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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA 2011-0001-N-17]

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 [insert date 60 days after the date of publication].

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, D.C. 20590, or Ms. Kimberly Toone, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Mail Stop 35, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB control number 2130-0505."

Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6216 or (202) 493-6479, 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 21, Washington, D.C. 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, D.C. 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6132). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. No. 104-13, § 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: Inspection and Maintenance Standards for Steam Locomotives

OMB Control Number: 2130-0505

Abstract: The Locomotive Boiler Inspection Act (LBIA) of 1911 required each railroad subject to the Act to file copies of its rules and instructions for the inspection of locomotives. The original LBIA was expanded to cover the entire steam locomotive and tender and all its parts and appurtenances. This Act then requires carriers to make inspections and to repair defects to ensure the safe operation of steam locomotives. The collection of information is used by tourist or historic railroads and by locomotive owners/operators to provide a record for each day a steam

locomotive is placed in service, as well as a record that the required steam locomotive inspections are completed. The collection of information is also used by FRA Federal inspectors to verify that necessary safety inspections and tests have been completed and to ensure that steam locomotives are indeed “safe and suitable” for service and are properly operated and maintained.

Form Number(s): FRA-1, FRA-2, FRA-3, FRA-4, FRA-5, FRA-19

Affected Public: Businesses

Respondent Universe: 82 Steam Locomotive Owners/Operators

Frequency of Submission: On occasion; annually

Reporting Burden:

CFR Section	Respondent Universe	Total Annual Responses	Average Time per Response	Total Annual Burden Hours
230.6 - Waivers	82 owners	2 waiver letters	1 hour	2 hours
230.12 - Conditions for movement - Non-Complying Locomotives	82 owners/operators	10 tags	6 minutes	1 hour
230.14 - 31 Service Day Inspection - Notifications	82 owners/operators	100 reports	20 minutes	33 hours
	82 owners/operators	2 notifications	5 minutes	.17 hour
230.15 - 92 Service Day Inspection	82 owners/operators	100 reports	20 minutes	33 hours
230.16 - Annual Inspection - Notifications	82 owners/operators	100 reports	30 minutes	50 hours
	82 owners/operators	100 notifications	5 minutes	8 hours
230.17 - 1,472 Service Day Inspection	82 owners/operators	10 forms	30 minutes	5 hours
230.20 - Alteration Reports for Steam Locomotive Boilers	82 owners/operators	5 reports	1 hour	5 hours

230.21 - Steam Locomotive Number Change	82 owners/operators	1 document	2 minutes	.033 hour
230.33 - Welded Repairs/Alterations - Written Request to FRA for Approval - Unstayed Surfaces	82 owners/operators	5 letters	10 minutes	1 hour
	82 owners/operators	5 letters	10 minutes	1 hour
230.34 - Riveted Repairs/Alterations	82 owners/operators	10 requests	5 minutes	1 hour
230.49 - Setting of Safety Relief Valves	82 owners/operators	16 tags	2 minutes	1 hour
230.96 - Main, Side, and Valve Motion Rods	82 owners/operators	1 letter	10 minutes	.17 hour
RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS				
230.13 - Daily Inspection Reports	82 owners/operators	3,650 reports	2 minutes	122 hours
230.17 - 1,472 Service Day Inspection	82 owners/operators	10 reports	15 minutes	3 hours
230.18 - Service Day Report	82 owners/operators	150 reports	15 minutes	38 hours
230.19 - Posting of Copy	82 owners/operators	300 forms	1 minute	5 hours
230.41 - Flexible Stay Bolts with Caps	82 owners/operators	10 entries	1 minute	.17 hour
230.46 - Badge Plates	82 owners/operators	3 reports	30 minutes	2 hours
230.47 - Boiler Number	82 owners/operators	1 stamping	15 minutes	.25 hour
230.75 - Stenciling Dates of Tests and Cleaning	82 owners/operators	50 tests	15 minute	1 hour
230.98 - Driving, Trailing, and Engine Truck Axles - Journal Diameter Stamped	82 owners/operators	1 stamp	15 minutes	.25 hours
230.116 - Oil Tanks	82 owners/operators	30 signs	1 minute	1 hour

Total Responses: 4,672

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 314 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.

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