

6. *Title:* Operational Measures to Reduce Oil Spills from Existing Tank Vessels Without Double Hulls.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0629.

Summary: The information for this report is needed to ensure compliance with U.S. regulations regarding operational measures for certain tank vessels while operating in the U.S.

Need: 46 U.S.C. 3703a authorizes the Coast Guard to establish regulations to promote the safety of life and property of facilities vessels. 33 CFR, Subparts G and H, prescribe the Coast Guard regulations for operational measures.

Respondents: Tank vessel owners and operators.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 24,355 hours annually.

Dated: March 9, 1999.

G.N. Naccara,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Information and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of intent To rule on application To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Tyler Pounds Field Airport, Tyler, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Tyler Pounds Field Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate copies to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Ben Guttery, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-610D, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0610.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. David Dickson, Manager of Tyler Pounds Field Airport at the following address: Davis

Dickson, Airport Manager, Tyler Pounds Field Airport, 150 Airport Drive, Suite 201, Tyler, Texas 75704.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of the written comments previously provided to the Airport under Section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ben Guttery, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-610D, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0610; (817) 222-5614.

The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Tyler Pounds Field Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On March 5, 1999, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Airport was substantially complete within the requirements of Section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than July 1, 1999.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: January 1, 2003.

Proposed charge expiration date: October 1, 2009.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$1,123,700.00.

PFC application number: 99-03-C-00-TYR.

Brief description of proposed projects:

Projects To Impose and Use PFCs

New Passenger Terminal Building Area (Final Design and Bidding Phase) and PFC Application Fees.

Proposed class or classes of air carriers to be exempted from collecting PFCs: None.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA regional Airports office located at: Federal Aviation Administration; Southwest Region, Airports Division; Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-610D, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137-4298.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice

and other documents germane to the application in person at Tyler Pounds Field Airport.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas on March 5, 1999.

Naomi L. Saunders,

Manager, Airports 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 activity. 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 May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Dian Deal, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, 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 2130-0539."

Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6265 or (202) 493-6170, or E-mail to Mr. Brogan at robert.brogan@fra.dot.gov, or to Ms. Deal at dian.deal@fra.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 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Dian Deal, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6133). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. 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 currently approved information collection activity that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

Title: Railroad Worker Protection (49 CFR 214).

OMB Control Number: 2130-0539.

Abstract: FRA proposes rules for the protection of railroad employees working on or near railroad tracks. This regulation would require that each railroad devise and adopt a program of on-track safety to provide employees working along the railroad with protection from the hazards of being struck by a train or other on-track equipment. Elements of this on-track safety program would include an on-track safety, as well as employees' rights and responsibilities thereto; well defined procedures for communication and protection; and annual on-track safety training. The program adopted by each railroad would be subject to review and approval by FRA.

Affected Public: Railroads.

Respondent Universe: 698 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Reporting Burden:

Information collection requirement	Respondent universe	Total responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
214.303 Railroad on-track Safety Programs	58 Railroads	58 Programs	1400 hrs./250 hrs.	55,750
214.309 On-track Safety Program Documents				
214.339 Roadway Maintenance Machines				
214.307 Notification to FRA—Safety Prog. Review				
214.311 Written Procedure—Saf. Proc. Challenges				
Subsequent Years	1 Railroad	1 Program	250 hours	250
214.313 Responsibility—Indiv. Roadway Workers.	20 Railroads	80 challenges	4 hours	320
214.315/214.333 Supervision and Communication.	50,000 employees	16,350,000 briefng	2 minutes	545,000
214.321 Excl. Track Occup.—Working Limits ..	8,583 employees	700,739 authorities	40 seconds	7,786
214.325 Inaccessible Track	698 railroads	50,000 occurrences	10 minutes	8,333
214.327 Train Approach Warning Provided by Watchmen/Lookouts.	698 railroads	50,000 designation	15 seconds	208
214.335 On-track Safety Proc.—Lone Workers	698 railroads	2,080,000 statmnts	30 seconds	17,333
214.341/343 Training and Qualification	50,000 employees	50,000 training sessions.	2 minutes	1,667
214.345 Training & Qual.—Lone Workers.				
214.347 Training & Qual.—Watchmen/Lookouts.				
214.349 Training & Qual.—Flagman				
214.351 Training & Qual.—Roadway Workers who provide on-track safety for roadway workgroups.				
214.353 Training & Qual.—Operators of Roadway Maintenance Machines.				

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 636,647.

Status: Regular Review.

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 March 12, 1999.

Marie S. Savoy,

Director, Office of Information Technology and Support Systems, Federal Railroad Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Research and Development Programs Meeting Agenda

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the agenda for a public meeting at which the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will describe and discuss specific research and development projects.

DATES AND TIMES: As previously announced, NHTSA will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on March 18, 1999, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Clarion Inn, Detroit Metro Airport, 9191 Wickham Road, Romulus, Michigan.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice provides the agenda for the twenty-third in a series of public meetings to provide detailed information about NHTSA's research and development programs. This meeting will be held on March 18, 1999. The meeting was announced on February 22, 1999 (64 FR 8636). For additional information about the meeting, consult that announcement.

Starting at 1:30 p.m. and concluding by 5:00 p.m., NHTSA's Office of

Research and Development will discuss the following topics:

(1) Research and Development Overview, (2) Industry Presentation on Analysis of Side Impact Test "Tipover," (3) Industry Presentation on Side Impact Dummy (WorldSID) Development, (4) National Advanced Driving Simulator (NADS), (5) Intelligent Vehicle Initiative, (6) Industry Presentation on Status of Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, and (7) discussion on format for future meetings.

NHTSA has based its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it received in response to the announcement published February 22, 1999.

As announced on February 22, 1999, in the time remaining at the conclusion of the presentations, NHTSA will provide answers to questions on its research and development programs, where those questions have been submitted in writing to Raymond P. Owings, Ph.D., Associate Administrator for Research and Development, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NRD-01, Washington, DC 20590. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita I. Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4862. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

Issued: March 12, 1999.

Raymond P. Owings,

Associate Administrator for Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Exemptions

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applicants for exemptions.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular exemption is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 19, 1999.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Records Center, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the exemption application number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Copies of the applications (See Docket Number) are available for inspection at the New Docket Management Facility, PL-401, at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

This notice of receipt of applications for new exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 12, 1999.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals,

NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12216-N	RSPA-1999-5121	Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Fort Worth, TX.	49 CFR 172.102(SP-T) ...	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain hazardous materials in Specification IM 101 tanks equipped with bottom openings. (mode 2)
12217-N	RSPA-1999-5120	Rescar Companies, Downers Grove, IL.	49 CFR 179.100-4(a), 179.200-4(a).	To authorize the transportation of various hazardous materials in tank car tanks equipped with thinner removable inspection port covers. (mode 2)
12220-N	RSPA-1999-5158	d/b/a Laird Farms, Waterloo, NY.	49 CFR 174.67 (i) & (j)	To authorize railcars to remain attached with an alternative closure device when positioned in a secured state for product transfer. (mode 2)