

description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2005–23377 at <http://dms.dot.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 Public Law 105–383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), 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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 16, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2006 23377. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL–401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. 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://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR–830 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202–366–5979.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel TRIPLE TROUBLE is:

Intended Use: “‘6-pack’ fishing license.”

Geographic Region: Gulf of Mexico, Florida Coast.

Dated: January 9, 2006.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Pipeline Safety: Notice to Operators of Natural Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipelines To Integrate Operator Qualification Regulations into Excavation Activities

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of Advisory Bulletin.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is issuing this advisory bulletin to pipeline operators to reinforce the need for safe excavation practices and recommend that pipeline operators integrate the Operator Qualification regulations into their marking, trenching, and backfilling operations to prevent excavation damage mishaps.

ADDRESSES: This document can be viewed on the PHMSA home page at: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joy Kadnar, (202) 366–0568, or by e-mail at Joy.Kadnar@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the past few years PHMSA has seen recurring similarities in pipeline incidents involving excavation. In November 2005, a pipeline company contractor struck a 2-inch tap off an 18-inch natural gas transmission pipeline that was operating at more than 800 pounds per square inch gauge (psig). In October 2005, near an elementary school in Chantilly, Virginia, pipeline operator personnel struck the pipeline while excavating it in a Class 3 populated area. This incident resulted in the evacuation of more than 850 school children and area residents. In June 2005, a pipeline company contractor knocked a 2-inch pipe nipple off a 30-inch natural gas transmission pipeline while uncovering it. The pipeline was operating at more than 800 psig. In January 2005, contractor personnel being supervised by a pipeline operator struck a six-inch valve on a hazardous liquid pipeline while modifying it in preparation for an inline inspection. This accident resulted in a release of about 700 barrels of crude oil. In November 2004, a serious hazardous liquid pipeline accident in Walnut Creek, California, resulted in five deaths and several injuries. This accident was caused by a contractor installing a water main in the vicinity of a hazardous liquid pipeline. PHMSA is also aware of

several incidents that occurred in the last three years on pipeline facilities owned by local distribution companies where pipelines have been struck near schools and locations where people congregate.

Investigations by PHMSA and its State partners revealed that the pipeline operators involved in these incidents did not comply with Federal pipeline safety regulations or their own operator qualifications programs. Investigations found similar problems, such as:

- Pipeline operators did not follow their own construction, ditching, and backfilling specifications for existing pipelines, such as machine excavation, which is prohibited within two feet of existing pipelines;
- Construction inspectors working for pipeline operators failed to assist their own employees, their own contractors, and third-party construction contractors in verifying the staked locations of the existing pipeline facilities; and,
- Pipeline “as-built” drawings were not verified and made available to the excavators at construction sites before or during excavation activity.

From these investigations PHMSA also determined that, in many cases, pipeline operators did not correctly mark all pipelines in the vicinity of the construction and did not confirm whether all individuals performing the covered tasks were qualified. In one instance, the spotter assigned to the task at the excavation site did not have the necessary qualifications for observing excavation and backfilling tasks. In another instance, the pipeline operator did not follow its own maintenance manual that requires the company representative to review the location of the pipeline prior to excavation. The pipeline company representative did not verify that the location of the pipeline was correctly marked.

II. Advisory Bulletin (ADB–06–01)

To: Owners and Operators of Natural Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Systems

Subject: Notification on Safe Excavation Practices and the use of Qualified Personnel to oversee all Excavations and Backfilling Operations

Advisory: Excavation damage continues to be one of the three leading causes of pipeline damage. PHMSA has seen an increase in pipeline operators damaging their own pipeline facilities. To protect excavators and private citizens from injury and to guard the integrity of buried pipelines and other underground facilities, PHMSA reminds operators to ensure all procedures and processes to perform excavation and backfilling are followed. Only qualified

personnel must oversee all marking, trenching, and backfilling operations.

Furthermore, PHMSA reminds pipeline operators that although excavation is not explicitly addressed in 49 CFR parts 192 and 195, excavation is considered a covered task under the pipeline operator qualifications regulations (49 CFR 192.801–809 and 195.501–509). These regulations require that pipeline operators and contractors be qualified to perform pipeline excavation activities. A qualified individual is one who has been evaluated and can perform assigned covered tasks and can recognize and react appropriately to abnormal conditions.

In particular, PHMSA recommends pipeline operators review the adequacy of covered tasks involving line locating, one-call notifications, and inspection of excavation activities. Operators should also review the adequacy of required training, evaluation and qualification methods for each of these covered tasks to ensure that each employee and contractor is qualified to perform that task.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. Chapter 601; 49 CFR 1.53.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 10, 2005.

Theodore L. Willke,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Call for Redemption: 13⁷/₈ Percent Treasury Bonds of 2006–11, Washington, DC

1. As of January 13, 2006, public notice is hereby given that all outstanding 13⁷/₈ percent Treasury Bonds of 2006–11 (CUSIP No. 912810 CV 8) dated May 15, 1981, due May 15, 2011, are hereby called for redemption at par on May 15, 2006, on which date interest on such bonds will cease.

2. Full information regarding the presentation and surrender of such bonds held in coupon and registered form for redemption under this call will be found in Department of the Treasury Circular No. 300 dated March 4, 1973, as amended (31 CFR part 306), and from the Definitives Section of the Bureau of the Public Debt (telephone (304) 480–7936), and on the Bureau of the Public Debt's Web site, <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>.

3. Redemption payments for such bonds held in book-entry form, whether on the books of the Federal Reserve Banks or in Treasury Direct accounts, will be made automatically on May 15, 2006.

Donald V. Hammond,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, 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 a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning its information collection titled, “Community and Economic Development Entities, Community Development Projects—12 CFR part 24.” The OCC also gives notice that it has sent the information collection to OMB for review and approval.

DATES: You should submit comments by February 16, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mailstop 1–5, Attention: 1557–0194, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874–4448, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874–5043.

Additionally, you should send a copy of your comments to OCC Desk Officer, 1557–0194, by mail to U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., #10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information or a copy of the collection from Mary Gottlieb, OCC Clearance Officer, or Camille Dixon, (202) 874–5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 7, 2005, the OCC published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 67536) a notice concerning the revision of this information collection. The OCC received no public comments and is now submitting its request to OMB for approval.

Title: Community and Economic Development Entities, Community Development Projects—12 CFR 24.

OMB Number: 1557–0194.

Description: This submission covers an existing regulation and involves no change to the regulation or to the information collection requirements. The OCC requests only that OMB approve its revised estimates and extend its approval of the information collection.

Section 24.5(a) provides that an eligible bank may make an investment without prior notification to, or approval by, the OCC if the bank submits an after-the-fact notification of an investment within 10 days after it makes the investment.

Section 24.5(a)(4) provides that a national bank that is not an eligible bank but that is at least adequately capitalized may submit a letter to the OCC requesting authority to self-certify investments.

Section 24.5(b) provides that if a national bank does not meet the requirements for after-the-fact notification, the bank must submit an investment proposal to the OCC.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals; Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 250.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Total Annual Burden: 371 hours.

Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;