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**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3506(c); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

**Raymond R. Posten,**

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA 2015-0003]

#### Pipeline Safety: Information Collection Activities

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** On February 2, 2015, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) published a notice in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 5617) inviting comments on an information collection titled "Pipeline Safety: Periodic Underwater Inspection and Notification of Abandoned Underwater Pipelines" identified by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 2137-0618. This information collection will be expiring on August 31, 2015. PHMSA will request an extension with no change for this information collection.

PHMSA received no comments in response to that notice. PHMSA is publishing this notice to provide the public with an additional 30 days to comment on the renewal of this information collection and announce that the Information Collection will be submitted to OMB for approval.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 21, 2015 to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Angela Dow by telephone at 202-366-1246, by email at [angela.dow@dot.gov](mailto:angela.dow@dot.gov), by fax at 202-366-4566, or by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, PHMSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., PHP-30, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by the docket number PHMSA-2015-0003 by any of the following methods:

- **Fax:** 1-202-395-5806.
- **Mail:** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Records

Management Center, Room 10102 NEOB, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for the U.S. Department of Transportation\PHMSA.

- **Email:** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, at the following email address: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov).

Requests for a copy of the information collection should be directed to Cameron Satterthwaite by telephone at 202-366-1319, by fax at 202-366-4566, by email at [cameron.satterthwaite@dot.gov](mailto:cameron.satterthwaite@dot.gov), or by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, PHMSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., PHP-30, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1320.8(d), Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, requires PHMSA to provide interested members of the public and affected agencies an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping requests. This notice identifies an information collection request PHMSA will submit to OMB for renewal. The following information is provided for each information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) Current expiration date; (4) Type of request; (5) Abstract of the information collection activity; (6) Description of affected public; (7) Estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (8) Frequency of collection. PHMSA will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. PHMSA requests comments on the following information collection:

1. **Title:** Pipeline Safety: Periodic Underwater Inspection and Notification of Abandoned Underwater Pipelines.

**OMB Control Number:** 2137-0618.

**Current Expiration Date:** 8/31/2015.

**Type of Request:** Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** The Federal pipeline safety regulations at 49 CFR 192.612 and 195.413 require operators to conduct appropriate periodic underwater inspections in the Gulf of Mexico and its inlets. If an operator discovers that its underwater pipeline is exposed or poses a hazard to navigation, among other remedial actions such as marking and reburial in some cases, the operator must contact the National Response Center by telephone within 24 hours of discovery and report the location of the exposed pipeline.

PHMSA's regulations for reporting the abandonment of underwater pipelines can be found at §§ 192.727 and 195.59. These provisions contain certain requirements for disconnecting and

purging abandoned pipelines and require operators to notify PHMSA of each abandoned offshore pipeline facility or each abandoned onshore pipeline facility that crosses over, under or through a commercially navigable waterway.

**Affected Public:** Operators of pipeline facilities (except master meter operators).

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:**

Estimated number of responses: 92.

Estimated annual burden hours: 1,372.

**Frequency of collection:** On occasion.

Comments are invited on:

(a) The need for the renewal and revision of these collections of information 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 collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

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**John A. Gale,**

*Director, Office of Standards and Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology; Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics, U.S. Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

This notice announces, pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 72-363; 5 U.S.C. app. 2), a meeting of the Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics (ACTS). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. E.S.T. at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Room E37-302, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE.,

Washington, DC. Section 52011 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) directs the U.S. Department of Transportation to establish an Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., App. 2) to advise the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on the quality, reliability, consistency, objectivity, and relevance of transportation statistics and analyses collected, supported, or disseminated by the Bureau and the Department. The following is a summary of the draft meeting agenda: (1) USDOT Welcome and Introduction of Council Members; (2) Current BTS Activities and Issues; (3) BTS Portions of the GROW AMERICA Act; (4) BTS Research Activities; (5) Public Comments and Closing Remarks. Participation is open to the public.

Members of the public who wish to participate must notify Annette Simpson at [annette.simpson@dot.gov](mailto:annette.simpson@dot.gov), not later than May 1, 2015. Members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting with the approval of Patricia Hu, Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Noncommittee members wishing to present oral statements or obtain information should contact Annette Simpson via email no later than May 1, 2015.

Questions about the agenda or written comments may be emailed ([Annette.Simpson@dot.gov](mailto:Annette.Simpson@dot.gov)) or submitted by U.S. Mail to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Attention: Annette Simpson, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room # E34-403, Washington, DC 20590, or faxed to (202) 366-3383. BTS requests that written comments be received by May 1, 2015. Access to the DOT Headquarters building is controlled therefore all persons who plan to attend the meeting must notify Annette Simpson at 202-366-0419 prior to May 1, 2015. Individuals attending the meeting must report to the main DOT entrance on New Jersey Avenue SE. for admission to the building. Attendance is open to the public, but limited space is available. Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Annette Simpson at 202-366-0419 at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the FACA and the General Services Administration regulations (41 CFR part 102-3) covering management of Federal advisory committees.

Issued in Washington, DC, on the 15th day of April 2015.

**Rolf Schmitt,**

*Deputy Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Bureau of Transportation Statistics

#### [Docket DOT-OST-2014-0031 BTS Paperwork Reduction Notice]

#### Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Submission of Audit Reports—Part 248

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need for and usefulness of BTS requiring U.S. large certificated air carriers to submit two true and complete copies of its annual audit that is made by an independent public accountant. If a carrier does not have an annual audit, the carrier must file a statement that no audit has been performed. Comments are requested concerning whether (1) the audit reports are needed by BTS and DOT; (2) BTS accurately estimated the reporting burden; (3) there are other ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (4) there are ways to minimize reporting burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by June 22, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number DOT-OST-2014-0031 by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Docket Services: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

*Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Fax:* 202-366-3383.

**Instructions:** Identify docket number, DOT-OST-2014-0031, at the beginning of your comments, and send two copies. To receive confirmation that DOT received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may access all comments received by DOT at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments are posted electronically without charge or edits, including any personal information provided.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://DocketInfo.dot.gov>.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

#### Electronic Access

You may access comments received for this notice at <http://www.regulations.gov>, by searching docket DOT-OST-2014-0031.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** [Jeff.gorham@dot.gov](mailto:Jeff.gorham@dot.gov), Office of Airline Information, RTS-42, Room E34, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Approval No.* 2138-0004.

*Title:* Submission of Audit Reports—Part 248.

*Form No.:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Large certificated air carriers.

*Number of Respondents:* 63.

*Number of Responses:* 63.

*Total Annual Burden:* 20 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* BTS collects independent audited financial reports from U.S. certificated air carriers. Carriers not having an annual audit must file a statement that no such audit has been performed. In lieu of the audit report, BTS will accept the annual report submitted to the stockholders. The audited reports are needed by the Department of Transportation as (1) a means to monitor an air carrier's continuing fitness to operate, (2) reference material used by analysts in examining foreign route cases (3) reference material used by analyst in