DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6888]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-5501, Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form, OMB Control Number 1405-0153

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- Title of Information Collection: Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form.
 - OMB Control Number: 1405-0153.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.
- Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of Visa Services (CA/VO).
 - Form Number: DS-5501.
- *Respondents:* Aliens entering the Diversity Visa Lottery.
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,000,000.
- Estimated Number of Responses: 6,000,000.
- Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes.
- Total Estimated Burden: 3,000,000 hours.
 - Frequency: Once per entry.
- *Obligation To Respond:* Required to obtain benefits.

DATE(S): The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from March 30, 2010.

You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail: VisaRegs@state.gov* (Subject line must read DS–5501 Reauthorization).
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Chief, Legislation and Regulations Division, Visa Services— DS-5501 Reauthorization, 2401 E. Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520-30106
 - Fax: (202) 663–3898.

You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Robert Harper of the Office of Visa

Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E. Street, NW., L–603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached on 202–663–2910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Department of State utilizes the Electronic Diversity Visa Lottery (EDV) Entry Form to elicit information necessary to ascertain the applicability of the legal provisions of the diversity program. Primary requirements are that the applicant is from a low admission country, is a high school graduate, or has two years of experience in a job that requires two years of training. The individuals complete the electronic entry forms and then applications are randomly selected for participation in the program.

Methodology

The EDV Entry Form is available online at http://www.dvlottery.state.gov and can only be submitted electronically during the annual registration period.

Dated: January 15, 2010.

David T. Donahue,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6362]

Renewal of the U.S. Advisory Commission for Public Diplomacy

SUMMARY: The Department of State has renewed the Charter of the U.S. Advisory Commission for Public Diplomacy.

The Advisory Commission was originally established under Section 604 of the United States Information and Exchange Act of 1948, as amended (22 U.S.C. 1469) and Section 8 of Reorganization Plan Numbered 2 of 1977. It was reauthorized pursuant to Public Law 111–70 (2009).

The Commission is a bipartisan panel appointed by the President and created by Congress in 1948 to assess public diplomacy policies and programs of the U.S. government and publicly funded nongovernmental organizations. It submits reports to the Congress, the President, and the Secretary of State to develop a better understanding of and support for public diplomacy programs and activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl Chan, ACPD Executive Director) at (202) 632–2823 or via e-mail at chanck@state.gov.

Dated: January 22, 2010.

Carl Chan,

Executive Director, ACPD, Department of State.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Projects Approved for Consumptive Uses of Water

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice of approved projects.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the projects approved by rule by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission during the period set forth in **DATES**.

DATES: November 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 1721 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102–2391.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard A. Cairo, General Counsel, telephone: (717) 238–0423, ext. 306; fax: (717) 238–2436; e-mail: rcairo@srbc.net or Stephanie L. Richardson, Secretary to the Commission, telephone: (717) 238–0423, ext. 304; fax: (717) 238–2436; e-mail: srichardson@srbc.net. Regular mail inquiries may be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice lists the projects, described below, receiving approval for the consumptive use of water pursuant to the Commission's approval by rule process set forth in 18 CFR 806.22(e) and 18 CFR 806.22(f) for the time period specified above:

Approvals Issued

Approvals By Rule Issued Under 18 CFR 806.22(e):

 Tyco Electronics Corporation, Lickdale Facility, ABR–20091222, Union Township, Lebanon County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 0.080 mgd; Approval Date: December 18, 2009.

Approvals By Rule Issued Under 18 CFR 806.22(f):

- East Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Stehmer 420, ABR-20091101, Delmar Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 15, 2009.
- East Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Johnson 435, ABR-20091102, Shippen Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009.
- 3. J–W Operating Company, Pad ID: Pardee & Curtin Lumber Co. C–09H, ABR–20091103, Shippen Township, Cameron County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.500 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009.
- 4. Citrus Energy, Pad ID: Procter & Gamble Mehoopany Plant 2 1H, ABR–20091104, Washington Township, Wyoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 5.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009.
- Fortuna Energy, Inc., Pad ID: Eick 013, ABR-20091105; Columbia Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 3.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009.
- East Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Brown 425, ABR-20091106, Delmar Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009.
- East Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Barrett 410, ABR-20091107, Jackson Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009.
- 8. East Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Starks 461, ABR–20091108, Richmond Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009
- Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Doss, ABR-20091109, Albany Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.500 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009.
- 10. East Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Yungwirth 307, ABR-20091110, Charleston Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up

- to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009.
- 11. East Resources, Inc., Pad ID: West 299, ABR–20091111, Richmond Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009.
- 12. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: CSI, ABR–20091112, Burlington Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.500 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009.
- 13. East Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Button 402, ABR–20091113, Jackson Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009.
- 14. EXCO–North Coast Energy, Inc., Pad ID: Fidatti-Bianconi, ABR– 20091114, Scott Township, Lackawanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 2.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009.
- 15. Chief Oil & Gas, LLC, Pad ID: Teel Unit #1H, ABR–20091115, Springville Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 5.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2009.
- 16. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Guinan IV, ABR–20091116, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 0.999 mgd; Approval Date: November 18, 2009.
- 17. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Guinan 2H, ABR–20091117, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 1.999 mgd; Approval Date: November 18, 2009.
- 18. Pennsylvania General Energy
 Company, L.L.C., Pad ID: COP Tract
 724—Pad A, ABR–20091118,
 Gamble Township, Lycoming
 County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up
 to 2.000 mgd; Approval Date:
 November 19, 2009, including a
 partial waiver of 18 CFR Section
 806.15.
- 19. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Hoppaugh 1V, ABR–20091119, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 0.999 mgd; Approval Date: November 20, 2009.
- 20. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Hoppaugh 2H, ABR–20091120, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 1.999 mgd; Approval Date: November 23, 2009.
- 21. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Hoppaugh 3H, ABR–20091121,

- Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 1.999 mgd; Approval Date: November 23, 2009.
- 22. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Lee 1H, ABR–20091122, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 1.999 mgd; Approval Date: November 23, 2009.
- 23. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Lee 2H, ABR–20091123, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 1.999 mgd; Approval Date: November 23, 2009.
- 24. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Lee 2H, ABR–20091124, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 1.999 mgd; Approval Date: November 23, 2009.
- 25. Rice Drilling B LLC, Pad ID:
 Ultimate Warrior #1, ABR—
 20091125, Upper Fairfield
 Township, Lycoming County, Pa.;
 Consumptive Use of up to 1.000
 mgd; Approval Date: November 30,
 2009.
- 26. Chief Oil & Gas, LLC, Pad ID: Hodge Unit Drilling Pad #1, ABR— 20091201, Juniata Township, Blair County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 5.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 1, 2009.
- 27. Citrus Energy Corporation, Pad ID: Martin #1V, ABR-20091202, Sugarloaf Township, Columbia County, Consumptive Use of up to 5.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 1, 2009.
- 28. XTO Energy Incorporated, Pad ID: Jenzano, ABR–20090713.1, Franklin Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use total of up to 3.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 1, 2009.
- 29. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Houseknecht 1H, ABR–20090423.1, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use total of up to 1.999 mgd; Approval Date: December 2, 2009.
- 30. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Ward M 1H, ABR–20090421.1, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use total of up to 1.990 mgd; Approval Date: December 2, 2009.
- 31. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Jones IV, ABR–20091203, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 0.999 mgd; Approval Date: December 2, 2009.
- 32. Chief Oil & Gas, LLC, Pad ID: Teel Unit Drilling Pad #2H, ABR– 20091204, Springville Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.;

- Consumptive Use of up to 2.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 3, 2009.
- 33. Chief Oil & Gas, LLC, Pad ID: Teel Unit Drilling Pad #3H, ABR— 20091205, Springville Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 2.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 3, 2009.
- 34. East Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Chapman 237, ABR–20091206, Sullivan Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 8, 2009.
- 35. East Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Houck 433, ABR–20091207, Shippen Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 9, 2009.
- 36. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Stoorza, ABR–20091208, Terry Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.500 mgd; Approval Date: December 9, 2009.
- 37. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Roger, ABR–20091209, Auburn Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.500 mgd; Approval Date: December 9, 2009.
- 38. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Readinger, ABR–20091210, West Burlington Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.500 mgd; Approval Date: December 9, 2009.
- 39. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Miller, ABR–20091211,
 Towanda Township, Bradford
 County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.500 mgd; Approval Date:
 December 9, 2009.
- Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Grippo, ABR–20091212, Terry Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.500 mgd; Approval Date: December 9, 2009.
- 41. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Duffield, ABR–20091213, Tuscarora Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.500 mgd; Approval Date: December 9, 2009.
- 42. Chief Oil & Gas, LLC, Pad ID: Clear Springs Dairy Drilling Pad #1, ABR–20091214, Burlington Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 5.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 14, 2009.
- 43. East Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Jenkins 523, ABR–20091215, Rutland Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000

- mgd; Approval Date: December 14, 2009.
- 44. East Resources, Inc., Pad ID:
 Pannebaker 515, ABR–20091216,
 Rutland Township, Tioga County,
 Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000
 mgd; Approval Date: December 14,
 2009.
- 45. East Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Starks 460, ABR–20091217, Richmond Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 14, 2009.
- 46. East Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Oldroyd 509, ABR–20091218, Rutland Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 14, 2009.
- 47. XTO Energy Incorporated, Pad ID: Hazlak, ABR–20090715.1, Franklin Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use total of up to 3.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 14, 2009.
- 48. XTO Energy Incorporated, Pad ID: Temple, ABR–20090714.1, Moreland Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use total of up to 3.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 14, 2009.
- 49. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Harkness 1V, ABR–20091219, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 0.999 mgd; Approval Date: December 14, 2009.
- 50. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Harkness 2H, ABR–20091220, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 1.999 mgd; Approval Date: December 14, 2009.
- 51. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Harkness 3H, ABR–20091221, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 1.999 mgd; Approval Date: December 14, 2009.
- 52. Seneca Resources Corporation, Pad ID: T. Wivell Horizontal Pad, ABR–20090814.1, Covington Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use total of up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 18, 2009.
- 53. Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, Pad ID: HibbardAM P1, ABR–20091223, Dimock Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 3.575 mgd; Approval Date: December 21, 2009.
- 54. Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, Pad ID: HibbardAM P2, ABR–20091224, Dimock Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 3.575 mgd; Approval Date: December 21, 2009.

- 55. XTO Energy Incorporated, Pad ID: King Unit, ABR–20091225, Shrewsbury Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 3.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 22, 2009.
- 56. XTO Energy Incorporated, Pad ID: Booth, ABR–20091226, Shrewsbury Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 28, 2009.
- 57. Seneca Resources Corporation, Pad ID: Rich Valley 1V Pad, ABR—20091227, Shippen Township, Cameron County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 0.500 mgd; Approval Date: December 28, 2009.
- 58. Citrus Energy Corporation, Pad ID: Farver #1V, ABR-20091228, Benton Township, Columbia County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 5.000 mgd; Approval Date: December 28, 2009.
- 59. Seneca Resources Corporation, Pad ID: Wolfinger, ABR–20091229, Shippen Township, Cameron County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 0.500 mgd; Approval Date: December 28, 2009, including a partial waiver of 18 CFR Section 806.15.
- 60. Ultra Resources, Inc., Pad ID:
 Marshlands H. Bergey Unit #1,
 ABR-20091230, Gaines Township,
 Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive
 Use of up to 4.990 mgd; Approval
 Date: December 29, 2009.
- 61. Ultra Resources, Inc., Pad ID:
 Marshlands K. Thomas Unit #1,
 ABR-20091231, Elk Township,
 Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive
 Use of up to 4.990 mgd; Approval
 Date: December 29, 2009.
- 62. Ultra Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Lick Run Pad, ABR–20091232, Gaines Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.990 mgd; Approval Date: December 29, 2009.
- 63. Ultra Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Hillside Pad, ABR–20091233, Gaines Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.990 mgd; Approval Date: December 29, 2009.
- 64. Ultra Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Button B 901 Pad, ABR–20091234, West Branch Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.990 mgd; Approval Date: December 29, 2009.
- 65. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: Kenyon 1V, ABR–20091235, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 0.999 mgd; Approval Date: December 29, 2009.

Authority: Pub. L. 91–575, 84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*, 18 CFR parts 806, 807, and 808.

Dated: January 19, 2010. **Stephanie L. Richardson**,

Stephanie L. Kicharuson,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration [Summary Notice No. PE-2009-61]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

Correction

In notice document 2010–808 beginning on page 2925 in the issue of Tuesday, January 19, 2010, make the following correction:

On page 2925, in the third column, under the **DATE:** heading, "August 10, 2010" is corrected to read "February 8, 2010".

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Notice No. 59; Docket No. FRA-2000-7257]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC); Working Group Activity Update

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Announcement of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) Working Group Activities.

SUMMARY: The FRA is updating its announcement of RSAC's Working Group activities to reflect its current status.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Woolverton, RSAC Designated Federal Officer/Administrative Officer, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493–6212; or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493–6302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice serves to update FRA's last announcement of working group activities and status reports of August 14, 2009 (74 FR 41181). The 40th full RSAC Committee meeting was held September 10, 2009, and the 41st

meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2010, at the Marriott Washington Wardman Park Hotel located at 2660 Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC.

Since its first meeting in April of 1996, the RSAC has accepted 32 tasks. The status for each of the open tasks (neither completed nor terminated) is provided below:

Open Tasks

Task 96–4—Tourist and Historic Railroads. Reviewing the appropriateness of the agency's current policy regarding the applicability of existing and proposed regulations to tourist, excursion, scenic, and historic railroads. This task was accepted on April 2, 1996, and a Working Group was established. The Working Group monitored the steam locomotive regulation task. Planned future activities involve the review of other regulations for possible adaptation to the safety needs of tourist and historic railroads. Contact: Grady Cothen, (202) 493–6302.

Task 03–01—Passenger Safety. This task includes updating and enhancing the regulations pertaining to passenger safety, based on research and experience. This task was accepted on May 20, 2003, and a Working Group was established. Prior to embarking on substantive discussions of a specific task, the Working Group set forth, in writing, a specific description of the task. The Working Group reports planned activity to the full Committee at each scheduled full RSAC meeting, including milestones for completion of projects and progress toward completion. At the first meeting held September 9-10, 2003, a consolidated list of issues was completed. At the second meeting held November 6-7, 2003, four task groups were established: Emergency Preparedness; Mechanical; Crashworthiness; and Track/Vehicle Interaction. The task forces met and reported on activities for Working Group consideration at the third meeting held May 11-12, 2004, and a fourth meeting was held October 26-27, 2004. The Working Group met on March 21-22, 2006, and again on September 12-13, 2006, at which time the group agreed to establish a task force on General Passenger Safety. The full Passenger Safety Working Group met on April 17–18, 2007; December 11–12, 2007; November 13, 2008; and June 8, 2009. On August 5, 2009, the Working Group was requested to establish an Engineering Task Force to consider technical criteria and procedures for qualifying alternative passenger equipment designs as equivalent in safety to equipment meeting the design standards in the Passenger Equipment

Safety Standards. The next meeting of the Working Group is scheduled for the February–March 2010 timeframe. Contact: Charles Bielitz, (202) 493–6314.

(Engineering Task Force) The Passenger Safety Working Group approved a request from the FRA to establish an Engineering Task Force under the Passenger Safety Working Group in August 2009. The mission of the Task Force is to produce a set of technical evaluation criteria and procedures for passenger rail equipment built to alternative designs. The technical evaluation criteria and procedures would provide a means of establishing whether an alternative design would result in performance at least equal to the structural design standards set forth in the Passenger Equipment Safety Standards (Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 238). The initial focus of this effort will be on Tier I standards. When completed, the criteria and procedures would form a technical basis for making determinations concerning equivalent safety pursuant to 49 CFR Section 238.201 and provide a technical framework for presenting evidence to FRA in support of any request for waiver of the compressive (buff) strength requirement set forth in 49 CFR Section 238.203. See, generally, 49 CFR Part 211 (Rules of Practice). The criteria and procedures could be incorporated into Part 238 at a later date after notice and opportunity for public comment. The Engineering Task Force was formed and a kickoff meeting was held on September 23-24, 2009. The group met again on November 3-4, 2009, and January 7-8, 2010. A follow-on meeting is scheduled for March 9-10, 2010.

(Emergency Preparedness Task Force) At the Working Group meeting of March 9-10, 2005, the Working Group received and approved the consensus report of the Emergency Preparedness Task Force related to emergency communication, emergency egress, and rescue access. These recommendations were presented to and approved by the full RSAC Committee on May 18, 2005. The Working Group met on September 7-8, 2005, and additional, supplementary recommendations were presented to and accepted by the full RSAC on October 11, 2005. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published on August 24, 2006 (71 FR 50275) and was open for comment until October 23, 2006. The Working Group agreed upon recommendations for the final rule, including resolution of final comments received, during the April 17–18, 2007, meeting. The recommendations were presented to and approved by the full RSAC on June 26, 2007. The Passenger