

**Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway  
(Docket Number FRA-1999-5429)**

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with the Locomotive Safety Standards, 49 CFR 229.21, which requires each locomotive in use be inspected once during each calendar day. BNSF seeks this waiver for locomotives utilized to haul loaded coal trains through Alliance, Nebraska. BNSF states that these locomotives are inspected before the empty coal trains are hauled to the mine. The round trip from the Alliance service track to the mine takes 24 to 36 hours. BNSF states that on the return trip, the locomotives are removed from their train and placed on the service track for a second inspection which at a minimum takes three hours. BNSF indicates that this second inspection is unwarranted and causes undue congestion in the terminal.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1999-5429) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at the DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration****Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal safety laws and regulations. The petition is described below, including the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested and the petitioner's arguments in favour of relief.

**Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc., Docket Number FRA-1999-5106**

The Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc. (MCRY) seeks a waiver of compliance from 49 CFR 230.116(h)—which requires that oil burning steam locomotives taking air for combustion through the fire door opening be equipped with a suitable conduit extending from the fire door to the outside of the cab which will prevent air being drawn into the fire box from the interior of the cab. This is required within the specified territory during the period from November 1 to April 1. MCRY is asking that the requirement be waived for steam locomotive number MCRY 2. MCRY indicates that they operate the steam locomotive a total of six days from November 1 to April 1.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1999-5106) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management

Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration****Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal safety laws and regulations. The petition is described below, including the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

**Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad Company (Docket Number FRA-1999-4989)**

The Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad Company (MH) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with the *Safety Glazing Standards*, 49 CFR Part 223.11(c), which requires certified glazing in all locomotive windows, except those locomotives used in yard service. The MH seeks this waiver for two locomotives, number 1016 built in 1969, and number 151 built in 1956. The owner states the locomotives are equipped with automotive type safety glazing and were never equipped with FRA certified glazing. The MH operates 6.5 miles of track through rural country side with a maximum speed of 10 mph freight and 15 mph passenger. 111All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1999-4989) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Washington, DC. 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular

business hours (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL–401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favour of relief.

#### **Southern Freight Logistics (Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–1998–4565)**

The Southern Freight Logistics (SFL) Company seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with the *Safety Glazing Standards*, 49 CFR 223.11(c), which requires certified glazing in all locomotive windows, except those locomotives used in yard service. The SFL seeks this waiver for locomotive number 39–5310. The locomotive is a Model ALCO RS3 built in 1951 and has never been equipped with FRA certified glazing. SFL indicates that they operate 17 miles of track of which 12 miles is on a United States Department of Energy reservation with guard service, the five miles outside the reservation is rural and not heavily populated.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–1998–4565) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL–401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### **Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on October 8, 1998 (63 FR 54184–54185).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 24, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. John Eberhard at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Research and Traffic Records (NTS–31), 202–366–5595. 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 6240, Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**Title:** Older Person's Driving and Transportation Issues.

**OMB Number:** 2127–NEW.

**Type of Request:** New information collection.

**Abstract:** NHTSA proposes to conduct a survey by telephone among some nationally representative samples of 3,220 adults, including older adults. Participation by respondents would be voluntary. NHTSA's information needs require collection of information to assess the awareness of the American public concerning the mobility issues of seniors and establish benchmarks against which progress in improving seniors' safety and mobility can be assessed over time.

In conducting the proposed survey, the interviewers would use computer-aided telephone interviewing (CATI) to reduce interview length and minimize recording errors. A Spanish-language translation and bilingual interviewers are proposed to minimize language barriers to participation. The proposed survey would be anonymous and confidential.

**Affected Public:** Randomly selected members of the general public aged sixteen and older in telephone households.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 882.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725–17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

**Comments are invited on:** Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Departments 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 most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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**Herman L. Simms,**

*Associate Administrator for Administration.*

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