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Re: Docket No. PHMSA – 2006-27181; Information Collection Activities; Notice and Request for Comments

DGAC is a non-profit educational organization that promotes hazmat transportation safety by providing classroom training, seminars and conferences, and participation in domestic and international regulatory activities in its promotion of not only safe, but also efficient transportation of hazardous materials/dangerous goods in commerce.

DGAC was one of a number of organizations that petitioned PHMSA in a letter by the Interested Parties for Hazardous Materials Transportation dated March 23, 2007. DGAC appreciates PHMSA's responsiveness to the petition. For the reasons stated in the petition, DGAC supports the revisions to the HMEP grant application relating to fees collected by states and Indian tribes. We recommend that the application be revised in time for use in FY 2008 and for this reason also supported a letter to the OMB recommending that PHMSA's current Information Collection Budget request on the HMEP program only be approved for one year.

DGAC previously surveyed states to obtain information on their hazardous materials transportation permit/fee programs and produced a biennial report summarizing the state permit/fee programs. While this information proved useful to its members, this service was discontinued due to resource limitations. Once the proposed changes to the HMEP grant application are instituted, we hope PHMSA will assume this reporting function using the information collected.

The Dangerous Goods Advisory Council (DGAC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Docket Number PHMSA – 2006-27181.

Sincerely,

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President