

identified in their lists including, location (Interstate number and milepost and/or crossing), name of resource, property type, year(s) of construction, level of significance (national, State, or local), and nature of significance for inclusion in the list. In addition, teams were asked to provide brief justifications of significance for each element on the list. As expected by the FHWA, some States were unable to identify any Interstate Highway System elements that strongly convey a particular area of significance at a level of exceptional or national importance.

## V. Public Participation

Based on the lists submitted by each State, the FHWA compiled a preliminary national list of elements to be excluded from the exemptions. This draft list is available at the following URL: <http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/histpres/index.asp>. Through public input and stakeholder involvement, the FHWA intends to refine the preliminary list of exceptional Interstate System elements. The draft list will be e-mailed to all stakeholders who participated in the process of identifying historic elements, as well as any additional individuals or organizations identified by the FHWA Division Offices, State DOTs, and SHPOs as having an interest. The FHWA is interested in feedback concerning the following specific aspects of the preliminary list:

- Whether it should include additional elements, which would continue to be considered as historic properties under the provisions of section 106 and section 4(f).
- Whether certain sites should be excluded from the final list based on application of the stated criteria.

Considerable stakeholder input has already been received and taken into consideration in developing this preliminary list. In addition, the section 106 exemption, which was previously published in the **Federal Register** and subject to public comments, requires the FHWA to designate, by June 30, 2006, individual elements on the Interstate System that will continue to be considered under section 106.

Accordingly, the FHWA believe that a 30-day comment period for input from the general public at this time is deemed to be adequate. Commenters should submit comments as indicated above under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(5)(B); Sec. 6007, Public Law 109–59.

Issued on: June 12, 2006.

**J. Richard Capka,**

*Federal Highway Administrator.*

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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 August 15, 2006.

**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 25, Washington, DC 20590, or Mr. Victor Angelo, Office of Support Systems, 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 e-mail to Mr. Brogan at [robert.brogan@dot.gov](mailto:robert.brogan@dot.gov), or to Mr. Angelo at [victor.angelo@dot.gov](mailto:victor.angelo@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 Victor Angelo, Office of Support Systems, RAD–43, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493–6470). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13, § 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 three currently approved information collection activities that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

*Title:* State Safety Participation Regulations and Remedial Actions.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0509.

*Abstract:* The collection of information is set forth under 49 CFR part 212, and requires qualified state inspectors to provide various reports to FRA for monitoring and enforcement purposes concerning state investigative, inspection, and surveillance activities

regarding railroad compliance with Federal railroad safety laws and regulations. Additionally, railroads are required to report to FRA actions taken to remedy certain alleged violations of law.

*Form Number(s):* FRA F 6180.33/61/67/96/96A/109/110/111/112.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Respondent Universe:* States and Railroads.

*Reporting Burden:*

CFR Section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours	Total annual burden cost
Application For Participation .....	15 States .....	15 updates .....	2.5	38	\$1,748
Training Funding Agreement .....	30 States .....	30 agreements .....	1	30	1,380
Inspector Training Reimbursement .....	30 States .....	300 vouchers .....	1	300	12,600
Annual Work Plan .....	30 States .....	30 reports .....	15	450	20,700
Inspection Form (Form FRA F 6180.96) .....	30 States .....	18,000 forms .....	0.25	4,500	189,000
Violation Report—Motive, Power, and Equipment Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.109).	19 States .....	200 reports .....	4	800	33,600
Violation Report—Operating Practices Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.67).	13 States .....	40 reports .....	4	160	6,720
Violation Report—Hazardous Materials Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.110).	14 States .....	100 reports .....	4	400	16,800
Violation Report—Hours of Service Law (F 6180.33).	13 States .....	21 reports .....	4	84	3,528
Violation Report—Accident/Incident Reporting Rules (Form FRA F 6180.61).	17 States .....	10 reports .....	4	40	1,680
Violation Report—Track Safety Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.111).	17 States .....	158 reports .....	4	632	26,544
Violation Report—Signal and Train Control Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.112).	17 States .....	100 reports .....	4	400	16,800
Remedial Actions Reports .....	573 Railroads .....	5,048 reports .....	0.25	1,262	80,768
Violation Report Challenge .....	573 Railroads .....	1,010 challenges .....	1	1,010	64,640
Delayed Reports .....	573 Railroads .....	505 reports .....	0.5	253	16,192

*Total Responses:* 25,567.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 10,359 hours.

*Status:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Certification of Glazing Materials.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0525.

*Abstract:* The collection of information is set forth under 49 CFR part 223, which requires the certification and permanent marking of glazing materials by the manufacturer. The manufacturer is also responsible for

making available test verification data to railroads and FRA upon request.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Respondent Universe:* 5 Manufacturers.

*Reporting Burden:*

CFR Section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours	Total annual burden cost
223.17—Identification of Equipped Locomotives, Passenger Cars, and Caboose—Stenciling.	4 Manufacturers .....	200 stencilings .....	0.25	50	\$1,500
223.17—Appendix A—Requests for Glazing Certification Information.	5 Manufacturers .....	10 requests .....	0.25	3	90
—Material Identification: Marked Units of Glazing.	5 Manufacturers .....	25,000 pieces .....	0.002	52	1,560
—New Manufacturers: Testing and Verification Data.	5 Manufacturers .....	1 Test .....	14	14	

*Total Responses:* 25,211.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 119 hours.

*Status:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Hours of Service Regulations.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0005.

*Abstract:* The collection of information is due to the railroad hours of service regulations set forth in 49 CFR part 228 which require railroads to collect the hours of duty for covered

employees, and records of train movements. Railroads whose employees have exceeded maximum duty limitations must report the circumstances. Also, a railroad that has developed plans for construction or reconstruction of sleeping quarters (subpart C of 49 CFR part 228) must obtain approval of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) by filing a petition conforming to the requirements

of sections 228.101, 228.103, and 228.105.

*Form Number(s):* FRA F 6180.3.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Respondent Universe:* 687 railroads.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Reporting Burden:*

CFR Section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours	Total annual burden cost
228.11—Hours of Duty Records .....	632 railroads .....	27,375,000 recds. ....	0.033/0.167	2,962,500	\$103,687,500
228.17—Dispatchers of Train Movements ...	150 Dispatch Offices	54,750 records .....	6	328,500	11,497,500
228.19—Monthly Reports of Excess Service	300 railroads .....	1,800 reports .....	2	3,600	126,000
228.103—Construction of Employee Sleeping Quarters.	632 railroads .....	1 petition .....	16	16	560
45 U.S.C. 61–641—Hours of Service Act ....	15 railroads .....	12 petitions .....	10	120	4,200

*Total Responses:* 27,431,563.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:*

3,294,736 hours.

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 June 12, 2006.

**D.J. Stadlter,**

*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 describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burdens. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on April 7, 2006 (71 FR 17945).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 17, 2006.

**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,

DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493–6292), or Victor Angelo, Office of Support Systems, RAD–43, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493–6470). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13, § 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 April 7, 2006, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on ICRs that the agency was seeking OMB approval. 71 FR 17945. 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, August 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, August 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, August 29, 1995.

The summaries below describes the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The proposed requirements are

being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

**Title:** Railroad Signal System Requirements.

**OMB Control Number:** 2130–0006.

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

**Affected Public:** Railroads.

**Form(s):** FRA F 6180.14; FRA F 6180.47.

**Abstract:** The regulations pertaining to railroad signal systems are contained in 49 CFR parts 233 (Signal System Reporting Requirements), 235 (Instructions Governing Applications for Approval of a Discontinuance or Material Modification of a Signal System), and 236 (Rules, Standards, and Instructions Governing the Installation, Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Systems, Devices, and Appliances). Section 233.5 provides that each railroad must report to FRA within 24 hours after learning of an accident or incident arising from the failure of a signal appliance, device, method, or system to function or indicate as required by part 236 of this title that results in a more favorable aspect than intended or other condition hazardous to the movement of a train. Section 233.7 sets forth the specific requirements for reporting signal failures within 15 days in accordance with the instructions printed on Form FRA F 6180.14. Finally, section 233.9 sets forth the specific requirements for the “Signal System Five Year Report.” It requires that every five years each railroad must file a signal system status report. The report is to be prepared on a form issued by FRA in accordance with the instructions and definitions provided. Title 49, part 235 of the Code of Federal Regulations, sets forth the specific conditions under which FRA approval of modification or discontinuance of railroad signal systems is required and prescribes the methods available to seek such approval. The application process prescribed under part 235 provides a vehicle enabling FRA to obtain the necessary information to make logical and informed decisions concerning carrier requests to modify or discontinue signaling systems. Section