

*Originating Office:* Bureau of Political Military Affairs

*Title of Information Collection:*  
Maintenance of Records by Registrants  
*Frequency:* On occasion  
*Form Number:* None

*Respondents:* Persons or business applying for defense trade export licenses or services

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,000

*Average Hours Per Response:* 20 hours per person or business

*Total Estimated Burden:* 100,000

Comments are being solicited on the need for the information, its practical utility, the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, and on ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Comments regarding the collection listed in this notice or requests for copies of the proposed collection and supporting documents should be directed to Charles S. Cunningham, Directives Management, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, (202) 647-0596. General comments and questions should be directed to Ms. Victoria Wassmer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, (202) 395-5871.

Dated: August 4, 1998.

**Fernando Burbano,**  
*Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Executive Committee of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the August 12 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (63 FR 40331, July 28, 1998) has been cancelled.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Miss Jean Casciano, Federal Aviation Administration (ARM-25), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-9683; fax (202) 267-5075; e-mail Jean.Casciano@faa.dot.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 7, 1998.

**Joseph A. Hawkins,**

*Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Searsport, Waldo County, ME

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement, Sears Island Dry Cargo Port.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will not be prepared for a dry cargo port at Sears Island, Searsport, Maine.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James F. Linker, Manager of Right of Way and Environmental Programs, FHWA, Room 614 Edmund S. Muskie Federal Building, 40 Western Avenue, Augusta, Maine 04330, (207) 622-8355 ext. 23.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 4, 1985 at 50 FR 35900 and on August 1, 1991 at 56 FR 36866, the FHWA issued notices of intent for a two-berth dry cargo port project proposed by the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) to be located on Sears Island, Maine. The FHWA was the lead Federal agency in the preparation of an environmental impact statement for this project. The port was intended to augment the existing petroleum and cargo port at nearby Mack Point with container and break-bulk capacity. It would primarily service Maine's northern hinterland, which produces forest, paper and agricultural products for the most part.

The MDOT constructed a causeway and highway connecting the port site to the mainland in 1982 with Federal-aid highway funds. The FHWA accepted the lead agency role for the subsequent port project because of this earlier association with the port access project, the agency's on-going working relationship with the MDOT, and the fact that, of the affected Federal agencies, it had a local presence in Maine.

Litigation over environmental issues resulted in a series of delays during the 1980's. Finally, in July 1995 the FHWA issued a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the project.

Environmental concerns, primarily involving issues of wetland and eelgrass disturbance could not be resolved in an economically feasible manner. In February, 1996 Maine's Governor terminated the project.

A series of alternatives presented in the SEIS, though not the preferred alternative, involved constructing a portion of the new port at Mack Point in addition to the existing two piers. For this reason and because of a continuing interest by MDOT in port improvements at Mack Point, the FHWA did not withdraw the EIS at the time of the Governor's decision.

Subsequently, Maine has raised funding by State referendum to reconstruct and expand the existing piers at Mack Point and is entering into agreement with the private operators at Mack Point to reimburse the State for the construction cost of the piers at some point in the future.

Since the project now proposed for Mack Point is substantially different from the project originally proposed at Sears Island, no reason remains for the FHWA to complete the EIS for a new dry cargo port in Searsport, Maine.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48

Issued on August 4, 1998.

**Paul L. Lariviere,**

*Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Augusta, Maine.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33557]

#### Application of Ventura County Transportation Commission

#### For an Order Requiring Joint Use of Terminal Facilities in Ventura County, CA

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board is granting the joint petition for exemption filed by Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) that this proceeding be exempted from the statutory requirement that it be completed within 180 days. The Board is extending the time limit to 270 days pursuant to the request of the parties.

**DATES:** The exemption is effective on August 11, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to the exemption

granted in STB Finance Docket No. 33557 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of all pleadings must be served on the parties' representatives: (1) for VCTC, Charles A. Spitulnik, Hopkins & Sutter, 888 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006; and (2) for UP, J. Michael Hemmer, Covington & Burling, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., P.O. Box 7566, Washington, DC 20044-7566.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired (202) 565-1695.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This proceeding involves an application for use of certain terminal facilities and trackage by VCTC pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11102(a). Under section 11102(d), the Board must complete the proceeding within 180 days after the filing of the application. As VCTC filed its application on February 12, 1998, the deadline for completion of the proceeding is August 11, 1998. Both VCTC and UP filed a joint petition for exemption from section 11102(d) to extend the deadline for a 90-day period until November 9, 1998. Acting under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board has granted an exemption from the statutory deadline.

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., 1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services at (202) 565-1695.]

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: July 29, 1998.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[PS-106-91]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, PS-106-91 (TD 8563), State Housing Credit Ceiling and Other Rules Relating to the Low-Income Housing Credit (§ 1.42-14).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before October 13, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* State Housing Credit Ceiling and Other Rules Relating to the Low-Income Housing Credit.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1423.

*Regulation Project Number:* PS-106-91.

*Abstract:* The regulations concern the low-income housing credit under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. The regulations provide rules relating to the order in which housing credit dollar amounts are allocated from each State's housing credit ceiling under section 42(h)(3)(C) and the determination of which States qualify to receive credit from a national pool of credit under section 42(h)(3)(D). The regulations affect State and local housing credit agencies and taxpayers receiving credit allocations, and provide them with guidance for complying with section 42.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to this existing regulation.

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

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, individuals or households, and state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 110.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 2 hours, 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 275.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

#### Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: August 3, 1998.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[IA-44-94]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,