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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket Number: DOT-OST-2017-0043]

Agency Information Collection Activity; Response to Comments on Notice of Request for Approval To Collect New Information: Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: 30-day Notice and Response to Comments.

SUMMARY: On May 7, 2018, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) announced its intention in a **Federal Register** Notice (83 FR 20139) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the following information collection: Voluntary Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data Program. The Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data (ISO) program, is a component of BTS's SafeOCS data sharing framework, that provides a trusted, proactive means for the oil and gas industry to report sensitive and proprietary safety information, and to identify early warnings of safety problems and potential safety issues by uncovering hidden, at-risk conditions not previously exposed from analysis of reportable accidents and incidents. The ISD identifies a broader range of data categories to ensure safe performance and appropriate risk management, which adds a learning component to assist the oil and gas industry in achieving improved safety performance. At that time, BTS also encouraged interested parties to submit comments to docket number DOT-OST-2017-0043, allowing for a 60-day comment period. The comment period closed on July 7, 2018. BTS received two non-relevant comments from the anonymous public entities. The purpose of this Notice is to respond to the comments received on the May 7, 2018 announcement and allow 30 days for public comment to OMB on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by *August 17, 2018*.

ADDRESSES: BTS seeks public comments on its proposed information collection. Comments should address whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimated burden hours of the proposed information collection; 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, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: BTS Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Demetra V. Collia, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Statistical and Economic Analysis, RTS-31, E36-302, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001; Phone No. (202) 366-1610; Fax No. (202) 366-3383; email: demetra.collia@dot.gov. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Data Confidentiality Provisions: The confidentiality of oil and gas industry safety data information submitted to BTS is protected under the BTS confidentiality statute (49 U.S.C. 6307) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-347, Title V.) In accordance with these confidentiality statutes, only statistical (aggregated) and non-identifying data will be made publicly available by BTS through its reports. BTS will not release to the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), or to any other public or private entity, any information that might reveal the identity of individuals or organizations mentioned in failure notices or reports without explicit consent of the respondent and any other affected entities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. The Data Collection

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35; as amended) and 5 CFR part 1320 require each Federal agency to obtain OMB approval to initiate an information collection activity. BTS is seeking OMB approval for the following BTS information collection activity:

Title: Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data (ISD) Program.

OMB Control Number: TBD.

Type of Review: Approval of data collection.

Respondent: Oil and gas industry companies involved in the exploration and/or productions working in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM).

Number of Potential Responses: One hundred.

Estimated Time per Response: 40 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

Total Annual Burden: 400 hours.

II. Public Participation and Request for Public Comments

On May 7, 2018, BTS published a Notice (83 FR 20139) encouraging interested parties to submit comments to docket number DOT-OST-2017-0043 and allowing for a 60-day comment period. The comment period closed on July 6, 2018. There were two comments non-relevant to the topic of the Notice. To view comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, "DOT-OST-2017-0043" in the "search" box and click "Search." Next click "Open Docket Folder" button and choose document listed to review. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W 12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act

All comments the BTS received were posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.) You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

III. Discussion of Public Comments and BTS Responses

BTS announced on May 7, 2018 in a **Federal Register** Notice (83 FR 20139) its intention to request that OMB approve the new collection of: Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data Program. BTS received no relevant comment during the 60-day public comment period. The May 7th notice stated that the BTS was seeking approval to collect Industry Safety Data information.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

[Docket No. TTB-2018-0001]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request (No. 70) for Chemist Certification Program

AGENCY: Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) invites comments on the proposed information collection associated with its chemist certification program.

DATES: Comments are due on or before September 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: As described below, you may send comments on the proposed information collection using the “Regulations.gov” online comment form for this document, or you may send written comments via U.S. mail or hand delivery. TTB no longer accepts public comments via email or fax.

- *https://www.regulations.gov:* Use the comment form for this document posted within Docket No. TTB-2018-0001 on “Regulations.gov,” the Federal e-rulemaking portal, to submit comments via the internet;

- *U.S. Mail:* Michael Hoover, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW, Box 12, Washington, DC 20005.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier in Lieu of Mail:* Michael Hoover, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005.

Please reference the proposed information collection’s title in your comment. You may view copies of this document and all comments received in response to this document within Docket No. TTB-2018-0001 at *https://www.regulations.gov*. A link to that docket is posted on the TTB website at

https://www.ttb.gov/forms/comment-on-form.shtml. You may also obtain paper copies of this document and any comments received in response to this document by contacting Michael Hoover at the addresses or telephone number shown below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Hoover, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW, Box 12, Washington, DC 20005; telephone (202) 453-1039, ext. 135; or email *informationcollections@ttb.gov* (please *do not* submit comments on the proposed information collection to this email address).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Department of the Treasury and its Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), as part of a continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collection associated with TTB’s chemist certification program.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be included or summarized in our request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the proposed information collection. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in comments.

In particular, we invite comments on: (a) Whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency’s functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the information collection’s burden; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (d) ways to minimize the information collection’s burden on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide the requested information.

Chemist Certification Information Collection

Currently, we are seeking comments on the following information collection:

Title: Applications, Notices, and Record Related to the Voluntary Chemist Certification Program for the Analysis of Wine, Distilled Spirits, and Beer for Export.

OMB Number: 1513-NEW.

Abstract: The TTB chemist certification program, established under the authority of section 105(e) of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (FAA Act; 27 U.S.C. 205(e)), is a voluntary program that certifies private industry chemists to analyze alcohol beverages and report the results of specific chemical analyses on alcohol beverages to the governments of importing countries. As a condition of importation, some countries require that their own government laboratories (or laboratories certified by their government) perform these analyses, while other countries allow a person certified by the government of the exporting country to perform the analyses. TTB conducts its chemist certification program as a service to the alcohol beverage industry to facilitate the export of domestic alcohol beverage products. This certification program helps ensure that chemists, enologists, brewers, and technicians (referred to in this document collectively as “chemists”) generate quality data and have the required proficiencies to conduct chemical analyses associated with exportation of alcohol beverages from the United States.

The information collected under TTB’s chemist certification program includes: Letterhead applications for chemist certification and supporting documentation such as copies of diplomas, transcripts, accreditation certificates, and laboratory verification statements; results of qualifying analyses of TTB-supplied alcohol beverage samples made by applicants; and miscellaneous letterhead applications and notices to TTB such as applications and supporting documents related to requests for certification in additional types of analysis, requests for TTB-affirmed reports of analysis, and notices of changes in employment place or status. TTB believes the burden associated with the application portion of this information collection is minimal and is the minimum necessary to ensure that certified chemists are professionally qualified to conduct analyses of alcohol beverages for export purposes.

Certified chemists also must retain, and allow TTB inspection of, records of all analysis results conducted under the authority of a TTB certificate, for a period of up to two years. In addition, the laboratories of certified chemists must retain for a similar period, and allow TTB inspection of, records related to laboratory equipment, laboratory quality control policies, procedures and systems, analyst training and competence, and analysis records pertaining to certified tests. TTB believes that the required records are