

annexes, or other attachments in the same file as the submission itself, not as separate files.

USTR strongly urges submitters to file comments through regulations.gov, if at all possible. Any alternative arrangements must be made with Ms. Blue in advance of transmitting a comment. Ms. Blue should be contacted at (202) 395-3475. General information concerning USTR is available at <http://www.ustr.gov>.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2009-001-N-28]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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 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 February 16, 2010.

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, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Kimberly Toone, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., 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 2130-0511." Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6216 or (202) 493-6497, or via E-mail to

Mr. Brogan at robert.brogan@dot.gov, or to Ms. Toone at kimberly.toone@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, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Ms. Kimberly Toone, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6132). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law No. 104-13, sec. 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 currently approved information collection activities that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

OMB Control Number: 2130-0511.

Title: Designation of Qualified Persons.

Abstract: The collection of information is used to prevent the unsafe movement of defective freight cars. Railroads are required to inspect freight cars for compliance and to determine restrictions on the movements of defective cars. The collection of information is used by FRA to ensure that all freight cars inspections are conducted by qualified persons who have demonstrated to their employing railroads a knowledge and ability to inspect freight cars for compliance with this Part, 49 CFR Part 215.

Form Number(s): None.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Respondent Universe: 728 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 40 hours.

Total Responses: 1,200.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

Title: Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0545.

Abstract: The collection of information is due to the passenger train emergency preparedness regulations set forth in 49 CFR Parts 223 and 239 which require railroads to meet minimum Federal standards for the preparation, adoption, and implementation of emergency preparedness plans connected with the operation of passenger trains, including freight railroads hosting operations of rail passenger service. The regulations require luminescent or lighted emergency markings so that passengers and emergency responders can readily determine where the closest and most accessible exit routes are located and how the emergency exit mechanisms are operated. Windows and doors intended for emergency access by responders for extrication of passengers must be marked with retro-reflective material so that emergency responders, particularly in conditions of poor visibility, can easily distinguish them from the less accessible doors and windows. Records

of the inspection, maintenance and repairs of emergency windows and door exits, as well as records of operational

efficiency tests, will be used to ensure compliance with the regulations.
Affected Public: Businesses.

Respondent Universe: 22 railroads.
Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

REPORTING BURDEN

CFR Section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
223.9(d); 239.107—Marking of Emergency Exits.	22 railroads	4,575 decals/1,950 decals	5 minutes/10 minutes	706
—Marking door and window exits w clear instructions.	22 railroads	6,320/1,300 decals	5 min./10 min.	744
239.101, 239.201—Filing of Emergency Preparedness Plan.	22 railroads	1,800 window rcds	20 minutes	600
—Amendments to Emergency Plans.	3 railroads	1 plan	158 hours	158
239.101(ii)—Maintenance of Current Emergency Phone Numbers.	2 railroads	1 amendment	2 hours	2
—Subsequent Years	22 railroads	2 records/lists	1 hour	2
239.101(a)(3)—Joint Operations.	22 railroads	25 records/lists	30 minutes	13
—Subsequent Years	50 railroad pairs	50 plans	16 hours	800
239.101(a)(5)—Liaison with Emergency Responders.	1 railroad pair	1 plan	16 hours	16
—Subsequent Years	3 railroads	1 plan	40 hours	40
239.101(a)(7)(ii) Passenger Safety Information.	22 railroads	22 updated plans	40 hours	880
239.105—Debriefing and Critique.	3 new railroads/3 commuter railroads.	1,300 cards/3 progs./3 safety messages/3 progs./3 safety messages.	5 min./16 hrs./48 hrs./8 hrs./24 hrs.	396
239.301—Operational Efficiency Tests.	22 railroads	39 debrief sess	27 hours	1,053
	22 railroads	22,000 tests/rcds	15 minutes	5,500

Total Responses: 39,399.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 10,910 hours.

Status: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

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 December 10, 2009.

Kimberly Coronel,

Director, Office of Financial Management, Federal Railroad Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA–2009–0133]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection Titled: Federal Lands Highway Program

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for renewal of an existing information collection that is summarized below under Supplementary Information. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by (please insert date 60 days from published date).

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number FHWA–2009–0133, by any of the following methods:

Web site: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1–202–493–2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gye Aung, 202–366–2167, Office of Federal Lands Highway, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, East Building, Room E61 339, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Federal Lands Highway Program.

OMB Control #: 2125–0598.