



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2026-1454]

Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection:

Application to Participate in the Voluntary Tanker Agreement

AGENCY: Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: MARAD invites public comments on its intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection OMB 2133-0505 (Application to Participate in the Voluntary Tanker Agreement) is used to determine capacity commitments by participants in the event the Agreement is activated to meet the essential need for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk by sea. Minor changes are being made to the form for this collection to improve clarity and ensure consistency with program operations. MARAD is required to publish this notice in the *Federal Register* to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before *[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]*.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MARAD-2026-1454 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.regulations.gov. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking.

Note: All comments received will be posted without change to www.regulations.gov including any personal information provided.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is reasonable for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be lessened without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Wanerman, 202-366-2306, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, MAR-620.2, Mail Stop 1, Washington, DC 20590, Richard.Wanerman@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application to Participate in the Voluntary Tanker Agreement.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0505.

Type of Request: Extension with change of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Voluntary Tanker Agreement provides the United States with guaranteed, assured access to product tankers for the transportation of fuels for use by the armed forces of the United States in times of conflict or national emergency. MARAD personnel will use the collected information to evaluate tanker capacity and develop plans for the use of this capability to meet national emergency requirements and establish overall contingency plans, in coordination with United States Transportation Command. The contingency plans and associated tanker data are considered classified national security information and are thus unavailable to the general public.

Respondents: Owners and operators of United States-registered product tankers.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15.

Estimated Number of Responses: 15.

Estimated Hours per Response: 1.

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 15.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.49.)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

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Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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