

these collections of information are required to obtain benefits, such as becoming an approval or certification agency, or to obtain a variance from packaging or handling requirements based on information provided by the respondent. These benefits and variances involve areas, for example, such as UN third-party certification; authorization to examine and test lighters; authorization to examine and test explosives; and authorization to re-qualify DOT cylinders

**Affected Public:** Business and other entities who must meet the approval requirements in the HMR.

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:**

**Number of Respondents:** 10,723

**Total Annual Responses:** 11,074

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 28,270

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion

11. **Title:** Rail Carrier and Tank Car Tanks Requirements, Rail Tank Car Tanks—Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Rail.

**OMB Control Number:** 2137–0559

**Summary:** This information collection consolidates and describes the information provisions in parts 172, 173, 174, 179, and 180 of the HMR on the transportation of hazardous materials by rail and the manufacture, qualification, maintenance, and use of tank cars. The types of information collected include:

(1) **Approvals of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) Tank Car Committee:** An approval is required from the AAR Tank Car Committee for a tank car to be used for a commodity other than those specified in part 173 and on the certificate of construction. This information is used to ascertain whether a commodity is suitable for transportation in a tank car. AAR approval is also required for an application for approval of designs, materials and construction, conversion or alteration of tank car tanks constructed to a specification in part 179, or an application for construction of tank cars to any new specification. This information is used to ensure that the design, construction, or modification of a tank car or the construction of a tank car to a new specification is performed in accordance with the applicable requirements.

(2) **Progress Reports:** Each owner of a tank car that is required to be modified to meet certain requirements specified in § 173.31 must submit a progress report to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). FRA uses this information to ensure that all affected tank cars are modified before the regulatory compliance date.

(3) **FRA Approvals:** An approval is required from FRA to transport a bulk packaging (such as a portable tank, IM portable tank, intermediate bulk container, cargo tank, or multi-unit tank car tank) containing a hazardous material in container-on-flat-car or trailer-on-flat-car service other than as authorized by § 174.63. FRA uses this information to ensure that the bulk package is properly secured using an adequate restraint system during transportation. An FRA approval is also required for the movement of any tank car that does not conform to the applicable requirements in the HMR. These latter movements are currently being reported under the information collection for special permit applications.

(4) **Manufacturer Reports and Certificate of Construction:** These documents are prepared by tank car manufacturers and used by owners, users, and FRA personnel to verify that rail tank cars conform to the applicable specification.

(5) **Quality Assurance Program:** Facilities that build, repair, and ensure the structural integrity of tank cars are required to develop and implement a quality assurance program. This information is used by the facility and DOT compliance personnel to ensure that each tank car is constructed or repaired in accordance with the applicable requirements.

(6) **Inspection Reports:** A written report must be prepared and retained for each tank car that is inspected and tested in accordance with § 180.509 of the HMR. Rail carriers, users, and FRA use this information to ensure that rail tank cars are properly maintained and in safe condition for transporting hazardous materials.

**Affected Public:** Manufacturers, owners, and rail carriers of tank.

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:**

**Number of Respondents:** 266

**Total Annual Responses:** 17,685

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 2,834

**Frequency of Collection:** Annually

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 17, 2017.

**William S. Schoonover,**

*Associate Administrator of Hazard Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Multiemployer Pension Plan Application To Reduce Benefits

**AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Trustees of the Teamsters Local 805 Pension and Retirement Fund (Local 805 Pension Fund), a multiemployer pension plan, has submitted an application to reduce benefits under the plan in accordance with the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014. The purpose of this notice is to announce that the application submitted by the Board of Trustees of the Local 805 Pension Fund has been published on the Treasury Web site, and to request public comments on the application from interested parties, including participants and beneficiaries, employee organizations, and contributing employers of the Local 805 Pension Fund.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by June 5, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, in accordance with the instructions on that site. Electronic submissions through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) are encouraged.

Comments may also be mailed to the Department of the Treasury, MPRA Office, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 1224, Washington, DC 20220. Attn: Eric Berger. Comments sent via facsimile and email will not be accepted.

**Additional Instructions.** All comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, will be made available to the public. Do not include any personally identifiable information (such as Social Security number, name, address, or other contact information) or any other information in your comment or supporting materials that you do not want publicly disclosed. Treasury will make comments available for public inspection and copying on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or upon request. Comments posted on the Internet can be retrieved by most Internet search engines.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding the application from the Local 805 Pension Fund, please contact Treasury at (202) 622–1534 (not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014 (MPRA) amended the Internal

Revenue Code to permit a multiemployer plan that is projected to have insufficient funds to reduce pension benefits payable to participants and beneficiaries if certain conditions are satisfied. In order to reduce benefits, the plan sponsor is required to submit an application to the Secretary of the Treasury, which Treasury, in consultation with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) and the Department of Labor, is required to approve or deny.

On March 22, 2017, the Board of Trustees of the Local 805 Pension Fund submitted an application for approval to reduce benefits under the plan. As required by MPRA, that application has been published on Treasury's Web site at <https://auth.treasury.gov/services/Pages/Plan-Applications.aspx>. Treasury is publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, in consultation with the PBGC and the Department of Labor, to solicit public comments on all aspects of the Local 805 Pension Fund application.

Comments are requested from interested parties, including participants and beneficiaries, employee organizations, and contributing employers of the Local 805 Pension Fund. Consideration will be given to any comments that are timely received by Treasury.

Dated: April 18, 2017.

**Robert J. Neis,**

*Benefits Tax Counsel, Office of Tax Policy.*

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## U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

### Notice of Open Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on "the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China." Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on May 4, 2017 on "China's Information Controls, Global Media Influence, and Cyber Warfare Strategy".

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** TBD, Washington, DC. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted on the Commission's Web site at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov). Also, please check the Commission's Web site for possible changes to the hearing schedule.

*Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Leslie Tisdale, 444 North Capitol Street NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; telephone: 202-624-1496, or via email at [ltisdale@uscc.gov](mailto:ltisdale@uscc.gov). *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* This is the fifth public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2017 report cycle. This hearing will examine the mechanisms the Chinese government uses to censor information in China and the effectiveness of these mechanisms; the methods employed by Internet users in China to circumvent these mechanisms; the implications for the United States of China's attempts to export and normalize its information control practices; China's global media influence, to include its strategic soft power goals motivating acquisitions of U.S. film studios and cinemas and its influence over foreign news; the development of Chinese journalism and the degree of freedom currently allowed to Chinese and foreign reporters in China; China's influence on media in the United States; Chinese computer network operations doctrine; China's views of internet sovereignty and attempts to promote them abroad; views of experts and strategists in China on subjects such as deterrence in cyber space; and trends in the regulation of cyberspace and cyber conflict. The hearing will be co-chaired by Chairman Carolyn Bartholomew and Commissioner Larry Wortzel. Any interested party may file a written statement by May 4, 2017, by mailing to the contact information above. A portion of each panel will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

*Authority:* Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005), as amended by

Public Law 113-291 (December 19, 2014).

Dated: April 17, 2017.

**Michael Danis,**

*Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, that the National Research Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, in Conference Room 530 at 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

The agenda will include a brief by the Advisory Committee Management Office (ACMO), Air Force Health Study Update, Office of Research and Development (ORD) Strategy review, Big Data update, discussions on personnel and workload, and Service updates. No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Members of the public wanting to attend may contact Melissa Cooper, Designated Federal Officer, ORD (10P9), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 461-6044, or by email at [Melissa.Cooper@va.gov](mailto:Melissa.Cooper@va.gov) no later than close of business on May 31, 2017.

Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as a part of the clearance process. Due to security protocols, and in order to prevent delays in clearance processing, you should allow an additional 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Melissa Cooper at the phone number or email address noted above.

Dated: April 18, 2017.

**LaTonya L. Small,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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