

person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. Each exemption will be valid for two years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315.

#### Basis for Renewing Exemptions

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application for additional two year periods. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each of the 20 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (64 FR 27027; 64 FR 40404; 64 FR 51568; 64 FR 66962; 66 FR 63289; 67 FR 68719; 68 FR 2629; 68 FR 52811; 68 FR 61860; 68 FR 64944; 70 FR 48797; 70 FR 61165; 70 FR 61493; 70 FR 67776; 74 FR 62632). Each of these 20 applicants has requested renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption requirements. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

#### Request for Comments

FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular driver's safety record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315. However, FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these drivers submit comments by December 12, 2011.

FMCSA believes that the requirements for a renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 can be satisfied by initially

granting the renewal and then requesting and evaluating, if needed, subsequent comments submitted by interested parties. As indicated above, the Agency previously published notices of final disposition announcing its decision to exempt these 20 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). The final decision to grant an exemption to each of these individuals was made on the merits of each case and made only after careful consideration of the comments received to its notices of applications. The notices of applications stated in detail the qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant for an exemption from the vision requirements. That information is available by consulting the above cited **Federal Register** publications.

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

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**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2011 0146]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws; Vessel REEL ATTITUDE; Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 12, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2011-0146. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone (202) 366-5979, Email [Joann.Spittle@dot.gov](mailto:Joann.Spittle@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel REEL ATTITUDE is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* "Fishing Charter passenger less than 6." *Geographic Region:* "Maryland."

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2011-0146 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

#### 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 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

Dated: November 3, 2011.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Julie P. Agarwal,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2008–0291]

### Pipeline Safety: Information Collection Activities

**ACTION:** Request for public comments and OMB approval of new Information Collection.

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

**SUMMARY:** On December 13, 2010, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) published a notice in the **Federal Register** of its intent to create a national registry of pipeline and liquefied natural gas (LNG) operators. PHMSA received one comment in response to that notice. PHMSA is publishing this notice to respond to the comment, to provide the public with an additional 30 days to comment on the proposed revisions to the operator registry forms, including the form instructions, and to announce that the revised Information Collections will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by December 12, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Angela Dow by telephone at (202) 366–1246, by fax at (202) 366–4566, by email at [Angela.Dow@dot.gov](mailto:Angela.Dow@dot.gov), or by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., PHP–30, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by the docket number PHMSA–2008–0291 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 1 (202) 395–6566.
- *Mail:* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of

Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for the U.S.

Department of Transportation.

• *Email:* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, at the following address:

[oira\\_submissions@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submissions@omb.eop.gov).

Requests for a copy of the Information Collection should be directed to Angela Dow by telephone at (202) 366–1246, by fax at (202) 366–4566, by email at [Angela.Dow@dot.gov](mailto:Angela.Dow@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 a new information collection request that PHMSA will be submitting to OMB for approval. The information collection will be titled: “National Registry of Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas Operators.” PHMSA published a final rule in the **Federal Register** on November 26, 2010 (75 FR 72878), titled “Pipeline Safety: Updates to Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas Reporting Requirements.” That final rule added two new sections, 49 CFR 191.22 and 195.64, to the pipeline safety regulations for the establishment of a “National Registry of Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas Operators,” which will be used by operators to obtain an Operator Identification (OPID) number. The following information is provided for each information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number; (3) Type of request; (4) Abstract of the information collection activity; (5) Description of affected public; (6) Estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (7) Frequency of collection. PHMSA will request a three-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

The comments are summarized and addressed below as specified in the following outline:

- I. Background
- II. Summary of Comments/Topics
- III. Proposed Information Collection Revisions and Request for Comments

#### I. Background

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#### II. Summary of Comments/Topics

During the two month response period, PHMSA received a combined comment from American Petroleum Institute (API) and American Oil Pipelines Association (AOPL) on the proposal outlined in the December 2010 **Federal Register** notice.

##### A. OPID Assignment Request (Form PHMSA F 1000.1)

A1. API–AOPL noted that Step 1, “Enter Basic Information,” incorrectly implies that some rural low-stress hazardous liquid pipelines are not subject to part 195 although they are required to submit reports under Subpart B. They noted that being subject to Subpart B is being subject to Part 195. They also note that this step incorrectly implies that unregulated rural gathering lines are subject to reporting requirements.

Response: PHMSA agrees and has revised and reordered the elements of Question 1 in this step to better align these elements with the degree to which pipelines are subject to part 195.

A2. In Step 2, API–AOPL requested clarification of the term “vessels” in the item “Hazardous Liquid Breakout Tanks → Total Number of Tanks/Caverns/Vessels.”

Response: This item meant to indicate that the operator should report the total number of tanks, caverns, or other containers (*i.e.*, vessels) that serve as breakout tanks. PHMSA agrees that the term “vessels,” is not used elsewhere and could cause confusion. PHMSA also concludes that the intended clarification is unnecessary and has revised this item to indicate only that operators should report the total number of breakout tanks.