

disciplinary action against a Federal employee or to violate the procedural rights of a Federal employee who has been accused of discrimination.

#### Additional Information

For further information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 CFR Part 724, as well as the appropriate offices within your agency (e.g., EEO/civil rights office, human resources office or legal office). Additional information regarding Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection and retaliation laws can be found at the EEOC Web site—<http://www.eeoc.gov> and the OSC Web site—<http://www.osc.gov>.

#### Existing Rights Unchanged

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the Act nor this notice creates, expands or reduces any rights otherwise available to any employee, former employee or applicant under the laws of the United States, including the provisions of law specified in 5 U.S.C. 2302(d).

**Mary N. Whigham Jones,**

*Acting Director, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, United States Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on June 1, 2009. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 13, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Brown, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Telephone: 202-366-2277; or e-mail: [robert.brown@dot.gov](mailto:robert.brown@dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Maritime Administration (MARAD).

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

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0025.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* U.S.-flag and U.S. citizen-owned vessels that are required to respond under current statute and regulation.

*Form(s):* None.

*Abstract:* 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. This collection consists of vessels that transmit their positions through various electronic means.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 2,050 hours.

*Addresses:* Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

*Comments Are Invited On:* (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (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 respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

*Authority:* 49 CFR 1.66.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 31, 2009.

**Murray Bloom,**

*Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2009 0082]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a new information collection to assess the educational outcome of U.S. Merchant Marine Academy alumni.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before November 9, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Shashi Kumar, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY 11024.

*Telephone:* 516-726-5833; *Fax:* 516-773-5539, or *E-Mail:* [kumars@usmma.edu](mailto:kumars@usmma.edu).

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* United States Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Survey.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-NEW.

*Form Numbers:* KP2-66-DK1, KP2-67-DK2, KP2-68-DK3, KP2-69-ENG1, KP2-70-ENG2, KP2-71-ENG3.

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

*Summary of Collection of Information:* The United States Merchant Marine Academy is an accredited federal service academy that confers BS and MS degrees. The Academy is expected to assess its educational outcomes and report those findings to its Regional Accreditation authority in order to maintain the institution's degree granting status. Periodic survey of alumni cohorts and analysis of the data gathered is a routine higher education assessment practice in the United States.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information gathered will be analyzed and used for program management and improvement.

*Description of Respondents:* Respondents are graduates of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

*Annual Responses:* 500 responses.

*Annual Burden:* 250 hours.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the