

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration**

[FTA Docket No. 97-2839]

Request for the Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend the following currently approved information collection:

Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Review Requirements.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before October 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Central Dockets Office, PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Review Requirements*—George Izumi, Office of Program Management (202) 366-6009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) the necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Review Requirements (*OMB Number:* 2132-0544).

Background: Under the Federal Transit Laws, at 49 U.S.C. 5323(l), grantees must certify that pre-award and post-delivery reviews will be conducted when using FTA funds to purchase revenue service vehicles. FTA

regulation 49 CFR Part 663 implements this law by specifying the actual certificates that must be submitted by each bidder to assure compliance with the Buy America, contract specification, and vehicle safety requirements for rolling stock. The information collected on the certification forms is necessary for FTA grantees to meet the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(l).

Respondents: State and local government, business or other for-profit institutions, non-profit institutions, and small business organizations.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 2.47 hours for each of the 700 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,729 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

Issued: August 20, 1997.

Nuria Fernandez,

Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. 97-24; Notice 2]

Decision that Nonconforming 1993 Jeep Wrangler Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of decision by NHTSA that nonconforming 1993 Jeep Wrangler multi-purpose passenger vehicles (MPVs) are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the decision by NHTSA that 1993 Jeep Wrangler MPVs manufactured for the Middle Eastern and other foreign markets that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because they are substantially similar to a vehicle originally manufactured for sale in the United States and certified by its manufacturer as complying with the safety standards (the U.S.-certified 1993 Jeep Wrangler), and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATES: This decision is effective August 26, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5306).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. § 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the **Federal Register** of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the **Federal Register**.

Wallace Environmental Testing Laboratories, Inc. of Houston, Texas (Registered Importer R-90-005) petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1993 Jeep Wranglers are eligible for importation into the United States. NHTSA published notice of the petition on May 19, 1997 (62 FR 27290) to afford an opportunity for public comment. The reader is referred to that notice for a thorough description of the petition. No comments were received in response to the notice. Based on its review of the information submitted by the petitioner, NHTSA has decided to grant the petition.

Vehicle Eligibility Number for Subject Vehicles

The importer of a vehicle admissible under any final decision must indicate on the form HS-7 accompanying entry the appropriate vehicle eligibility number indicating that the vehicle is eligible for entry. VSP-217 is the vehicle eligibility number assigned to vehicles admissible under this decision.

Final Decision

Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing, NHTSA hereby decides that a 1993 Jeep Wrangler not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety

standards is substantially similar to a 1993 Jeep Wrangler originally manufactured for sale in the United States and certified under 49 U.S.C. § 30115, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: August 20, 1997.

Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket Number: RSPA-97-2426-1, Notice 1]

Pipeline Safety: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice requests public participation in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval process regarding an RSPA new collection of information. RSPA wishes to begin testing a pilot program for a national pipeline mapping system (NPMS). RSPA intends to request OMB approval of this information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before October 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to send comments in duplicate to the Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001 or e-mail to fellm@rspa.dot.gov. The dockets facility is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays, when the facility is closed. Comments must identify docket number of this notice. Persons should submit the original documents and one (1) copy. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. Please identify the docket and notice numbers shown in the heading of this notice. Documents pertaining to this notice can be viewed in this docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, (202) 366-6205, to ask questions about this notice; or write by e-mail to Fellm@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Pipeline Mapping System Pilot Program.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: the Department of Transportation (DOT) along with other Federal and state agencies has been working side by side with natural gas and hazardous liquid operators to develop a national pipeline mapping system (NPMS). This system, when complete, will depict and provide data on the natural gas transmission and larger liquid pipelines operating in the United States. The DOT is beginning a volunteer pilot program consisting of 36 pipeline operators (three from each of 12 states participating in the program). These 36 pipeline operators will provide electronic maps of 10-20 miles of their pipeline to one state as well as to one of six regional repositories. DOT will be compensating the states and regional repositories for their startup and operating costs.

Estimate of Burden: 4 hours per operator.

Respondents: Gas transmission and hazardous liquid operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 36.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 144 hours.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information 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 collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

All timely written comments to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also be available to the public in the docket.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 20, 1997.

Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33444]

Southern Pacific Transportation Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Southern Pacific Transportation Company over UP's north-south rail line known as the Fort Worth Subdivision extending between milepost 250.9, near Fort Worth, and milepost 75.5, near Bryan, and over the Austin Subdivision from milepost 93.6 near Valley Junction (a point on the Fort Worth Subdivision) to milepost 89.6, a total distance of 179.4 miles in the State of Texas.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after the August 8, 1997 effective date of the exemption.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to facilitate efficient train operations in a one-way directional movement of trains.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33444 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Joseph D. Anthofer, Esq., 1416 Dodge Street, #830, Omaha, NE 68179.

Decided: August 20, 1997.