

would reduce the depth of water by 9-inches, the mats provide consistent penetration resistance and are designed to promote the collection of bottom silt and vegetative growth. This silt-in process is achieved by particulates dropping out of the water column as a result of reduced current flow across the mesh blankets and will add stability to the installation while building cover over the pipeline. The concrete blanket will consistently protect the line to an equal or greater degree as will 36-inches of soft, unstable natural cover.

We agree with the second commenter that the rock shield would be unnecessary if the pipeline is concrete coated. CPL confirms that the pipeline was concrete coated. Therefore we will not require a rock shield to be installed.

In consideration of the forgoing we find that the requested waiver of compliance with § 192.612(c)(3) is not inconsistent with pipeline safety. Therefore the request for waiver is granted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** L.E. Herrick by telephone at 202-366-5523, by fax at 202-366-4566, by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, RSPA, DPS-10, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, or via e-mail to le.herrick@rspa.dot.gov regarding the subject matter of this notice.

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

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 5, 1999.

**Richard B. Felder,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Application For Permit User Limited

Display Fireworks Under (18 U.S.C. Chapter 40, Explosives).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before October 12, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Michael Bouchard, Chief, Arson and Explosives Programs Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-7930.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Application For Permit User Limited Display Fireworks Under (18 U.S.C. Chapter 40, Explosives).

*OMB Number:* 1512-0399.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5400.21.

*Abstract:* ATF F 5400.21 is used to verify the eligibility of and grant permission to the holder to buy or transport explosives in interstate commerce on a one-time basis. The record retention requirement for this information collection is indefinitely.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1800.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 18 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 540.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information 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 information.

Dated: August 2, 1999.

**William T. Earle,**

*Assistant Director (Management) CFO.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to develop census data on veterans enrolled in VA's health care system.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 12, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann W. Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;