

taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning this proceeding are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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**Edward W. Pritchard,**

*Acting Director, Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management

and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 24, 2001. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 4, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Evelyn Harley, Maritime Administration, MAR–580, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202–366–5867 or FAX 202–366–7901.

Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Maritime Administration (MARAD).

*Title:* Uniform Financial Reporting Requirements.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133–0005.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Vessel owners acquiring ships from MARAD on credit, companies chartering ships from MARAD, and companies having Title XI guarantee obligations.

*Form (S):* MA–172.

*Abstract:* The Uniform Financial Reporting Requirements are used as a basis for preparing and filing semi-annual and annual financial statements with the Maritime Administration

(MARAD). Regulations requiring financial reports to MARAD are authorized by section 801, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 1881 hours.

*Addressee:* Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

*Comments are Invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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**Michael J. McMorrow,**

*Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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