

submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:  
*Title:* Locomotive Cab Sanitation Standards.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0552.  
*Abstract:* The collection of information is used by FRA to promote

rail safety and the health of railroad workers by ensuring that all locomotive crew members have access to toilet/sanitary facilities—on as needed basis—which are functioning and hygienic. Also, the collection of information is used by FRA to ensure that railroads

repair defective locomotive toilet/sanitary facilities within 10 calendar days of the date on which these units becomes defective.  
*Affected Public:* Businesses.  
*Respondent Universe:* Railroads.  
*Reporting Burden:*

| CFR section  | Respondent universe            | Total annual responses | Average time per response (seconds) | Total annual burden hours (seconds) | Total annual burden cost |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 229.137(d)—Sanitation—Locomotive Defective or Unsanitary Toilet Facility Placed in Trailing Service—Clear Markings: Unavailable For Use. | Class I and II railroads ..... | 15,600 notices .....   | 90                                  | 390                                 | \$9,750                  |
| 229.137(e)—Sanitation—Locomotive Defective Toilet Facility—Clear Markings: Unavailable For Use.  | Class I and II railroads ..... | 15,600 notices .....   | 90                                  | 390                                 | 9,750                    |
| 229.139(d)—Servicing—Locomotive Used in Transfer or Switching Service with Defective Toilet Facility—Date Defective.                     | Class I and II railroads ..... | 93,600 notations ..... | 30                                  | 780                                 | 19,500                   |

*Total Responses:* 124,800.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 1,560 hours.  
*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.

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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 (ICRs) 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 25, 2005.

**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. Debra Steward, 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 2130-0533." Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6230 or (202) 493-6170, or e-mail to Mr. Brogan at [robert.brogan@fra.dot.gov](mailto:robert.brogan@fra.dot.gov), or to Ms. Steward at [debra.steward@fra.dot.gov](mailto:debra.steward@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 Debra Steward, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6139). (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 is a brief summary of the currently approved ICRs that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:  
*Title:* Qualifications For Locomotive Engineers.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0533.  
*Abstract:* Section 4 of the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 1988 (RSIA), Public Law 100-342, 102 Stat. 624 (June 22, 1988), later amended and re-codified by Public Law 103-272, 108 Stat. 874 (July 5, 1994), required that FRA issue regulations to establish any necessary program for certifying or licensing locomotive engineers. The collection of information is used by FRA to ensure

that railroads employ and properly train qualified individuals as locomotive engineers and designated supervisors of locomotive engineers. The collection of information is also used by FRA to verify that railroads have established required certification programs for locomotive engineers and that these programs fully conform to the standards specified in the regulation.  
*Affected Public:* Businesses.  
*Respondent Universe:* 685 railroads.  
*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion; annually; tri-annually.  
*Reporting Burden:*

| CFR section   | Respondent universe             | Total annual responses        | Average time per response | Total annual burden hours | Total annual burden cost |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 240.9—Waivers .....   | 685 railroads .....             | 5 waivers .....               | 1 hour .....              | 5                         | \$170                    |
| 240.101/103—Cert. Prog.—Amendmnts .....                                       | 675 railroads .....             | 675 amendments ..             | 15 minutes .....          | 169                       | 5,746                    |
| —Cert. Prog.—New .....  | 10 railroads .....              | 10 programs .....             | 200 hours/40 hours        | 1,840                     | 62,560                   |
| —Final Review .....   | 10 railroads .....              | 10 reviews .....              | 1 hour .....              | 10                        | 340                      |
| —Nonconforming Program—Amend .....  | 685 railroads .....             | 1 amended program             | 15 minutes .....          | .25                       | 9                        |
| —Material Modific .....   | 685 railroads .....             | 6 modified program            | 45 minutes .....          | 5                         | 170                      |
| 240.105(a)—Selection Criteria for DSLE's—Rpts. ....                           | 10 railroads .....              | 10 reports .....              | 1 hour .....              | 10                        | 490                      |
| (b) Approval Plan—Amendments ....   | 685 railroads .....             | 75 amendments .....           | 1 hour .....              | 75                        | 2,550                    |
| 240.109—Candidate's written comments on prior safety data. ....               | 13,333 .....                    | 133 responses .....           | 30 minutes .....          | 67                        | 3,149                    |
| 240.111/App C—Driver's License Data ..  | 13,333 candidates ..            | 13,333 requests .....         | 15 minutes .....          | 3,333                     | 156,651                  |
| —NDR Match—notifications and requests for data. ....                          | 685 railroads .....             | 267 response + 267 requests.  | 30 minutes .....          | 134                       | 5,427                    |
| —Written response from candidate on driver's lic. data. ....                  | 685 railroads .....             | 40 cases/comments             | 15 minutes .....          | 10                        | 470                      |
| 240.111(g)—Notice to RR of Absence of License. ....                           | 40,000 candidates ..            | 4 letters .....               | 15 minutes .....          | 1                         | 47                       |
| 240.111(h)—Duty to furnish data on prior safety conduct as motor vehicle op.. | 685 railroads .....             | 400 phone calls .....         | 10 minutes .....          | 67                        | 3,149                    |
| 240.113—Notice to RR Furnishing Data on Prior Safety Conduct—Diff. RR. ....   | 13,333 candidates ..            | 267 requests + 267 responses. | 15 min./30 min. ....      | 200                       | 7,671                    |
| 240.119—Self-referral to EAP re: active substance abuse disorder. ....        | 40,000 locomotive engineers.    | 100 self-referrals .....      | 5 minutes .....           | 22                        | 376                      |
| 240.121—Criteria—Vision/Hearing Acuity Data—New Railroads. ....               | 10 railroads .....              | 10 copies .....               | 15 minutes .....          | 3                         | 102                      |
| 240.121—Criteria—Vision/Hearing Acuity Data—Cond. Certification. ....         | 685 railroads .....             | 17 reports .....              | 1 hour .....              | 17                        | 578                      |
| 240.121—Criteria—Vision/Hearing Acuity Data—Not Meeting Standards. ....       | 685 railroads .....             | 10 notifications .....        | 15 minutes .....          | 3                         | 141                      |
| 240.201/221—List of Certified Loco. Engineers. ....                           | 685 railroads .....             | 685 updates .....             | 15 minutes .....          | 171                       | 5,814                    |
| 240.201/221—List of Qualified DSLEs ...                                       | 685 railroads .....             | 685 updated lists .....       | 15 minutes .....          | 171                       | 5,814                    |
| 240.201/223/301—Loco. Engineers Certificate. ....                             | 40,000 candidates ..            | 13,333 certificates ..        | 5 minutes .....           | 1,111                     | 37,774                   |
| —False entry on certificates .....  | 685 railroad; 40,000 engineers. | 2 falsifications .....        | 5 minutes .....           | 17                        | 8                        |
| 240.201/223—List of Des. Persons Authorized to Sign DSLE Certificate. ....    | 685 railroads .....             | 20 lists .....                | 15 minutes .....          | 5                         | 170                      |
| 240.205—Data to EAP Counselor .....   | 685 railroads .....             | 267 records .....             | 5 minutes .....           | 22                        | 1,034                    |
| 240.207—Medical Certificate .....   | 40,000 candidates ..            | 13,333 certificates ..        | 70 minutes .....          | 15,555                    | 1,555,500                |
| —Written determinations waiving use of corrective device. ....                | 685 railroads .....             | 10 determinations ...         | 2 hours .....             | 20                        | 2,000                    |
| 240.219—Denial of Certification .....   | 13,333 candidates ..            | 75 letters + 75 responses.    | 1 hour .....              | 150                       | 6,075                    |
| —Notification .....   | 685 railroads .....             | 75 notifications .....        | 1 hour .....              | 75                        | 2,550                    |
| 240.227—Canadian Certification Data ....                                      | Canadian railroads              | 200 certifications .....      | 15 minutes .....          | 50                        | 1,700                    |
| 240.229—Requirements For Joint Operations. ....                               | 321 railroads .....             | 184 calls .....               | 5 minutes .....           | 15                        | 705                      |
| 240.309—RR Oversight Resp.: Poor Safety Conduct—Noted. ....                   | 15 railroads .....              | 10 annotations .....          | 15 minutes .....          | 3                         | 147                      |
| <b>Testing Rqmnts.</b>  |                                 |                               |                           |                           |                          |
| 240.209/213—Written Tests .....   | 40,000 candidates ..            | 13,333 tests .....            | 2 hours .....             | 26,666                    | 906,644                  |

| CFR section  | Respondent universe          | Total annual responses | Average time per response | Total annual burden hours | Total annual burden cost |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 240.211/213—Perf. Test .....                             | 40,000 candidates ..         | 13,333 .....           | 2 hours .....             | 26,666                    | 906,644                  |
| 240.303—Annual operational monitor observation.          | 40,000 candidates ..         | 40,000 tests/docs ...  | 2 hours .....             | 80,000                    | 3,920,000                |
| 240.303—Annual operating rules compliance test.          | 40,000 candidates ..         | 40,000 tests .....     | 1 hour .....              | 40,000                    | 1,960,000                |
| <b>Recordkeeping</b>                                     |                              |                        |                           |                           |                          |
| 240.215—Retaining Info. Supporting Determination.        | 685 railroads .....          | 13,333 records .....   | 10 minutes .....          | 2,222                     | 75,548                   |
| 240.305—Engineer's Notice of Non-Qualific.               | 40,000 engineers candidates. | 10 notifications ..... | 5 minutes .....           | 1                         | 47                       |
| —Relaying Non-qual. Status to other certifying railroad. | 800 engineers .....          | 2 letters .....        | 30 minutes .....          | 1                         | 47                       |
| 240.307—Notice to Engineer of Disqualification.          | 685 railroads .....          | 500 letters .....      | 1 hour .....              | 500                       | 17,000                   |
| 240.309—Railroad Annual Review .....                     | 42 railroads .....           | 42 reviews .....       | 80 hours .....            | 3,360                     | 188,160                  |
| —Report of findings .....                                | 42 railroads .....           | 6 reports .....        | 1 hour .....              | 6                         | 336                      |

*Total Responses:* 165,420.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:*

202,741 hours.

*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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Maritime 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 abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on November 16, 2004, and comments

were due by January 18, 2005. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 24, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Murray Bloom, Maritime Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202–366–5320; FAX: 202–366–7485; or e-mail: [murray.bloom@marad.dot.gov](mailto:murray.bloom@marad.dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Maritime Administration (MARAD).

*Title:* Application for Designation of Vessels as American Great Lakes Vessels.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133–0521.

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

*Affected Public:* Ship owners of merchant vessels.

*Forms:* None.

*Abstract:* In accordance with Public Law 101–624, the Secretary of Transportation issued requirements for the submission of applications for designation of vessels as American Great Lakes Vessels. Vessel owners who wish to have this designation must certify that their vessel(s) meets certain criteria established in 46 CFR part 380. This collection of information is mandated by statute to establish that a vessel meets statutory criteria for obtaining the benefit of eligibility to carry preference cargoes.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 1.25 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance

of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency'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.

**Authority:** 49 CFR 1.66.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 8, 2005.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number 2005 20372]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel ALENTO.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Pub. L. 105–383 and Pub. L. 107–295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief