

disciplinary action against a Federal employee or to violate the procedural rights of a Federal employee who has been accused of discrimination.

#### Additional Information

For further information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 CFR Part 724, as well as the appropriate offices within your agency (e.g., EEO/civil rights office, human resources office or legal office). Additional information regarding Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection and retaliation laws can be found at the EEOC Web site—<http://www.eeoc.gov> and the OSC Web site—<http://www.osc.gov>.

#### Existing Rights Unchanged

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the Act nor this notice creates, expands or reduces any rights otherwise available to any employee, former employee or applicant under the laws of the United States, including the provisions of law specified in 5 U.S.C. 2302(d).

**Mary N. Whigham Jones,**

*Acting Director, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, United States Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on June 1, 2009. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 13, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Brown, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Telephone: 202-366-2277; or e-mail: [robert.brown@dot.gov](mailto:robert.brown@dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Maritime Administration (MARAD).

*Title:* Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER).

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0025.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* U.S.-flag and U.S. citizen-owned vessels that are required to respond under current statute and regulation.

*Form(s):* None.

*Abstract:* This collection of information is used to gather information regarding the location of U.S.-flag vessels and certain other U.S. citizen-owned vessels for the purpose of search and rescue in the saving of lives at sea and for the marshalling of ships for national defense and safety purposes. This collection consists of vessels that transmit their positions through various electronic means.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 2,050 hours.

*Addresses:* Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

*Comments Are Invited On:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

*Authority:* 49 CFR 1.66.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 31, 2009.

**Murray Bloom,**

*Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2009 0082]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a new information collection to assess the educational outcome of U.S. Merchant Marine Academy alumni.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before November 9, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Shashi Kumar, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY 11024.

*Telephone:* 516-726-5833; *Fax:* 516-773-5539, or *E-Mail:* [kumars@usmma.edu](mailto:kumars@usmma.edu).

Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* United States Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Survey.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-NEW.

*Form Numbers:* KP2-66-DK1, KP2-67-DK2, KP2-68-DK3, KP2-69-ENG1, KP2-70-ENG2, KP2-71-ENG3.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* The United States Merchant Marine Academy is an accredited federal service academy that confers BS and MS degrees. The Academy is expected to assess its educational outcomes and report those findings to its Regional Accreditation authority in order to maintain the institution's degree granting status. Periodic survey of alumni cohorts and analysis of the data gathered is a routine higher education assessment practice in the United States.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information gathered will be analyzed and used for program management and improvement.

*Description of Respondents:* Respondents are graduates of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

*Annual Responses:* 500 responses.

*Annual Burden:* 250 hours.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the

top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT (or EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or 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 April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

**Authority:** 49 CFR 1.66.

Dated: September 1, 2009.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Christine Gurland,**

*Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Approval of the Record of Decision for Proposed Development at the Port Columbus International Airport, Columbus, OH

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Approval of the Record of Decision (ROD).

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is announcing approval of the Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Section 303c Evaluation, and Section 106 Evaluation for proposed development at the Port Columbus International Airport, Columbus, Ohio.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Katherine S. Delaney, FAA, Airports District Office, 11677 South Wayne Road, Suite 107, Romulus, MI 48174, telephone (734) 229-2900; fax: (734) 229-2950.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** The ROD approves the proposed development at Port Columbus International Airport including: construction of a replacement runway 10,113 feet long, located 702 feet south of the existing Runway 10R/28L; development of new terminal facilities, including a new terminal apron in the midfield area, with access from the south airfield; construction of additional taxiways to support the replacement runway; necessary NAVAIDS; proposed aviation-related development (noise berm); associated roadway relocations and construction (internal loop roadway modifications, relocated airport perimeter road); parking improvements (including both surface lots and parking garage); property acquisition and relocation of residences and businesses; construction and implementation of ancillary facilities to support the proposed development (expansion of the central utility plant, aircraft fueling system, airside/landside drainage improvements, expansion of the glycol collection and treatment system, and relocation of the utility corridors); development of air traffic operational procedures for the replacement runway; and implementation of the proposed Part 150 noise abatement actions.

The ROD indicates the project is consistent with existing environmental policies and objectives as set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and will not significantly affect the quality of the environment.

In reaching this decision, the FAA has given careful consideration to: (a) The role of CMH in the national air transportation system, (b) aviation safety, (c) preferences of the airport owner, and (d) anticipated environmental impact.

Discussions of these factors are documented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), Section 303c Evaluation, and the Section 106 Evaluation for the project. The notice of availability of the FEIS appeared in the **Federal Register** on March 20, 2009 (Volume 74, Number 53 Pages 11986-11987), and the comment period ran through April 20, 2009. The FAA's determinations on the project are outlined in the ROD, which was approved on August 19, 2009.

Issued in Romulus, Michigan, on August 24, 2009.

**Matthew J. Thys,**

*Manager, Detroit Airports District Office, FAA, Great Lakes Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Office of Commercial Space Transportation; Notice of Availability of the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Streamlining the Processing of Experimental Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), Council on Environmental Quality NEPA implementing regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and FAA Order 1050.1E, Change 1, the FAA is announcing the availability of the *Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Streamlining the Processing of Experimental Permit Applications* (PEIS). The FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation is the lead Federal agency for the development of the PEIS. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the U.S. Air Force are cooperating agencies.

Under the Proposed Action evaluated in the PEIS, the FAA would issue experimental permits for the launch and reentry of reusable suborbital rockets from both FAA-licensed and non-licensed launch sites using the PEIS as the basis for determining the potential environmental consequences of issuing experimental permits. Under the No Action Alternative, the FAA would continue issuing experimental permits for the launch and reentry of reusable suborbital rockets using its present method of analyzing environmental consequences case by case, without tiering from a programmatic document.

The PEIS examines the potential environmental impacts of issuing an experimental permit for the operation of reusable suborbital rockets anywhere in the U.S. and abroad, and the potential site-specific impacts of permitted launches from seven FAA-licensed commercial launch sites: California Spaceport, California; Mojave Air and Space Port, California; Kodiak Launch Complex, Alaska; Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport, Virginia; Space Florida