

safety (49 U.S.C. 20101 *et seq.*), and has delegated this authority to FRA. FRA has issued a comprehensive set of Federal regulations governing the safety of all facets of freight and passenger railroad operations (49 CFR parts 200–244). FRA inspects railroads and shippers for compliance with both FRA and PHMSA regulations. FRA also conducts research and development to enhance railroad safety.

Railroads carry over 1.7 million shipments of hazardous materials annually, including millions of tons of explosive, poisonous, corrosive, flammable and radioactive materials. The need for hazardous materials to support essential services means transportation of highly hazardous materials is unavoidable. However, these shipments frequently move through densely populated or environmentally sensitive areas where the consequences of an incident could be loss of life, serious injury, or significant environmental damage.

In the last several years, there have been a number of rail tank car accidents in which the car was breached and product lost on the ground or into the atmosphere. Of particular concern have been accidents involving materials that are poisonous, or toxic, by inhalation (TIH materials). For example, on January 18, 2002, in Minot, ND, one person was killed and 11 more were seriously injured when a Canadian Pacific Railway train derailed. Five tank cars carrying anhydrous ammonia catastrophically ruptured, and a vapor plume covered the derailment site and surrounding area. On June 28, 2004, in Macdonna, TX, three people were killed and 41 were seriously injured when a Union Pacific freight train struck a BNSF freight train. The collision resulted in the breach of a tank car and a release of chlorine, a poisonous gas. Property damage and environmental clean-up costs exceeded \$7 million. On January 6, 2005, in Graniteville, SC, nine people were killed and about 75 were seriously injured when Norfolk Southern Railway train collided with a standing train, and a tank car carrying chlorine was breached. Total damages exceed \$6.9 million. In each of these incidents, the primary causative factor was railroad operations, a failed tank structure, or a combination of the two. Only with a full understanding of what happened can the necessary steps for prevention and mitigation be identified and implemented.

PHMSA and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) are initiating a comprehensive review of design and operational factors that affect rail tank car safety. The two agencies will utilize

a risk management approach to identify ways to enhance the safe transportation of hazardous materials in tank cars, including tank car design, manufacture, and requalification; operational issues such as human factors, track conditions and maintenance, wayside hazard detectors, and signals and train control systems; and emergency response. The review will not consider security issues. PHMSA and FRA have been working closely with the Transportation Security Administration on developing proposed regulations to enhance the security of rail shipments of hazardous materials; these regulatory proposals should be issued for public comment in the near future.

The public safety meeting now scheduled for May 31–June 1 is intended to kick-off the public involvement in this on-going effort within the Department. PHMSA and FRA are primarily looking to this meeting to surface issues and prioritize them. In addition, PHMSA and FRA will discuss the need for additional public forums and their time and place. Persons wishing to make statements will be afforded an opportunity to do so and a transcript—to be made available to the public—will be taken.

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Robert A. McGuire,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–06–24044; Notice 2]

Pipeline Safety: Grant of Waiver; Dominion Transmission, Inc.

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

ACTION: Grant of Waiver; Dominion Transmission, Inc.

SUMMARY: Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) requested a waiver of compliance from requirements for pipelines constructed after March 31, 2000. This waiver will allow DTI to use the most recent, 2006 National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) 59A, "Standard for Production, Storage, and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas" and comply with PHMSA's liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility safety regulations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

DTI requested a waiver from compliance of the regulatory requirements at 49 CFR 193.2301. This regulation requires each LNG facility constructed after March 31, 2000, to comply with 49 CFR part 193 and standard 59A (NFPA 59A). NFPA 59A requires that welded containers designed for not more than 15 pounds per square inch gauge comply with the 1990 Eighth Edition, of the American Petroleum Institute standard 620 (API 620), "Design and Construction of Large, Welded, Low-Pressure Storage Tanks (Appendix Q)." API 620 requires that examinations be performed using radiography to detect the type of flaws most susceptible in the design and construction of large welded low-pressure storage tanks.

DTI is proposing to use the 2006 Tenth Edition, Addendum 1, of API 620, instead of the currently used, 1990 Eighth Edition. This will allow ultrasonic examination as well as radiography as an acceptable alternative non-destructive testing method. The ultrasonic examination consists of full semi-automated and manual examination using shear wave probes, and volumetric examination using a combination of creep wave probes and focused angled longitudinal wave probes.

Findings

PHMSA considered DTI's waiver request and published a notice inviting interested persons to comment on whether a waiver should be granted (71 FR 13895; March 17, 2006). PHMSA received one comment in support of the waiver from the American Gas Association (AGA). AGA supports DTI's request for a waiver from 49 CFR 193.2301 and is confident that the 2006 Tenth Edition of API 620 will not reduce the integrity of the installation of large welded low-pressure storage tanks at LNG facilities.

Grant of Waiver

In its May 2005, Report on Comments, the NFPA 59A Committee "accepted in principle" the latest edition of API 620, Tenth Edition, Addendum 1. The Tenth Edition, Addendum 1, of API 620 adds ultrasonic examination as an acceptable method of examination. The proposed wording of the Tenth Edition, Addendum 1, of API 620 deletes "radiographic" inspection and replaces it with "complete" examination. In the Tenth Edition of API 620, "complete" examination is defined as radiographic or ultrasonic examination.

For the reasons explained above and in the Notice of March 17, 2006,

PHMSA finds that the requested waiver is not inconsistent with pipeline safety and that an equivalent level of safety can be achieved. Therefore, DTI's request for waiver of compliance with § 193.2301 is granted for its LNG facility in Lusby, MD.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60118 (c) and 49 CFR 1.53.

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Theodore L. Willke,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 18, 2006.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 23, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

Community Development Financial Institutions Program Fund (CDFI)

OMB Number: 1559-0014.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program—Community Development, Entity (CDE) Certification Application.

Form: CDFI Form 0019.

Description: The purpose of the NMTC Program is to provide an incentive to investors in the form of a tax credit, which is expected to stimulate investment in new private capital in low income communities. Applicants must be a CDE to apply for allocation.

Respondents: Businesses and other for-profit and non-profit institutions, and State, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,500 hours.

Clearance Officer: Ashanti McCallum, Community Development Financial

Institutions Program Fund, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005. (202) 622-9018.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. (202) 395-7316.

Robert Dahl,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Comptroller of the Currency Agency

Information Collection Activities: Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning its information collection titled, "Investment Securities (12 CFR part 1)."

DATES: You should submit written comments by July 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You should direct your comments to:

Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mailstop 1-5, Attention: 1557-0205, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874-4448, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874-5043.

Additionally, you should send a copy of your comments to OCC Desk Officer, 1557-0205, by mail to U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725, 17th Street, NW., #10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information or a

copy of the collection from Mary Gottlieb, OCC Clearance Officer, or Camille Dickerson, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCC is proposing to extend OMB approval, without change, of the following information collection:

Title: Investment Securities (12 CFR part 1).

OMB Number: 1557-0205.

Description: This submission covers an existing regulation and involves no change to the regulation or to the information collection requirements. The OCC requests only that OMB extend its approval of the information collection.

The information collection requirements in 12 CFR part 1 are as follows:

Under 12 CFR 1.4(h)(2), a national bank may request an OCC determination that it may invest in an entity that is exempt from registration under section 3(c)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 if the portfolio of the entity consists exclusively of assets that a national bank may purchase and sell for its own account. The OCC uses the information contained in the request as a basis for determining that the bank's investment is consistent with its investment authority under applicable law and does not pose unacceptable risk.

Under 12 CFR 1.7(b), a national bank may request OCC approval to extend the five-year holding period of securities held in satisfaction of debts previously contracted (DPC) for up to an additional five years. The bank must provide a clearly convincing demonstration of why any additional holding period is needed. The OCC uses the information in the request to ensure, on a case-by-case basis, that the bank's purpose in retaining the securities is not speculative and that the bank's reasons for requesting the extension are adequate, and to evaluate the risks to the bank of extending the holding period, including potential effects on bank safety and soundness.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 25.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 460 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.