

emissions to represent 10 percent or more of a maintenance or nonattainment area's total emissions of a particular pollutant, the area's total emissions inventory for any pollutant must be less than 1,000 tons, which is unlikely. Based on this rationale, the presumed to conform activities in this Notice are not considered to be regionally significant.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 5, 2007.

**Charles R. Everett, Jr.,**

*Manager, Planning and Environmental Division, Office of the Associate Administrator for Airports.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2007-27203]

#### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under Supplementary Information. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by April 13, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT DMS Docket Number FHWA-2007-27203 by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC, 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room 401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building,

400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Neathery, 202-366-1257 or Martin Weiss, 202-366-5010, Office of Interstate and Border Planning, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Rural Transportation Research.

*Background:* Section 5513(f) of The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users of 2005 (SAFETEA-LU) provides a grant to the New England Transportation Institute (hence "the Institute") in White River Junction, Vermont, to conduct rural transportation research. The Institute will undertake research and analysis in support of two research issues: (1) Rural Transportation Issues Definition and Refinement; and (2) Rural Transportation Safety and Health. The research includes a 2-part survey to develop information that will help support a "portrait" of present rural transportation patterns. Applying the concepts of both "mobility" and "accessibility" to the rural Northeast, the Institute's surveys will explore the issues of "rural isolation" and driver travel behavior. The survey will address these questions:

- How serious a problem is rural isolation and perceptions of access (or lack thereof)?
- How are the economic forces acting on the rural areas affecting the manner, and length of trips in the rural Northeast?
- How are demographics going to change and/or influence the demands made on the transportation system? and
- What would be the transportation implications of different settlement patterns?

*Respondents:* Approximately 800 respondents for survey 1 and 600 respondents for survey 2.

*Frequency:* one time.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes per survey.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* Approximately 700 hours.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and

(4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued On: February 6, 2007.

**James R. Kabel,**

*Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking renewal of the following currently approved information collection activities. Before submitting these information collection requirements for clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than April 13, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Gina Christodoulou, Office of Support Systems Staff, RAD-43, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB control number \_\_\_\_." Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6230 or (202) 493-6170, or via e-mail to Mr. Brogan at [robert.brogan@dot.gov](mailto:robert.brogan@dot.gov), or to Ms. Christodoulou at [gina.christodoulou@dot.gov](mailto:gina.christodoulou@dot.gov). Please refer

to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Ms. Gina Christodoulou, Office of Support Systems Staff, RAD-43, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6139). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13, section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR Part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60-days notice to the public for comment on information collection activities before seeking approval for reinstatement or renewal by OMB. 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). Specifically, FRA invites interested respondents to comment on the following summary of proposed information collection activities regarding (i) Whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the

activities will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (iii) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (iv) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)(i)-(iv); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)-(iv). FRA believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information mandated by Federal regulations. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (i) Reduce reporting burdens; (ii) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a "user friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (iii) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

Below are brief summaries of the two currently approved information collection activities that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

*Title:* Foreign Railroads' Foreign-Based (FRFB) Employees Who Perform

Train or Dispatching Service in the United States.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0555.

*Abstract:* The collection of information is used by FRA to determine compliance of FRFB train and dispatching service employees and their employers with the prohibition against the abuse of alcohol and controlled substances. Because of the increase in cross-border train operations and the increased risk posed to the safety of train operations in the United States, FRA seeks to apply all of the requirements of 49 CFR part 219 to FRFB train and dispatching service employees. The basic information—evidence of unauthorized use of drugs and alcohol—is used by FRA to help prevent accidents/incidents by screening FRFB who perform safety-sensitive functions for unauthorized drug or alcohol use. FRFB train and dispatching service employees testing positive for unauthorized use of alcohol and drugs are removed from service, thereby enhancing safety and serving as a deterrent to other FRFB train and dispatching service employees who might be tempted to engage in the unauthorized use of drugs or alcohol.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Respondent Universe:* 2 Railroads.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Foreign-based railroads and their employees.

*Reporting Burden:*

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual burden cost
219.4—Recognition of Foreign Railroads' Workplace Testing Programs: Petitions to Agency—Comments on Petition.	2 railroads ..... 2 railroads/public ....	1 petition ..... 2 comments + 2 comment copies.	10 hours ..... 2 hours .....	10 4	\$370 148
219.401/403/405—Voluntary referral and Co-worker Report Policies.	2 railroads .....	2 policies .....	30 hours .....	60	2,364
219.403/405—Evaluation by Substance Abuse Professional.	2 railroads .....	3 reports/referrals ...	2 hours .....	6	900
219.405(c)(1)—Report by a Co-worker ...	2 railroads .....	1 report .....	5 minutes .....	.08	3
219.601(a)—Railroad Random Drug Testing Programs—Amendments to Programs.	2 railroads ..... 2 railroads .....	2 programs ..... 1 amendment .....	16 hours ..... 1 hour .....	32 1	1,184 37
219.601(b)(1)—Random Selection Procedures—Drugs.	2 railroads .....	24 documents .....	4 hours .....	96	1,440
219.601(b)(4), 219.601(d)—Notice to Employees of Random Drug Testing Program—Notice to Employees of Selection for Testing.	2 railroads ..... 2 railroads .....	2 notices ..... 20 notices .....	10 hours ..... 1 minute .....	20 .333	740 12
219.603(a)—Notice by Employee Asking to be Excused from Urine Testing.	200 employees .....	2 excuses .....	15 minutes .....	.5	22
219.607(a)—Railroad Random Alcohol Testing Programs: Amendments.	2 railroads .....	1 amendment .....	1 hour .....	1	37
219.609—Notice by Employee Asking to be Excused from Random Alcohol Testing.	200 employees .....	2 excuses .....	15 minutes .....	.5	22
219.903—Retention of Urine Drug Testing Records.	2 railroads .....	80 records .....	5 minutes .....	7	105

*Total Responses:* 145.

*Total Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 238 hours.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Special Notice For Repairs.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0504.

*Abstract:* The Special Notice For Repairs is issued to notify the carrier in writing of an unsafe condition involving a locomotive, car, or track. The carrier must return the form after repairs have been made. The collection of information is used by State and Federal inspectors to remove freight cars or locomotives until they can be restored to a serviceable condition. It is also used by State and Federal inspectors to reduce the maximum authorized speed on a section of track until repairs can be made.

*Form Number(s):* FRA F 6180.8; FRA F 6180.8a.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Respondent Universe:* 685 railroads.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 57.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 6 hours.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 6, 2007.

**D.J. Stadler,**

*Director, Office of Budget, Federal Railroad Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request For Comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirements (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded

to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on December 5, 2006 (71 FR 70581).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 14, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, D.C. 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Ms. Gina Christodoulou, Office of Support Systems Staff, RAD-43, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, D.C. 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6139). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13, section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR Part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On December 5, 2006, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on ICRs that the agency was seeking OMB approval. See 71 FR 70581. FRA received no comments after issuing this notice. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been re-evaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c).

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); see also 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5

CFR 1320.12(c); see also 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The revised requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

*Title:* Control of Alcohol and Drug Use in Railroad Operations.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0526.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Railroads.

*Form(s):* FRA F 6180.73; 6180.74.

*Abstract:* The information collection requirements contained in pre-employment and "for cause" testing regulations are intended to ensure a sense of fairness and accuracy for railroads and their employees. The principal information—evidence of unauthorized alcohol or drug use—is used to prevent accidents by screening personnel who perform safety-sensitive service. FRA uses the information to measure the level of compliance with regulations governing the use of alcohol or controlled substances. Elimination of this problem is necessary to prevent accidents, injuries, and fatalities of the nature already experienced and further reduce the risk of a truly catastrophic accident.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 31,797 hours.

*Addressee:* Send comments regarding this information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; Attention: FRA Desk Officer.

*Comments are invited on the following:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.