

of HMEP planning grant funds devoted to this effort?

d. Did the grantee conduct exercises to support its emergency plan? How many exercises were conducted? Did any of these exercises include shipper or carrier participation? What was the total amount of HMEP planning grant funds devoted to emergency response drills or exercises of all types?

e. What was the total amount of HMEP planning grant funds devoted to other authorized planning activities by the grantee (e.g., providing technical staff in support of emergency response planning efforts)?

3. Based on the activities outlined above, how well has the HMEP grants program met emergency response planning needs within your jurisdiction? Does your current ability to provide planning enable you to meet the needs you have identified? Do you have any recommendations for additional activities or programs that could further enhance your emergency response planning capabilities?

#### Training Grants

1. What was the total amount of HMEP training grant funds utilized to assess training needs and provide training for emergency response personnel in your jurisdiction?

a. Did you complete or update an assessment of the training needs of the emergency response personnel in your jurisdiction? What was the total amount of HMEP training grant funds devoted to this effort?

b. How many individuals were trained in whole or in part using HMEP training grant funds? You should include separate totals for numbers of fire, police, emergency medical services (EMS) or other personnel who were trained and the type of training provided. (Note that "other" personnel include public works employees, accident clean-up crews, and liaison and support officers. Note also that if HMEP training grant funds were used in any way to support the training, such as for books or equipment, you should show that the training was partially funded by HMEP training grant funds.) What was the total amount of HMEP training grant funds devoted to this effort?

c. Did you provide incident command systems training? If so, provide separate indications for the numbers of fire, police, EMS, or other personnel who were trained. What was the total amount of HMEP training grant funds devoted to this effort?

d. Did you develop new training using HMEP training grant funds in whole or in part, such as training in handling

specific types of incidents of specific types of materials? If so, briefly describe the new programs. Did a commodity flow assessment influence the development of new training programs? Was the program qualified using the HMEP Curriculum Guidelines process? What was the total amount of HMEP training grant funds devoted to this effort?

e. What was the total amount of HMEP planning grant funds devoted to other authorized training activities (e.g., activities necessary to monitor training, including examinations, critiques, and instructor evaluations; management activities to increase the benefits, proficiency, and rapid deployment of emergency responders)?

2. Do you have a system in place for measuring the effectiveness of emergency response to hazardous materials incidents in your jurisdiction? Describe the criteria you use (total response time, total time at an accident scene, communication among different agencies or jurisdictions, or other criteria). How many state and local response teams are located in your jurisdiction? What is the estimated coverage of these teams (e.g., the percent of state jurisdictions covered)?

3. Based on the activities outlined above, how well has the HMEP grants program met emergency response training needs within your jurisdiction? Does your current ability to provide training enable you to meet the needs you have identified? Do you have any recommendations for additional activities or programs that could further enhance the effectiveness of emergency response to hazardous materials incidents in your jurisdiction?

The total revised information collection budget for the HMEP grants program follows:

*Title:* Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0586.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Part 110 of 49 CFR sets forth the procedures for reimbursable grants for public sector planning and training in support of the emergency planning and training efforts of states, Indian tribes and local communities to manage hazardous materials emergencies, particularly those involving transportation. Sections in this part address information collection and recordkeeping with regard to applying for grants, monitoring expenditures, and reporting and requesting modifications.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments, Indian tribes.

*Recordkeeping:*

*Number of Respondents:* 68.

*Total Number of Responses:* 68.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,428.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion.

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**Edward T. Mazzullo,**

*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket: PHMSA-1998-4957]

#### Request for Public Comments and Office of Management and Budget Approval of an Existing Information Collection Requirement (2137-0618)

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that PHMSA forwarded an Information Collection Request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of the currently approved information collection: "Pipeline Safety: Periodic Underwater Inspections" (2137-0618). The purpose of this notice is to invite the public to submit comments on the request.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 21, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, *Attn:* Desk Officer for the Department of Transportation, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roger Little at (202) 366-4569, or by e-mail at [roger.little@dot.gov](mailto:roger.little@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal pipeline safety regulations (49 CFR Parts 190-199) require operators to conduct appropriate underwater inspections in the Gulf of Mexico. If the operator finds pipeline exposed on the seabed floor or a hazard to navigation, the operator must contact the National Response Center by telephone within 24 hours of discovery and report the location of the exposed pipeline (49 CFR 192.612 and 195.413). PHMSA is now requesting that OMB grant a three-

year term of approval for renewal of this information collection requirement.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, PHMSA invites comments on whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DOT. As used in this notice, the term "information collection" includes all work related to preparing and disseminating information related to this information collection requirement including completing paperwork, gathering information, and conducting telephone calls. Comments may include (1) whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of DOT's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Renewal of Existing Collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* Pipeline Safety: Periodic Underwater Inspections.

*Respondents:* 82.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,350 hours.

*Estimated Cost:* \$87,413.

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*Deputy Director of Regulations, Office of Pipeline Safety.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

**Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Application for Special Permits**

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

**ACTION:** List of applications for special permits.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in

the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 21, 2007.

*Address Comments to:* Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, Washington, DC or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 14, 2007.

**Delmer F. Billings,**  
*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Special Permits and Approvals.*

**NEW SPECIAL PERMITS**

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of special permits thereof
14597-N .....	.....	The Columbiana Boiler Co., Columbiana, OH.	49 CFR 173.314 .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of anhydrous ammonia in a DOT 110 multi unit tank car tank. (Modes 1, 2, 3)
14598-N .....	.....	Tremcar USA, Inc., Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, CN.	49 CFR 178.345 .....	To authorize the use of an alternative material in the manufacture of cargo tank components. (Mode 1)
14599-N .....	.....	State of New York Department of Health, Albany, NY.	49 CFR 171.2(K) .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of packagings identified as infectious substances, Category B, which are actually non-hazardous for purposes of shipping and packaging drills conducted through New York State to evaluate bioterrorism, chemical terrorism and pandemic influenza preparedness. (Modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
14600-N .....	.....	McLane Company, Inc. Temple, TX.	49 CFR 173.308 .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of up to 5,000 lighters manufactured by BIC Corporation per motor vehicle not subject to the requirements of subparts C through H of part 173 and part 177 in its entirety. (Mode 1)
14601-N .....	.....	Precision Combustion Technology, LLC.	49 CFR 173.302a .....	To authorize the manufacture, marking, sale and use of a non-DOT specification pressure vessel for the transportation in commerce of boron trifluoride. (Modes 1, 2, 3)
14602-N .....	.....	Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, Sunnyvale, CA.	49 CFR 173.304a, 173.301, 172.101 Table Column (9B).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of anhydrous ammonia in non-DOT specification packaging. (Modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
14603-N .....	.....	Yi Wu Huan Qiu Can Manufacture Yiwu City, Zhejiang.	49 CFR 173.304(d), 173.306(a) and 178.33a.	To authorize the manufacture, marking, sale and use of non-DOT specification inner nonrefillable metal receptacles similar to DOT specification 2Q containers for certain Division 2.2 materials. (Modes 1, 2, 3, 4)