

date on which the administering authority initiated the investigation.

The Department has determined that the parties involved in the proceeding are cooperating and that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated. See section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act. Specifically, the Department is currently investigating alleged subsidy programs involving loans, grants, income tax incentives, and the provision of goods or services for less than adequate remuneration. Due to the number and complexity of the alleged countervailable subsidy practices being investigated, it is not practicable to complete the preliminary determination of this investigation within the original time limit (*i.e.*, by March 23, 2012). Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we are fully extending the due date for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the day on which the investigation was initiated. However, as that date falls on a Sunday (*i.e.*, May 27, 2012) and is followed by a federal holiday on Monday, May 28, 2012, the deadline for completion of the preliminary determination is now Tuesday, May 29, 2012, the next business day.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: March 2, 2012.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of the American Petroleum Institute's Standards Activities

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The American Petroleum Institute (API), with the assistance of other interested parties, continues to develop standards in several areas. This notice lists the standardization efforts currently being conducted by API committees. The publication of this notice by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on behalf of API is being undertaken as a public service. NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend the standards referenced.

DATES: Dates of conferences and meetings are provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

ADDRESSES: American Petroleum Institute, 1220 L Street NW., Washington, DC 20005; telephone (202) 682-8000, <http://www.api.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All contact individuals listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice may be reached at the American Petroleum Institute.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The American Petroleum Institute develops and publishes voluntary standards for equipment, materials, operations, and processes for the petroleum and natural gas industry. These standards are used by both private industry and by governmental agencies. All interested persons should contact the appropriate source as listed for further information.

Exploration & Production

Specification 2C, *Offshore Pedestal-mounted Cranes*, 7th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2D, *Operation and Maintenance of Offshore Cranes*, 7th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2EQ, *Seismic Design Procedures and Criteria for Offshore Structures*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 4G, *Operation, Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Drilling and Well Servicing Structures*, 4th Edition.

Specification 5L, *Specification for Line Pipe*, 45th Edition.

Recommended Practice 5L8, *Field Inspection of New Line Pipe*, 3rd Edition.

Specification 5L9, *Recommended Practice for External Fusion Bonded Epoxy Coating of Line Pipe*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 5LT, *Recommended Practice for Truck Transportation of Line Pipe*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 6DR, *Repair and Remanufacture of Pipeline Valves*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 6HT, *Heat Treatment and Testing of Large Cross Section and Critical Section Components*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 7G-1, *Recommended Practice for Drill Stem Design and Operating Limits*, 1st Edition.

Specification 7HU2, *Hammer Unions*, 1st Edition.

Specification 7NRV, *Specification on Non-Return Valves*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 8B, *Inspection, Maintenance, Repair, and*

Remanufacture of Hoisting Equipment, 8th Edition.

Specification 8C, *Drilling and Production Hoisting Equipment (PSL 1 and PSL 2)*, 5th Edition.

Specification 11AX, *Specification for Subsurface Sucker Rod Pumps and Fittings*, 13th Edition.

Specification 11E, *Specification for Pumping Units*, 19th Edition.

Recommended Practice 11BR, *Recommended Practice for the Care and Handling of Sucker Rods*, 10th Edition.

Recommended Practice 11G, *Recommended Practice for Installation and Lubrication of Pumping Units*, 5th Edition.

Recommended Practice 13B-2, *Recommended Practice for Field Testing Oil-based Drilling Fluids*, 5th Edition.

Recommended Practice 13C, *Recommended Practice on Drilling Fluid Processing Systems Evaluation*, 5th Edition.

Specification 14A, *Subsurface Safety Valve Equipment*, 12th Edition.

Recommended Practice 14FZ, *Recommended Practice for Design, Installation, and Maintenance of Electrical Systems for Fixed and Floating Offshore Petroleum Facilities for Unclassified and Class I, Zone 0, Zone 1 and Zone 2 Locations*, 2nd Edition.

Specification 16A, *Specification for Drill-through Equipment*, 4th Edition.

Specification 16F, *Specification for Marine Drilling Riser Equipment*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 16Q, *Design, Selection, Operation and Maintenance of Marine Drilling Riser Systems*, 2nd Edition.

Specification 16R, *Marine Drilling Riser Couplings*, 2nd Edition.

Specification 16RCD, *Drill Through Equipment—Rotating Control Devices*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 17A, *Design and Operation of Subsea Production Systems—General Requirements and Recommendations*, 5th Edition.

Specification 17L1, *Specification for Flexible Pipe Ancillary Equipment*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 17L2, *Recommended Practice for Flexible Pipe Ancillary Equipment*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 17P, *Recommended Practice for Structures and Manifolds of Subsea Production Systems*, 1st Edition.

Technical Report 17TR4, *Subsea Equipment Pressure Ratings*, 1st Edition.

Technical Report 17TR5, *Avoidance of Blockages in Subsea Production Control and Chemical Injection Systems*, 1st Edition.

Technical Report 17TR6, *Attributes of Production Chemicals in Subsea Production Systems*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 19B, *Evaluation of Well Perforators—Addendum 1*, 2nd Edition.

Specification 20A, *Steel, Stainless Steel, and Nickel Base Alloy Castings for use in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry*, 1st Edition.

Specification 20B, *Open-die-shaped Forgings for use in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry*, 1st Edition.

Technical Report PER15K-1, *Protocol for Verification and Validation of HPHT Equipment*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice HF1, *Hydraulic Fracturing Operations—Well Construction and Integrity Guidelines*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice HF2, *Water Management Associated with Hydraulic Fracturing*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice HF3, *Practices for Mitigating Surface Impacts Associated with Hydraulic Fracturing*, 2nd Edition.

Publication HF4, *Community Engagement Considerations in Hydraulic Fracturing*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 51R, *Environmental Protection for Onshore Oil and Gas Production Operations and Leases*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 12R1, *Recommended Practice for Setting, Maintenance, Inspection, Operation, and Repair of Tanks in Production Service*, 6th Edition.

Standard 53, *Blowout Prevention Equipment Systems for Drilling Operations*, 4th Edition.

Recommended Practice 65-1, *Cementing Shallow Water Flow Zones in Deep Water Wells*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 90-2, *Annular Casing Pressure Management for Onshore Wells*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 92U, *Underbalanced Drilling Operations*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 96, *Deepwater Well Design Considerations*, 1st Edition.

Bulletin 97, *Well Control Interface Document Guidelines*, 1st Edition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roland Goodman, Standards Department, email: (goodmanr@api.org).

Meetings/Conferences: The Exploration & Production Standards Conference will be held in Westminster, Colorado, June 11-15, 2012. Interested parties may visit the API Web site at <http://www.api.org/meetings/> for more information regarding participation in these meetings.

Marketing

Recommended Practice 1626, *Storing and Handling Ethanol and Gasoline-*

ethanol Blends at Distribution Terminals and Filling Stations—Addendum 1, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 1640, *Light Product Quality Terminal Operations*, 1st Edition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Crimauco, Standards Department, email: (crimaudos@api.org).

Petroleum Measurement

MPMS Chapter 2.2D, *Calibration of Upright Cylindrical Tanks Using the Internal Electro-optical Distance Ranging (EODR) Method* (ANSI/API MPMS 2.2D), 2nd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 2.2G, *Calibration of Upright Cylindrical Tanks Using the Optical Reference Line Method Using Electro-optical Distance Ranging Equipment*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 3.5.1, *Standard Practice for Level Measurement of Light Hydrocarbon Liquids Onboard Marine Carriers and Floating Storage by Automatic Tank Gauging, Part 1—Liquefied Natural Gas*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 3.5.2, *Standard Practice for Level Measurement of Light Hydrocarbon Liquids Onboard Marine Carriers and Floating Storage by Automatic Tank Gauging, Part 2—Liquefied Petroleum and Chemical Gases*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 4.2, *Displacement Provers*, 4th Edition.

MPMS Chapter 4.8, *Operation of Proving Systems*, 2nd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 7.2, *Temperature Determination, Part 2—Portable Electronic Thermometers*, 3rd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 7.4, *Temperature Determination, Part 4—Dynamic Temperature Measurement*, 2nd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 8.1.1, *Standard Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, Part 1—General Practices*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 8.1.2, *Standard Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, Part 2—Manual Sampling for Crude Oil*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 8.1.3, *Standard Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, Part 3—Manual Sampling for Liquid Petroleum Products*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 8.2.1, *Standard Practice for Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, Part 1—General Section*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 8.2.2, *Standard Practice for Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, Part 2—Automatic Sampling for Crude Oil*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 8.2.3, *Standard Practice for Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, Part 3—Automatic Sampling for Liquid Petroleum Products*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 9.1, *Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer Method* (ASTM D1298), 3rd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 9.2, *Standard Test Method for Density or Relative Density of Light Hydrocarbons by Pressure Hydrometer* (ASTM D1657), 3rd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 9.3, *Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Thermohydrometer Method* (ASTM D6822), 3rd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 9.4, *Continuous/On-line Density Measurement and Applications*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 10.7, *Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oils by Potentiometric Karl Fischer Titration* (ASTM D4377), 3rd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 11.3.4, *Gasoline/Ethanol Volume Correction Factors*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 12.1.1, *Calculation of Static Petroleum Quantities, Part 1—Upright Cylindrical Tanks and Marine Vessels*, 3rd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 12.1.2, *Calculation of Static Petroleum Quantities, Part 2—Calculation Procedures for Tank Cars*, 2nd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 13.3, *Measurement Uncertainty*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 14.1, *Collecting and Handling of Natural Gas Samples for Custody Transfer*, 7th Edition.

MPMS Chapter 14.3.1, *Concentric, Square-Edged Orifice Meters, Part 1—General Equations and Uncertainty Guidelines* (ANSI/API MPMS 14.3.1) (AGA Report No. 3, Part 1) (GPA 8185, Part 1), 4th Edition.

MPMS Chapter 14.3.3, *Concentric, Square-Edged Orifice Meters, Part 3—Natural Gas Applications* (ANSI/API MPMS 14.3.3) (AGA Report No. 3, Part 3) (GPA 8185, Part 3), 4th Edition.

MPMS Chapter 14.3.4, *Concentric, Square-Edged Orifice Meters, Part 4—Background, Development, Implementation Procedures and Subroutine Documentation* (AGA Report No. 3, Part 4) (GPA 8185, Part 4)", 4th Edition.

MPMS Chapter 14.7, *Mass Measurement of Natural Gas Liquids*, 4th Edition.

MPMS Chapter 14.9, *Measurement of Natural Gas by Coriolis Meter* (AGA Report No. 11), 2nd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 14.10, *Measurement of Flow to Flares*, 2nd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 14.11, *Thermal Cracked Gas*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 14.12, *Vortex Meters For Gas Flow Measurement*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 17.5, *Guidelines for Cargo Analysis and Reconciliation*, 3rd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 17.6, *Guidelines for Determining Fullness of Pipelines Between Vessels and Shore Tanks*, 2nd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 17.9, *Vessel Experience Factor (VEF)*, 2nd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 17.10.1, *Refrigerated Light Hydrocarbon Fluids—Measurement of Cargoes on Board LNG Carriers*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 19.1, *Evaporative Loss From Fixed-roof Tanks* (Previously Publication 2518), 4th Edition.

MPMS Chapter 19.2, *Evaporative Loss From Floating-roof Tanks* (Previously Publications 2517 and 2519), 3rd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 19.3, Part H, *Tank Seals and Fittings Certification—Administration* (also supersedes and incorporates the relevant sections of API MPMS Chapter 19.3 Parts F and G), 2nd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 19.4, *Evaporative Loss Reference Information and Speciation Methodology*, 3rd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 20.1, *Allocation Measurement—Overview*, 2nd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 20.2, *Production Allocation Measurement Using Single Phase Devices*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 20.3, *Multiphase Flow Measurement*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 20.4, *Draft Standard for Phase Behavior Application in Upstream Measurement and Allocation*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 20.5, *Recommended Practice for Well Rate Determination*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 20.6, *Recommended Practice for Production Allocation Methodologies and Techniques*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 21.1, *Electronic Gas Measurement*, 2nd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 22.2, *Testing Protocols—Differential Pressure Flow Measurement Devices*, 2nd Edition.

MPMS Chapter 22.3, *Testing Protocols—Flare Gas Meters*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 22.4, *Testing Protocols—Pressure, Differential Pressure, and Temperature Measuring Devices*, 1st Edition.

MPMS Chapter 22.5, *Testing Protocols—Electronic Flow Computer Calculations*, 1st Edition.

Technical Report 2572, *Carbon Content, Sampling and Calculation*, 1st Edition.

Technical Report 2573, *API MPMS Chapter 10, Sediment and Water Methodology Information Guide*, 1st Edition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula Watkins, Standards Department, email: (watkinsp@api.org).

Meetings/Conferences: The Spring Committee on Petroleum Measurement Meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas, March 19–23, 2012. The Fall Committee on Petroleum Measurement Meeting will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 22–26, 2012. Interested parties may visit the API Web site at <http://www.api.org/meetings/> for more information regarding participation in these meetings.

Pipeline

Standard 1104, *Welding of Pipelines and Related Facilities*, 21st Ed.

Standard 1160, *Managing System Integrity for Hazardous Liquid Pipelines*, 2nd Ed.

Recommended Practice 1161, *Guidance Document for the Qualification of Liquid Pipeline Personnel*, 2nd Ed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Baniak, Standards Department, email: (baniake@api.org).

Refining

Recommended Practice 500, *Recommended Practice for Classification of Locations for Electrical Installations at Petroleum Facilities Classified as Class I, Division 1 and Division 2*, 3rd Edition.

Standard, 520—Part 1, *Sizing, Selection, and Installation of Pressure-Relieving Devices in Refineries—Part 1, Sizing and Selection*, 9th Edition.

Standard 521, *Guide for Pressure-relieving and Depressuring Systems*, 6th Edition.

Recommended Practice 535, *Burners for Fired Heaters in General Refinery Services*, 3rd Edition.

Recommended Practice 538, *Industrial Fired Boilers*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 551, *Process Measurement Instrumentation*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 552, *Transmission Systems*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 553, *Refinery Valves and Accessories for Control and Safety Instrumented Systems*, 2nd Edition.

API 555, *Process Analyzers*, 3rd Edition.

Standard 560, *Fired Heaters for General Refinery Services*, 5th Edition.

Recommended Practice 573, *Inspection of Fired Boilers and Heaters*, 3rd Edition.

Recommended Practice 577, *Welding Processes, Inspection, and Metallurgy*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 583, *Corrosion Under Insulation and Fireproofing*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 584, *Integrity Operating Windows*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 585, *Pressure Equipment Integrity Incident Investigation*, 1st Edition.

Standard 599, *Metal Plug Valves—Flanged, Threaded and Welding Ends*, 7th Edition.

Standard 603, *Corrosion-Resistant, Bolted Bonnet Gate Valves—Flanged and Butt-Welding Ends*, 8th Edition.

Standard 612, *Petroleum, Petrochemical and Natural Gas Industries—Steam Turbines—Special-Purpose Applications*, 7th Edition.

Standard 617, *Axial and Centrifugal Compressors and Expander-compressors for Petroleum, Chemical and Gas Industry Services*, 8th Edition.

Standard 618, *Reciprocating Compressors for Petroleum, Chemical and Gas Industry Services*, 6th Edition.

Standard 620, *Design and Construction of Large, Welded, Low-Pressure Storage Tanks—Addendum 3*, 11th Edition.

Standard 623, *Steel Globe Valves—Flanged and Butt-welding Ends, Bolted Bonnets*, 1st Edition.

Standard 624, *Type Testing of Rising Stem Valves Equipped with Flexible Graphite Packing for Fugitive Emissions*, 1st Edition.

Standard 625—A1, *Tank Systems for Refrigerated Liquefied Gas Storage—Addendum 1*, 1st Edition.

Standard 650, *Welded Tanks for Oil Storage*, 12th Edition.

Standard 653, *Tank Inspection, Repair, Alteration, and Reconstruction—Addendum 2*, 4th Edition.

Standard 661, *Air-Cooled Heat Exchangers for General Refinery Service*, 7th Edition.

Standard 663, *Multiple Hairpin Heat Exchangers*, 1st Edition.

Standard 664, *Spiral Plate Heat Exchangers*, 1st Edition.

Standard 670, *Machinery Protection Systems*, 5th Edition.

Standard 673, *Centrifugal Fans for Petroleum, Chemical and Gas Industry Services*, 3rd Edition.

Standard 675, *Positive Displacement Pumps—Controlled Volume*, 3rd Edition.

Standard 682, *Pumps—Shaft Sealing Systems for Centrifugal and Rotary Pumps*, 4th Edition.

Recommended Practice 684, *Tutorial on the API Standard Paragraphs Covering Rotor Dynamics and Balance*

(*An Introduction to Lateral Critical and Train Torsional Analysis and Rotor Balancing*), 3rd Edition.

Recommended Practice 687, *Rotor Repair*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 688, *Pulsation and Vibration Control in Positive Displacement Machinery Systems for Petroleum, Petrochemical, and Natural Gas Industry Services*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 691, *Machinery Risk Based Inspection*, 1st Edition.

Standard 692, *Compressor Dry Gas Seals*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 751, *Safe Operation of Hydrofluoric Acid Alkylation Units*, 4th Edition.

Recommended Practice 756, *Management of Hazards Associated with Location of Process Plant Tents and Fabric Structures*, 1st Edition.

Standard 780, *Security Vulnerability Assessment Methodology for the Petroleum and Petrochemical Industries*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 932-B, *Design, Materials, Fabrication, Operation, and Inspection Guidelines for Corrosion Control in*

Hydroprocessing Reactor Effluent Air Cooler (REAC) Systems, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 934-A, *Materials and Fabrication Requirements for 2-1/4/3Cr Alloy Steel Heavy Wall Pressure Vessels for High Temperature, High Pressure Hydrogen Service*, Addendum 2, 2nd Edition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Soffrin, Standards Department, email: (soffrind@api.org).

Meetings/Conferences: The Spring Refining and Equipment Standards Meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas, April 23–27, 2012. The Fall Refining and Equipment Standards Meeting will be held in Los Angeles, California, November 12–16, 2012. Interested parties may visit the API Web site at <http://www.api.org/meetings/> for more information regarding participation in these meetings.

Safety and Fire Protection

Recommended Practice 2001, *Fire Protection in Refineries*, 9th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2009, *Safe Welding, Cutting and Hot Work Practices in the Petroleum and Petrochemical Industries*, 8th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2027, *Ignition Hazards Involved in Abrasive Blasting of Atmospheric Storage Tanks in Hydrocarbon Service*, 4th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2030, *Application of Fixed Water Spray Systems for Fire Protection in the Petroleum and Petrochemical Industries*, 4th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2207, *Preparing Tank Bottoms for Hot Work*, 7th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2218, *Fireproofing Practices in Petroleum and Petrochemical Processing Plants*, 3rd Edition.

Recommended Practice 2219, *Safe Operation of Vacuum Trucks in Petroleum Service*, 4th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2350, *Overfill Protection for Storage Tanks in Petroleum Facilities*, 4th Edition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Soffrin, Standards Department, email: (soffrind@api.org).

For Additional Information on the overall API standards program, Contact: David Miller, Standards Department, email: miller@api.org.

Dated: March 2, 2012.

Willie E. May,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Implementation of Vessel Speed Restrictions To Reduce the Threat of Ship Collisions with North Atlantic Right Whales

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 8, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Gregory Silber, Ph.D., greg.silber@noaa.gov or Shannon Bettridge, Ph.D., shannon.bettridge@noaa.gov,

Fishery Biologists, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 301-427-8402.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection. On October 10, 2008, NMFS published a final rule implementing speed restrictions to reduce the incidence and severity of ship collisions with North Atlantic right whales (73 FR 60173). That final rule contained a collection-of-information requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Specifically, 50 CFR 224.105(c) requires a logbook entry to document that a deviation from the 10-knot speed limit was necessary for safe maneuverability under certain conditions: because the vessel is in an area where oceanographic, hydrographic and/or meteorological conditions severely restrict the maneuverability of the vessel and the need to operate at such speed is confirmed by the pilot on board or, when a vessel is not carrying a pilot, the master of the vessel.

II. Method of Collection

This information collection requires an entry into the ship's logbook.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0580.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,047.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 254.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

IV. Request for Comments

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.