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Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER).

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0025.

Form Numbers: None.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Summary of Collection of Information. This collection of information is used to gather information regarding the location of U.S.-flag vessels and certain other U.S. citizen-owned vessels for the purpose of search and rescue in the saving of lives at sea and for the marshalling of ships for national defense and safety purposes.

Need and Use of the Information: This information collection is necessary for maintaining a current plot of U.S.-flag and U.S.-owned vessels.

Description of Respondents: Respondents are U.S.-flag and U.S. citizen-owned vessels.

Annual Responses: 28,160 responses.

Annual Burden: 2,253 hours.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.d.t. (or e.s.t.), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: August 5, 2003.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council

ACTION: National Advisory Council public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration announces that the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC) will hold a meeting to discuss the Council's Team reports, its SEA-21 proposal, and other issues. A public comment period is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2003. To provide time for as many people to speak as possible, speaking time for each individual will be limited to three minutes. Members of the public who would like to speak are asked to contact Raymond Barberesi by August 27, 2003. Commenters will be placed on the agenda in the order in which notifications are received. If time allows, additional comments will be permitted. Copies of oral comments must be submitted in writing at the meeting. Additional written comments are welcome and must be filed by September 11, 2003.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2003, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, September 4, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Omni San Francisco Hotel, 500 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94104. The hotel's phone number is (415) 677-9494.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Raymond Barberesi, (202) 366-4357; Maritime Administration, MAR-830, Room 7201, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590; Raymond.Barberesi@marad.dot.gov.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. App 2, Sec. 9(a)(2); 41 CFR 101-6. 1005; DOT Order 1120.3B)

Dated: August 5, 2003.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2003-15702]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements.

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public; it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections. This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB reinstatement approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB Clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Mr. Kevin Ball, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5110, NPO-400, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Ball's telephone number is (202) 366-5649. His fax number is (202) 493-2833. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations

describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) 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;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) How 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 or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

Title: Air Bag Deactivation.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0588.

Affected Public: Private individuals, fleet owners and lessees, motor vehicle dealers, repair business, airbag switch installers.

Abstract: If a private individual or lessee wants to install an air bag on-off switch to turn-off either or both frontal air bags, they must complete Form OMB 2127-0588 to certify certain statements regarding use of the switch. The airbag switch installer must then submit the completed forms to NHTSA within seven days. The information obtained from completed forms requesting airbag deactivation will assist NHTSA in monitoring the number of requests, the reasons for such request and the motor vehicles affected. They will also aid the agency in monitoring whether the airbag switch installer completed the work. The completed forms will enable the agency to determine whether the airbag switch installer are complying with the terms of the exemption, which include a requirement that airbag switch installers accept only fully completed forms. Finally, submission of the completed forms to the agency will promote compliance and accuracy in the completion of the forms by vehicle owners. The air bag On-Off switches are installed only in motor vehicles in which the risk of harm needs to be minimized on a case-by-case basis.

Estimated Annual Burden: 7,500 hours.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Susan White,

Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund; Comment Request on Performance Rating System

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Currently, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the "Fund"), within the Department of the Treasury, is soliciting comments on the indicators it will use to measure a community development financial institutions' performance in four areas: Community development impact, financial strength, portfolio quality, and management.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 10, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments to: Donna Fabiani, Manager for Financial Strategies and Research, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, PLUMcomment@cdfi.treas.gov, or fax (202) 622-3569.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna Fabiani, Manager for Financial Strategies and Research, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, PLUMcomment@cdfi.treas.gov, or fax (202) 622-3569.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: PLUM: CDFI Performance Rating System.

Abstract: The Fund's mission is to expand the capacity of financial institutions to provide credit, capital and financial services to underserved populations and communities in the U.S. The Fund's strategic goal is to improve the economic conditions of underserved communities by providing capital and technical assistance to community development financial institutions ("CDFIs"), capital to insured depository institutions, and tax credit allocations to community development entities ("CDEs"), which provide credit, capital, financial services, and development services to

these markets. The Fund certifies entities as CDFIs and CDEs.

The Fund has over three hundred CDFIs in its CDFI Program investment portfolio. To better manage this portfolio and to better target its limited resources, the Fund is developing a performance rating system that will rank CDFIs according to their overall financial strength and their potential for creating community development impact. The PLUM rating system will assess a CDFI's performance relative to that of its peers. Each CDFI will be scored in four components: Performance effectiveness (*i.e.*, community development impact); Leverage, liquidity and solvency; Underwriting; and Management. These four component scores will then be aggregated into a single PLUM rating.

The Fund plans to use PLUM to monitor the Fund's portfolio of CDFI awardees, recognize and communicate best practices for community development finance, underwrite CDFIs, and target the Fund's technical resources to CDFIs that need to improve their performance. PLUM can be a valuable tool for CDFIs. CDFIs can use PLUM to conduct self-assessments and improve their performance, compare their performance to their peers and industry standards, and identify best practices to strive for over time.

The Fund is making major investments in technology to collect and store the data needed for PLUM analyses. PLUM analyses for non-regulated institutions will be based on data collected through the Community Investment Intelligence System (CIIS), the Fund's new data collection system. PLUM analyses for regulated institutions will be based on their CAMEL rating for the "L," "U," and "M" components (provided the Fund has access to the CAMEL rating), as well as community development impact data collected through CIIS. CIIS will collect and store CDFIs' transaction-level and institution-level data. The system is being designed to communicate, where possible, with the technology CDFIs currently use, thereby facilitating the transfer of large volumes of data to the Fund. The Fund's contractor, E F Kearney, will work with CDFIs in the system design phase with the goal of developing a sophisticated yet user-friendly web-based data transmission process. The Fund expects to implement CIIS in December 2003.

To view the proposed PLUM indicators, visit the Fund's Web site at www.cdfifund.gov and click on "CDFI Fund seeking comments on PLUM."

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will