coast Guard plan reviewer about 8 hours to conduct a review, and that the review is typically done by a Lieutenant Commander (LCDR, O-4). The wage rate used is in accordance with the current edition of COMDTINST 7310.1(series) for “In-Government” personnel.

15. Explain the reasons for the change in burden.

There is no change in hour burden. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and methodology for calculating burden, remain unchanged.

16. Plans for tabulation, statistical analysis, and publication.

This information collection will not be published for statistical purposes.

17. Approval for not explaining the expiration date for OMB approval.

The Coast Guard will display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

The Coast Guard does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.