

If you desire to submit written comments, they must be submitted by January 3, 2008. Comments must be identified by DHS-2007-0086 and may be submitted by *one* of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* HSAC@dhs.gov. Include docket number in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (202) 282-9207.

- *Mail:* Ms. Jennifer Myers, Homeland Security Advisory Council, Department of Homeland Security, Mailstop 0850, 245 Murray Lane, SW., Washington, DC 20528.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and DHS-2007-0086, the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by the DHS Homeland Security Advisory Council, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Myers, Homeland Security Advisory Council, Washington, DC 20528, (202) 447-3135, HSAC@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463). The HSAC exists to provide independent advice to the Secretary of the Department aiding in the creation of expeditious implementation of critical and actionable policy and operational capacities across the spectrum of homeland security operations. The HSAC shall periodically report, as appropriate, to the Secretary on matters within the scope of that function. The HSAC serves as an advisory body with the goal of providing advice upon the request of the Secretary.

The HSAC will meet to review recommendations from the Administration Transition Task Force (ATTF) and other HSAC subgroups. The ATTF has focused on identifying issues and priorities for DHS and relevant partners to address to effectively plan for the transition in administrations. In addition, recommendations from the HSAC's other subgroups are expected on the following topics: medical surge capabilities, Real-ID implementation, DHS training and education efforts, and private sector and state and local information sharing efforts. The Essential Technology Task Force will

update the HSAC on its progress and planned activities but will not report recommendations at this meeting.

During the open portion of the meeting, the HSAC will consider the recommendations from its various subgroups as outlined above.

Public Attendance: A limited number of members of the public may register to attend the public session on a first-come, first-served basis per the procedures that follow. Security requires that any member of the public who wishes to attend the public session provide his or her full legal name, date of birth, and Social Security Number no later than 5 p.m. EST., January 3, 2008, to Jennifer Myers or a staff member of the HSAC via e-mail at HSAC@dhs.gov or via phone at (202) 447-3135. Photo identification will be required for entry into the public session, and everyone in attendance must be present and seated by 10:45 a.m.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities: For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Kezia Williams as soon as possible.

Basis for Closure: The Federal Advisory Committee Act permits the closure of advisory committee meetings, or portions thereof, as a matter of public interest subject to the requirements of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C., 552b(c)). At this meeting, the HSAC will participate in sensitive discussions with senior officials regarding priorities and ongoing initiatives in the Department.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), the nature of discussions could lead to premature disclosure of information on Department of Homeland Security actions that would be "likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action." Additionally, discussions of ongoing investigations with Department of Homeland Security enforcement components and outside law enforcement partners fall within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(7)(E) insofar as they will disclose investigative techniques and procedures.

Closed portions of the meeting will include discussions on general administrative updates, ethics requirements for advisory committee members, updates on operational challenges, intelligence briefing, and pre-decisional policy decisions. During the closed portions of the meeting, various speakers from Customs and Border Protection, United States Secret Service, Intelligence and Analysis, Policy Directorate, Management

Directorate, and the Transportation Security Administration will discuss planning efforts for the transition in administrations, potential changes to airport security, border security, potential areas to focus the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, and the challenges faced by the United States Secret Service in a presidential election year. The discussion will involve discussions of law enforcement and airport security procedures of Department of Homeland Security components. The nature of the discussions could lead to premature disclosure of information on Department of Homeland Security actions that would be "likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action." Additionally, discussions of ongoing investigations with Department of Homeland Security enforcement components and outside law enforcement partners fall within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(7)(E) insofar as they will "disclose investigative techniques and procedures."

Dated: December 14, 2007.

Doug Hoelscher,

Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Committees.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

New Emergency Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Critical Facility Information of the Top 100 Most Critical Pipelines

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of emergency clearance request.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has forwarded the new Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR describes the nature of information collection and its expected burden. This collection provides TSA critical facility and annual product through-put information from owners/operators of the nation's largest pipelines, and is necessitated by the requirements set forth in the

Implementing the Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007.

DATES: Send your comments by January 25, 2008. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security/TSA, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joanna Johnson, Communications Branch, Business Management Office, Operational Process and Technology, TSA-32, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220; telephone (571) 227-3651; facsimile (703) 603-0822.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation is available at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Information Collection Requirement

Title: Critical Facility Information of the Top 100 Most Critical Pipelines.

Type of Request: Emergency processing request of new collection.

OMB Control Number: Not yet assigned.

Forms(s): None.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of the top 125 pipeline

systems in terms of reported annual through-put.

Abstract: Sec. 1557(b) of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-53, 121 Stat. 266, 475, 08/03/2007) (9/11 Act), specifically tasks TSA to develop and implement a plan for inspecting critical facilities at the 100 most critical pipeline systems. TSA is requesting emergency processing of this request to meet the 9/11 Act established timelines. To meet the 9/11 Act's requirement, TSA will request a report of annual product through-put and a listing of critical facilities from the top 125 pipeline systems in terms of annual through-put, as reported in pipeline trade journals and other sources. System through-put is a figure already determined and frequently used by pipeline companies for various business financial and operations performance purposes. Further, pipeline companies were required to determine critical facilities in accordance with guidance set forth in the "Pipeline Security Circular September 4, 2002" (2002 Guidelines) issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA), formerly the Office of Pipeline Safety.

TSA determines pipeline system criticality based on the amount of hazardous liquid or natural gas product transported through a pipeline in one year (i.e., annual through-put). TSA will request the information from the top 125 pipeline systems in terms of annual through-put, and out of these, TSA will make a determination of the top 100 most critical pipeline systems. The request for information will be transmitted by TSA via e-mail to the 125 respondents. TSA will ask the respondents to provide the information to TSA via e-mail. To the extent the information transmitted is Sensitive Security Information, TSA will safeguard the information in accordance with 49 CFR parts 15 and 1520. TSA will use the information to develop and implement a plan for inspecting critical facilities at the 100 most critical pipeline systems.

The information on both critical facilities and system through-put are already produced and in use or retained by pipeline owners/operators, the burden lies only in compiling, reviewing and transmitting the information to TSA. TSA estimates that system owners and operators would spend a maximum of four hours per system to collect, review and submit the information to TSA. Thus, TSA estimates the total annual hour burden to the public would be (125 owner/

operators) × (4 hours per owner/operator) = 500 total hours per year.

Number of Respondents: 125.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 500 hours annually.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, on November 18, 2007.

Fran Lozito,

Director, Business Management Office, Operational Process and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

[Docket Nos. TSA-2006-24191; Coast Guard-2006-24196]

Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC); Enrollment Dates for the Ports of Hilo, HI; International Falls, MN; Ontonagon, MI; Morehead City, NC; Huntington, WV; and Port Canaveral, FL

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration; United States Coast Guard; DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issues this notice of the dates for the beginning of the initial enrollment for the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) for the Ports of Hilo, HI; International Falls, MN; Ontonagon, MI; Morehead City, NC; Huntington, WV; and Port Canaveral, FL.

DATES: TWIC enrollment in Hilo on January 3, 2008; International Falls, Ontonagon, Morehead City, and Huntington on January 16, 2008; and Port Canaveral on January 17, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may view published documents and comments concerning the TWIC Final Rule, identified by the docket numbers of this notice, using any one of the following methods.

(1) Searching the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Web page at www.regulations.gov;

(2) Accessing the Government Printing Office's Web page at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>; or

(3) Visiting TSA's Security Regulations Web page at <http://www.tsa.gov> and accessing the link for "Research Center" at the top of the page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Orgill, TSA-19, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220.