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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are invited on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, in including the use of automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology.

Congress expressed concern with unskilled pipeline personnel in the Pipeline Safety and Reauthorization Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-561). This act authorized the Secretary of Transportation to require all individuals responsible for the operation and maintenance of pipeline facilities to be properly qualified to safely perform their tasks. The operator qualification requirements are described in the pipeline safety regulations at 49 CFR Part 192, subpart N and 49 CFR Part 195, subpart G. PHMSA/Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) seeks to extend an existing collection of information for Operator Qualification of Pipeline Personnel. PHMSA/OPS published the initial notice requesting public comment on April 18, 2002 (67 FR 19312-13).

This information collection supports the DOT strategic goal of safety by reducing the number of fatalities, injuries, and amount of property damage.

As used in this notice, "information collection" includes all work related to preparing and disseminating information related to this recordkeeping requirement including completing paperwork, gathering information and conducting telephone calls.

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

*Title of Information Collection:* Operator Qualification of Pipeline Personnel.

*Respondents:* Gas and hazardous liquid pipeline operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 22,300.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 466,667 hours.

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**Florence L. Hamm,**

*Director, Office of Regulations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket: RSPA-98-4957]

#### Request for Public Comments and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approval of an Existing Information Collection (2137-0600)

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests public participation in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval process regarding the renewal of an existing PHMSA/Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) collection of information for pipeline safety reports of abandoned underwater pipelines. PHMSA is requesting OMB approval for renewal of this information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320. The public is invited to submit comments over the next 60 days on ways to minimize the burden associated with collection of information related to the pipeline safety reports of abandoned underwater pipelines.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 11, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference Docket No. RSPA-98-4957 and may be submitted in the following ways:

- DOT Web Site: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

- Mail: Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- Hand Delivery: DOT Docket Management System; Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- E-Gov Web Site: <http://www.Regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any Federal Register notice issued by any agency.

*Instructions:* You should identify the docket number, RSPA-98-4957, at the

beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, you should submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, you should include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and may access all comments received by DOT at <http://dms.dot.gov> by performing a simple search for the docket number. **Note:** All comments will be posted without changes or edits to <http://dms.dot.gov> including any personal information provided.

*Privacy Act Statement:* Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received for any of our dockets. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Underwater pipelines are being abandoned at an increasing rate as older facilities reach the end of their useful life. This trend is expected to continue. In 1992, Congress responded to this issue by amending the Pipeline Safety Act (49 U.S.C. 60108(c)(6)(B)). The amendment directs the Secretary of Transportation to require operators of an offshore pipeline facility, or a pipeline crossing navigable waters, to report the abandonment to the Secretary of Transportation in a way that specifies whether the facility has been abandoned properly according to applicable Federal and State requirements. PHMSA's regulations for abandonment reporting can be found at Title 49 CFR 192.727 and 195.402.

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*Type of Information Collection*

*Request:* Renewal of Existing Collection.

*Title of Information Collection:*

Pipeline Safety Reports of Abandoned Underwater Pipelines

*Respondents:* Gas and hazardous liquid pipeline operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents per Year:* 10.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 60 hours.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

**Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Exemption Applications**

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

**ACTION:** List of application delayed more than 180 days.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(C), PHMSA is publishing the following list of exemption applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Delmer Billings, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street,

SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

**Key to "Reason for Delay"**

1. Awaiting additional information from applicant.
2. Extensive public comment under review.
3. Application is technically complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis.
4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of exemption applications.

**Meaning of Application Number Suffixes**

- N—New application.
- M—Modification request.
- X—Renewal.
- PM—Party to application with modification request.

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**NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS**

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
13183-N	Becton Dickinson, Sandy, UT	4	09-30-2005
13281-N	The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI	4	09-30-2005
13266-N	Luxfer Gas Cylinder, Riverside, CA	4	09-30-2005
13302-N	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA	4	09-30-2005
13341-N	National Propane Gas Association, Washington, DC	3	09-30-2005
13314-N	Sunoco Inc., Philadelphia, PA	4	09-30-2005
13309-N	OPW Engineered Systems, Lebanon, OH	4	09-30-2005
13347-N	ShipMate, Inc., Torrance, CA	4	09-30-2005
13346-N	Stand-By-Systems, Inc., Dallas, TX	1	09-30-2005
14149-N	Digital Wave Corporation, Englewood, CO	4	09-30-2005
14140-N	Albermarle Corporation, Baton Rouge, LA	4	09-30-2005
14141-N	Nalco Company, Naperville, IL	4	09-30-2005
14146-N	Brunswick Corporation, Lake Forest, IL	4	09-30-2005
14138-N	INO Therapeutics, Inc., Port Allen, LA	4	09-30-2005
14038-N	Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI	1	09-30-2005
14010-N	Varsal, LLC, Warminster, PA	4	09-30-2005
13999-N	Kompozit-Praha s.r.o., Dysina u Plzne, Czech Republic, CZ	4	09-30-2005
13957-N	T.L.C.C.I, Inc., Franklin, TN	4	09-30-2005
14154-N	Carleton Technologies, Inc.	4	09-30-2005
14151-N	Chevron Texaco, Houston, TX	4	09-30-2005
13582-N	Linde Gas LLC (Linde), Independence, OH	4	09-30-2005
13563-N	Applied Companies, Valencia, CA	4	09-30-2005
13547-N	CP Industries, McKeesport, PA	4	08-31-2005

**MODIFICATION TO EXEMPTIONS**

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
7277-M	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA	4	08-31-2005
10019-M	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA	4	08-31-2005
10915-M	Luxfer Gas Cylinders (Composite, Cylinder Division), Riverside, CA	1	08-31-2005
6263-M	Amtrol, Inc., West Warwick, RI	4	08-31-2005
10319-M	Amtrol, Inc., West Warwick, RI	4	08-31-2005
11970-M	ExxonMobile Chemical Company, Mont Belvieu, TX	4	08-31-2005