

benefits. The respondents are applicants for retirement benefits.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,600,000.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10.5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 280,000 hours.

3. Physician's/Medical Officer's Statement, Patient's Capability to Manage Benefits—0960-0024. SSA uses the information on Form SSA-787 to determine whether an individual is capable of handling his/her benefits. The information is also used for leads in selecting a representative payee. The respondents are physicians of the beneficiaries or medical officers of institutions where beneficiaries reside.

*Number of Respondents:* 120,000.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 20,000 hours.

4. Claimant's Statement When Request for Hearing Is Filed and The Issue Is Disability—0960-0316. SSA requires that applicants for disability benefits provide the updated medical information requested on Form HA-4486, to facilitate processing their Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) claims. This information also enables the Administrative Law Judge hearing the case to fully inquire into the claimant's medical condition. The respondents are applicants for OASDI and SSI Benefits.

*Number of Respondents:* 283,460.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 70,865 hours.

5. Representative Payee Report of Benefits and Dedicated Account—0960-0576. Form SSA-6233 is used by SSA to ensure that payment of SSI benefits is made to a relative, another person, or an organization when the best interests of the beneficiary would be served. The form is also used to ensure that the representative payee is using the benefits received for the beneficiary's current maintenance and personal needs and that expenditures of funds from the dedicated account are in compliance with the law. The respondents are individual and organizational representative payees required by law to establish a separate ("dedicated") account in a financial institution for certain past-due SSI monthly benefits.

*Number of Respondents:* 30,000.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 10,000 hours.

6. Application for a Social Security Card—0960-0066. The information collected by SSA on Form SS-5 is used to assign a Social Security Number and issue a card. The Social Security Number is used to keep an accurate record of each individual's earnings for the payment of benefits and for administrative purposes as an identifier for health-maintenance and income-maintenance programs, such as the OASDI Programs, the SSI Program and other programs administered by the Federal government including Black Lung, Medicare and veterans compensation and pension programs. The Social Security Number is also used by the Internal Revenue Service as a taxpayer identification number for those individuals who are eligible to be assigned a Social Security Number. The respondents are applicants for a Social Security Card.

*Number of Respondents:* 16 million.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 8½ minutes-9 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,275,000 hours.

7. Questionnaire for Children Claiming SSI Benefits—0960-0499. The information collected on form SSA-3881 is used by SSA to evaluate disability in children who apply for SSI payments. The respondents are individuals who apply for SSI benefits for a disabled child.

*Number of Respondents:* 978,000.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 489,000 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be directed within 30 days to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

#### (OMB)

Office of Management and Budget,  
OIRA, Attn: Laura Oliven, New  
Executive Office Building, Room  
10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington,  
D.C. 20503

#### (SSA)

Social Security Administration,  
DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni,  
1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401  
Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235

To receive a copy of any of the forms or clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4125 or write to him at the address listed above.

Dated: December 11, 1997.

**Nicholas E. Tagliareni,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2667]

### Determination With Respect to Countries Providing Sanctuary to Indicted War Criminals

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 573(d) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1998 (Public Law 105-118), I hereby determine that Serbia and Montenegro and the Republika Srpska Entity of Bosnia and Herzegovina and failed to take necessary and significant steps to apprehend and transfer to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (the "Tribunal") all persons who have been publicly indicted by the Tribunal.

This determination shall be provided to the Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 4, 1997.

**Madeleine Albright,**

*Secretary of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Orange County, New York

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed bridge/highway project in Orange County, New York.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Harold J. Brown, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, 9th Floor, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, Telephone (518) 431-4127.

or  
Philip J. Clark, Director, Design Division, New York State Department of

Transportation, State Campus, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12232, Telephone: (518) 457-6452.

or

Duane L. Dodds, Director, Office of Facilities Design, New York State Thruway Authority, 200 Southern Boulevard, Albany, New York 12209, Telephone: (518) 436-2916.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed intermodal project in the Towns of New Windsor, Montgomery and Newburgh, Orange County, New York. The project will involve the construction of an interchange on Interstate 84 with Drury Lane, the construction of an east/west connector road between Drury Lane and the Stewart Airport and the widening and reconstruction of Drury Lane between Route 207 and Route 17K. Improvements are necessary to develop a more direct access between Stewart Airport and the regional highway system and to stimulate the local and regional economy through the development of the Stewart Airport Properties in the vicinity of Drury Lane and the development of the airport in accordance with the Stewart Airport Master Plan.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) construction of an interchange on Interstate 84 with Drury Lane, construction of a four lane connector road between Drury Lane and the Stewart Airport and the widening and reconstruction of Drury Lane between its intersections with Route 207 and Route 17K, including the widening of Drury Lane to four lanes between the Stewart Airport connector road and I84. Incorporated into and studied with the build alternative will be variations of grade and alignment.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed interest in this proposal. A formal NEPA scoping meeting will be held for federal, state and local officials on January 14, 1998 at 2:00 P.M. at the New Windsor Town Hall and for the public on January 14, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. at the Little Britain Elementary School Auditorium in the Town of New Windsor. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The

draft EIS, when prepared, will be available for public and agency review and comment.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA, NYSDOT, or NYSTA at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: December 10, 1997.

**Harold J. Brown,**

*Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Albany, New York.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Petition for a Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §§ 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal railroad safety regulations. The individuals petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being sought and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

#### Northeast Illinois Railroad Corporation

[FRA Waiver Petition No. WPS 97-10]

Northeast Illinois Railroad Corporation, ("Metra," ) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal Roadway Worker Protection Standards, Subpart C of 49 CFR, part 214.

Metra requests relief of 49 CFR 214.337 to the extent that lone workers would be permitted to use individual train detection as a method of on-track safety while operating powered snow blowers on and near the tracks at station platforms and related crosswalks.

In support of the petition, Metra states that:

"Snowfalls which begin prior to or during the rush hours require extensive lone worker participation utilizing powered snow blowers to make the

platforms and crosswalks safe for our customers \* \* \*

During the times when lone workers utilize I.T.D. (Individual train detection) as their form of protection with powers tools being used the following procedure is required:

1. Will conduct a statement of on track safety. Will contact the train dispatcher and determine if any unscheduled trains are in the area.
2. Will determine that scheduled trains are on time.
3. When blowing snow from the platform within the 4 foot envelope will face the direction a train will approach from and keep a vigilant lookout for such trains.
4. Will blow snow from crosswalks only when safe to do so.

FRA should look at the safety risks to passengers as platforms where snow removal is not completed within the envelope of danger due to the constraints placed on lone workers when using power tools."

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with this proceeding since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number WPS-97-10) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 30 days of the date of this notice will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning this proceeding are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at FRA's temporary docket room located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Room 7051, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on December 15, 1997.

**Grady C. Cothen,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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