

railroad's compliance with the inspection frequency requirement of the Track Safety Standards and persons assigned to inspect tracks have been properly designated. By comparison of remedial action notations on the reports with actual track conditions, it is possible to judge the quality of railroad

performed inspections. The railroads employ some 5,000 persons who are routinely engaged in track inspection and the review of these reports may reveal weaknesses, if any, in the railroad's inspection and maintenance program or discrepancies in employee designation. The absence of these

inspection reports would substantially harm the Government's railroad safety program.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Respondent Universe: 620 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Information collection requirement	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
Track Inspection Records	620 railroads	1,622,000 inspection miles	10 miles of track inspected per hour + 5 min. for Report preparation.	1,757,166
Internal Rail Flaws	620 railroads	N/A	N/A	6,608
Records of Qualified Track Inspectors	620 railroads	2,000 updates	30 minutes	1,000

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,764,774.

Status: Regular Review.

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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Marie S. Savoy,

Director, Office of Information Technology and Support Systems, Federal Railroad Administration.

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Reports, Form and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (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 based on revisions to the current collection. Four of the several rules to amend 49 CFR Part 225, published on December 23, 1996 (61 FR 67477) contain amendments to the approved information collection activities, while one adds a new information collection requirement. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was

published on December 24, 1996 (61 FR, page 67869).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Gloria Swanson Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 632-3318) or Ms. Mary Ann Johnson, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 632-3226). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Railroad Administration

Office of Safety

Title: Accident/Incident Reporting and Recordkeeping.

OMB No.: 2130-0500.

Affected Public: 679 Railroads.

Abstract: FRA uses this information to identify hazardous conditions associated with rail transportation and to assure compliance with railroad safety laws. FRA is excepting from the requirements regarding an Internal Control Plan delineated in § 225.33(a)(3) through (a)(10) the following: (i) Railroads that operate or own track on the general railroad system of transportation (general system) that have 15 or fewer employees covered by the hours of service laws (49 U.S.C. 21101-21107) and (ii) railroads that operate or own track exclusively off the general system. However, these excepted railroads must adopt and comply with the intimidation and harassment policies outlined in § 225.33(a) (1) and (2). FRA has developed model statements of policy on intimidation and harassment to be posted by these excepted railroads. 2.

FRA is also excepting from the recordkeeping requirements regarding accountable injuries and illnesses and accountable rail equipment accidents/incidents found in § 225.25(a) through the following railroads: (i) Railroads that operate or own track on the general system that have 15 or fewer employees covered by the hours of service laws (49 U.S.C. 21101-21107) and (ii) railroads that operate or own track exclusively off the general system. 3. Further, FRA is excepting railroads that operate or own track exclusively off the general system from all the requirements of Part 225 to record or report injuries and illnesses incurred by all classifications of persons that result from most non-train incidents. (A small subcategory of non-train incidents involving in-service on-track equipment must continue to be reported and recorded.) 4. In order to minimize the burden of requiring the preparer's signature on each and every monthly list of reportable injuries and illnesses to be posted for each railroad's establishments, FRA is amending § 225.25(h)(12) so as to provide railroads with an alternative to signing each establishment's monthly list. Specifically, the preparer of the monthly list of reportable injuries and illnesses for the railroad may instead sign a cover sheet or memorandum attaching the monthly lists for each establishment for that railroad. The cover sheet memorandum must list all the establishments that post the monthly list of reportable injuries and illnesses and must be signed by the preparer. 5. Finally, FRA is amending § 225.25(h), by adding § 225.25(h)(15), to address any possible concerns with privacy rights of the employee by providing that the railroad is permitted not to post information on an injury or illness reported to FRA, if the employee who incurred the injury or illness makes a request in writing to the railroad's

reporting officer that his or her particular injury or illness not be posted.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 63,058 hours annually.

Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: FRA Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions or the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's 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.

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Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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Coast Guard

[CGD 97-003]

Additional Hazards Study

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Additional hazards study; Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is extending the comment period on the Additional Hazards Study in order to provide more time for collection of information for the expert panel which will consider the hazards to marine transportation in and around Puget Sound.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before April 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA-2/3406) [CGD 97-003], U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-001, or may deliver them to room 3406 at the same address between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-1477.

The Executive Secretary maintains the public docket for this project.

Comments, and documents as indicated in this notice, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 3406,

U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT Duane Boniface, Human Element and Ship Design Division (G-MSE-1), telephone 202-267-0178, fax 202-267-4816, email fldr-he@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written data, views, or arguments, concerning the subject matter of this notice. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this docket (CGD 97-003), and give the reason for each comment, providing specific examples whenever possible. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

Background and Purpose

On February 18, 1997, the Coast Guard published a notice of initiation of the Additional Hazards Study and request for comments in the Federal Register (62 FR 7292). This notice extends the comment period. The Additional Hazards Study will use information gathered at two public workshops held in Seattle, Washington on March 6, 1997, and collected from other sources which includes the public comments to the docket. During the course of the public workshops, several requests were made to extend the open period of the public docket to allow workshop participants to submit relevant material to the docket. The information developed during the workshops, along the information submitted to the docket and derived from other sources, will be used by an expert panel. The panel will use the information to identify and rank, by level of risk, the hazards related to a major spill of cargo or fuel oil by commercial vessels transiting the study area. The expert panel will also identify potential measures to decrease the risks.

A brief summary of the March 6, 1997 workshops, which includes potential hazards, potential additional measures, and attendees, is available by contacting the person listed above in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: March 27, 1997.

Edward L. Ziff,

Director for Resources Management.

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Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA, Inc.; Free Flight Steering Committee

Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Free Flight Steering Committee meeting to be held April 17, 1997, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 8 ABC of the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20591.

The agenda will be as follows: (1) Chairmen's Introductory Remarks; (2) Review/Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting; (3) Introduction of the 1997 Free Flight Steering Committee Members; (4) Presentation on Strategic Planning Issues; (5) Free Flight Select Committee Report; (6) Other Business; and (7) Date and Location of Next Meetings.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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Federal Highway Administration

Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Savannah, Georgia

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a supplemental draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed extension (phases III, IV, and V) of the Harry S. Truman Parkway, Savannah, Georgia.