

requirements imposed by EPA Region 2 or USCG 7th District when compliance with the HMR is not practicable. Under this Waiver Order, non-radioactive hazardous materials may be transported to staging areas within 50 miles of the point of origin. Further transportation of the hazardous materials from staging areas must be in full compliance with the HMR.

This Waiver Order is effective September 22, 2017, and shall remain in effect for 30 days from the date of issuance.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Druce Pearce,**

*Acting Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2017-0073 (Notice No. 2017-04)]

#### Hazardous Materials: Information Collection Activities

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, PHMSA invites comments on an information collection pertaining to hazardous materials transportation for which PHMSA intends to request renewal from the Office of Management and Budget.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 27, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. PHMSA-2017-0073 (Notice No. 2017-04), by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management System; U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Routing Symbol M-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* To the Docket Management System; Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m.

and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the agency name and Docket Number (PHMSA-2017-0073) for this notice at the beginning of the comment. To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. All comments received will be posted without change to the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) and will include any personal information provided.

Requests for a copy of an information collection should be directed to Steven Andrews or T. Glenn Foster, Standards and Rulemaking Division, (202) 366-8553, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**Docket:** For access to the dockets to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or DOT's Docket Operations Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

**Privacy Act:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Andrews or T. Glenn Foster, Standards and Rulemaking Division, (202) 366-8553, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1320.8 (d), title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 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 that PHMSA will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal and extension. This information collection is contained in 49 CFR 171.6 of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR parts 171-180). PHMSA has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on changes in proposed or final rules published since the information collection was last approved. The following information is provided for this information collection: (1) Title of the information collection,

including former title if a change is being made; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; (4) description of affected public; (5) estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (6) frequency of collection. PHMSA will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity and will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** upon OMB's approval.

PHMSA requests comments on the following information collection:

**Title:** Hazardous Materials Shipping Papers & Emergency Response Information.

**OMB Control Number:** 2137-0034.

**Summary:** This information collection is for the requirement to provide a shipping paper and emergency response information with shipments of hazardous materials. Shipping papers are a basic communication tool in the transportation of hazardous materials and, by definition (*see* 49 CFR 171.8), include a shipping order, bill of lading, manifest, or other shipping document serving a similar purpose and containing the information required by §§ 172.202, 172.203, and 172.204 of the HMR. A shipping paper with emergency response information must accompany most hazardous materials shipments and be readily available at all times during transportation.

Shipping papers serve as the principal source of information regarding the presence of hazardous materials, identification, quantity, and emergency response procedures. They inform on compliance with other requirements (*i.e.*, the placement of rail cars containing different hazardous materials in trains); prevent the loading of poisons with foodstuffs; maintain the separation of incompatible hazardous materials; and limit the amount of radioactive materials that may be transported in a vehicle or aircraft. Shipping papers and emergency response information also notify transport workers that hazardous materials are present and serve as a principal means of identifying hazardous materials during transportation emergencies. Firefighters, police, and other emergency response personnel are trained to obtain the DOT shipping papers and emergency response information when responding to hazardous materials transportation emergencies.

The availability of accurate information concerning hazardous materials being transported significantly improves response efforts in these types of emergencies.

**Affected Public:** Shippers and carriers of hazardous materials in commerce.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:**Number of Respondents:* 260,000.*Total Annual Responses:* 175,234,493.*Total Annual Burden Hours:*

4,598,685.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.**William S. Schoonover,***Associate Administrator of Hazard Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.*

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**BILLING CODE 4910-60-P****DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]****Agency Information Collection Activity: Veterans Experience Access Survey Questions Scheduling Appointment: Survey Reporting****AGENCY:** Veterans Experience Office (VEO), Department of Veterans Affairs.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Experience Office (VEO), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 27, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marcelle Saab 202-461-0000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct

or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VEO invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VEO's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VEO's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Authority:* Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521.

*Title:* Veterans Experience Access Survey Questions Scheduling Appointment: Survey Reporting.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-NEW.

*Type of Review:* Approval for public dissemination of survey results.

*Abstract:* Veterans Experience Access Outpatient Survey Questions Scheduling Appointment is used to gather near real time feedback about specific interactions Veterans have with the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding their Outpatient medical experiences. The data collected will be publicly disseminated.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 30,000 hours annually.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 1 minute.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1.8 million annually.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,***Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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**BILLING CODE 8320-01-P****DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****[OMB Control No. 2900-0405]****Agency Information Collection Activity: REPS Annual Eligibility Report (Under the Provisions of Section 156, Pub. L. 97-377)****AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veteran's Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 27, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Yvette Allmond, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to [yvette.allmond@va.gov](mailto:yvette.allmond@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0405" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor at (202) 461-5870.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Authority:* 42 U.S.C. 402; Executive Order 12436.

*Title:* REPS Annual Eligibility Report (Under the Provisions of Section 156, Pub. L. 97-377) (VA Form 21P-8941).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0405.