

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Docket: RSPA-98-4957 Notice 11****Request for Comments and OMB Approval****AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) published a notice requesting extension of an information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) for Response Plans for Onshore Oil Pipelines (64 CFR 46746 August 26, 1999). No comments were received. The public is being given another 30 days to provide comments on this information collection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 8, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20950, (202) 366-6205 or by electronic mail at [Marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov](mailto:Marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Response Plans for Onshore Oil Pipelines.

*OMB Number:* 2137-0589.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an existing information collection.

*Abstract:* The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) requires that certain pipelines that transport oil must develop a response to minimize the impact of an oil discharge in the case of an accident. These response plans enhance the spill response capability of pipeline operators.

*Estimate of Burden:* The average burden hours per response is approximately 47.

*Respondents:* Oil Pipeline operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,400.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 65,467 hours.

*Frequency:* Every three years.

*Use:* To enhance response capability in the event of an oil spill.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590 Monday Through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Excluding Federal holidays. This information collection can also be

reviewed electronically on the worldwide web at [dms.dot.gov](http://dms.dot.gov).

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection 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.

Send comments to Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for the Department of Transportation. All comments will also be a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 2, 1999.

**Richard B. Felder,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Research and Special Programs Administration****International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; Public Meetings**

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise interested persons that RSPA will conduct public meetings in preparation for and to report the results of the seventeenth session of the United Nation's Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE) to be held December 6, through December 15, 1999 in Geneva, Switzerland.

**DATES:** November 30, 1999, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Room 6202-6204; January 6, 2000, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Room 3328.

**ADDRESSES:** Both meetings will be held at the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frits Wybenga, International Standards Coordinator, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, or Bob Richard,

Assistant International Standards Coordinator, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-0656.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purposes of the first meeting will be to prepare for the seventeenth session of the UNSCOE and to discuss U.S. positions on UNSCOE proposals. The primary purpose of the second meeting will be to provide a briefing on the outcome of the UNSCOE session and to prepare for the eighteenth session of the UNSCOE which is scheduled for July 3-14, 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland. Topics to be covered during the public meeting include (1) Global harmonization of classification criteria, (2) Reforming the UN Recommendations into a model rule, (3) Criteria for Environmentally Hazardous Substances, (4) Intermodal portable tank requirements including requirements for the transport of solids in portable tanks, (5) Requirements applicable to small quantities of hazardous materials in transport (limited quantities) including package marking requirements, package quantity limits and requirements applicable to consumer commodities, (6) Harmonized requirements for compressed gas cylinders, (7) Classification of individual substances, (8) Requirements for bulk and non-bulk packaging used to transport hazardous materials, (9) Requirements for Toxic by Inhalation (TIH) substances and (10) Hazard communication requirements including harmonized shipping papers.

The public is invited to attend without prior notification.

**Documents**

Copies of documents for the UNSCOE meeting may be obtained by downloading them from the United Nations Transport Division's web site at <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc/dgscomm.html>. Information concerning UN dangerous goods meetings including agendas can be downloaded at <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/meetings.htm#ST/SG>. These sites may also be accessed through RSPA's Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/intstandards.htm>. RSPA's site also provides information regarding the UNSCOE and related matters such as a summary of decisions taken at the 16th Session of the UNSCOE, meeting dates and a summary of the primary topics which the UNSCOE plans to address in the 1999-2000 biennium.