

Part B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

The following five questions must be answered when a survey is planned. If the information collection involves statistical methods, OST/S81 requests that you obtain a review and concurrence from BTS before submission of the collection to OST/S81.

1. Describe potential respondent universe and any sampling selection method to be used.

With such a small survey pool, there will be no sampling selection applied. The respondents will receive the emailed survey and simply answer the 'yes/no' questions and reply to the email. The survey will be emailed to approximately 575 mariners with 125-150 responses anticipated.

2. Describe procedures for collecting information, including statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection, estimation procedures, degree of accuracy needed, and less than annual periodic data cycles.

The survey responses will be emailed to the Exercise Coordinator. With such small survey sample, there will be no issue with accuracy or have a need for sampling.

3. Describe methods to maximize response rate.

After the initial survey is sent. A reminder notice will be sent a week later.

4. Describe tests of procedures or methods.

Not applicable. This is a small low-level data collection survey.

5. Provide name and telephone number of individuals who were consulted on statistical aspects of the information collection and who will collect and/or analyze the information.

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