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The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this Request. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also access this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Copies of the complete ICRs are available through this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and also from Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, room 6106 (Attn: Barbara Davis), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-267-2326.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document. With questions on the docket, ask Dorothy Walker, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9330.

#### Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written comments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this document [USCG-2000-6847] and the specific ICR to which each comment applies, and give the reason(s) for each comment. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

#### Information Collection Requests

1. *Title:* Request for Designation and Exemption of Oceanographic Research Vessels.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0053.

*Summary:* 46 U.S.C. 2113(2) authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to exempt Oceanographic Research Vessels, by regulation, from provisions of Subtitle II of Title 46, Shipping, of the United States Code, concerning maritime safety and seamen's welfare.

*Need:* This information is necessary to ensure that a vessel qualifies for the designation.

*Respondents:* Owner or operator of vessel.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden:* The estimated burden is 29 hours annually.

2. *Title:* Oil Record Book for Ships.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0025.

*Summary:* The Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) and the International Convention for Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the 1978 Protocol relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), the Act and the Convention require that information about oil (cargo or fuel) be entered into an Oil Record Book (CG-4602A). The requirement appears at 33 CFR 151.25.

*Need:* This information serves to verify sightings of actual violations of the APPS to determine the level of compliance with MARPOL 73/78 and as a means of reinforcing the discharge provisions.

*Respondents:* Operators of vessels.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden:* The estimated burden is 35,828 hours annually.

3. *Title:* Vessel Identification System.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0607.

*Summary:* The Secretary of Transportation must establish a nationwide vessel-identification system (VIS) and centralize certain vessel-documentation functions. VIS provides participating States and territories with access to their own data on numbered vessels. Participation in VIS is voluntary.

*Need:* 46 U.S.C. 12501 mandates the establishment of a VIS. 33 CFR part 187 prescribe the requirements of VIS.

*Respondents:* Governments of States and territories.

*Frequency:* Daily.

*Burden:* The estimated burden is 5,697 hours annually.

Dated: February 4, 2000.

G.N. Naccara,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Information and Technology.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG-1999-6334]

#### Information Collection by Agency Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the Coast Guard has forwarded the Information Collection Reports (ICRs)

abstracted below to OMB for review and comment. Our ICRs describe the information that we seek to collect from the public. Review and comment by OMB ensure that we impose only paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

**DATES:** Please submit comments on or before March 13, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send comments to both (1) the Docket Management System (DMS), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, and (2) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, to the attention of the Desk Officer for the USCG.

Copies of the complete ICRs are available for inspection and copying in public docket USCG-1999-6334 of the Docket Management Facility between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays; for inspection and printing on the internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>; and for inspection from the Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard, room 6106, 2100 Second Street S.W., Washington, DC, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document; Dorothy Walker, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9330, for questions on the docket.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Regulatory History

This request constitutes the 30-day notice required by OMB. The Coast Guard has already published [64 FR 57181 (October 22, 1999)] the 60-day notice required by OMB. That request elicited no comments.

#### Request for Comments

The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine whether the collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments, to DMS or OIRA, must contain the OMB Control Numbers of all ICRs addressed. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, USCG 1999-6334. Comments to OIRA are best assured of having their full effect if OIRA receives them 30 or fewer days after the publication of this request.

#### Information Collection Requests

##### 1. Title: Vessel Reporting Requirement.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0551.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners, charterers, managing operators, or agents of U.S. vessels.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: The collection of information requires the owner, charterer, managing operator, or agent of a vessel of the United States to immediately notify the Coast Guard if there is a reason to believe that his or her vessel may be lost or imperiled. The person must follow up the report with written communication submitted to the Coast Guard within 24 hours.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 137 hours annually.

##### 2. Title: Report of Oil or Hazardous Substance Discharge.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0137.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Persons in charge of vessels, onshore or offshore facilities.

Forms: N/A.

Abstract: The collection of information requires that any person in charge of a vessel, an onshore or offshore facility report to the National Response Center, as soon as he or she has knowledge of any discharge of oil or a hazardous substance.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 7,917 hours annually.

Dated: February 4, 2000.

G.N. Naccara,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Information and Technology.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Highway Administration

##### Environmental Impact Statement; Obion and Dyer Counties, Tennessee and Fulton County, Kentucky

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Obion and Dyer Counties, Tennessee and Fulton County, Kentucky.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark Doctor, Project Management Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 640 Grassmere Park, Suite 112, Nashville, Tennessee 37211, Telephone: (615) 781-5788.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to construct a four-lane divided freeway in Obion and Dyer Counties, Tennessee and Fulton County, Kentucky. The proposed project would involve improvements to existing Highway US 51/State Route (SR) 3 from the interchange with Highway US 412/SR 20 in Dyer County, Tennessee, north to the Purchase Parkway in Fulton County, Kentucky, for a distance of about 74 kilometers (46 miles).

The proposed improvement is a section of independent utility of the Congressionally-designated High Priority Corridor 18, or future Interstate 69. The purpose of the corridor is to improve international and interstate trade and to facilitate economic development. The proposed project would also provide a link between two existing full access-controlled highways and provide for future traffic capacity needs.

Alternatives to be considered are: (1) Taking no action; (2) three build alternatives consisting of upgrading sections of existing US 51/SR 3 and building other sections on new location; and (3) other alternatives that may arise from public and agency input. Incorporated into and studied with the various build alternatives will be design variations of grade and alignment.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. A public hearing will be held upon completion of the Draft EIS and public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. A formal scoping meeting is planned.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are

addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: January 26, 2000.

Charles S. Boyd,

Tennessee Division Administrator, Nashville.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2000-6871]

##### Notice of Request for the Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend the following currently approved information collection: 49 U.S.C. Section 5312(a) Research, Development, Demonstration and Training Projects

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted before April 11, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Central Dockets Office, PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** 49 U.S.C. Section 5312(a) Research, Development, Demonstration and Training Projects—Mr. Henry Nejako, Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation, (202) 366-0184. Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5312(a) Research,