

92 days to 184 days on locomotives equipped with the New York Air Brake (NYAB) CCB-II and Fastbrake air brake systems.

In support of its request, BNSF states that “throughout the life of th[e] waiver, the data collected and reported to the FRA has conclusively established that the AFM indicator can successfully and safely maintain calibration setting for a period of at least 184 days,” citing that in a period measured from June to December 2023, “98% of BNSF’s AFM indicators have tested as in-calibration at the 184-day mark.” BNSF also notes that the relief “has crucially enabled alignment between the AFM indicator-calibration interval and the interval for federally mandated periodic locomotive inspections,” as well as additional safety benefits described in the request.

In this petition, BNSF notes that it also seeks to transition this waiver to a permanent waiver in the future, but at this time, is requesting a five-year extension.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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 and a public hearing, 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 and may be submitted at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by October 7, 2024 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in

the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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**John Karl Alexy**,

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety Chief Safety Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2018-0084]

#### Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter received June 3, 2024, Texas State Railroad/Texas & Eastern Railroad (Petitioner) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to extend the existing waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2018-0084.

Specifically, Petitioner requests continued relief from § 240.201, *Implementation*, which requires that only certified persons operate locomotives and trains. The relief would allow noncertified persons to operate a historic locomotive as part of a visitor experience or “Hand on the Throttle” program. In support of its petition, Petitioner notes that the relief would only apply to persons participating in the program, and that participants would be 18 years of age or older and under the direct supervision of a certified and qualified locomotive engineer. Further, all movements would take place during daylight hours and at restricted speed with no opposing train movements, and no public grade crossings will be occupied. Additionally, derail protection will be in place at each end of the track limits.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Advisory Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.  
**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces a meeting of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) Advisory Council (Council). During the meeting, the USMMA leadership will provide an update on programs and priorities, including governance, sexual assault and sexual harassment, academics, culture and diversity, and facilities and infrastructure.

**DATES:** August 29, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST. Written statements to be considered during the meeting must be received via email to

*USMMAAdvisoryCouncil@dot.gov* no later than August 22, 2024. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received via email by August 23, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held through a virtual forum. Virtual meeting access information will be available on the USMMA Advisory Council web page and social media channels no later than August 23, 2024. General information about the Council is available at *www.maritime.dot.gov/outreach/united-states-merchant-marine-academy-advisory-council*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Council's Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact, Mary Grice, 202-366-4264 or via email to *USMMAAdvisoryCouncil@dot.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Council is established pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51323. The Council operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. ch. 10.

The objective and scope of the Council is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) on matters relating to USMMA including in the areas of curriculum development and training programs; diversity, equity, and inclusion; sexual assault prevention and response; infrastructure maintenance and redevelopment; midshipmen health and welfare; governance and administrative policies; and other matters.

**Agenda**

The meeting agenda will cover, but is not limited to, the following proposed topics:

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Public comments
3. Advisory Council's Report
4. Administrative items

**Public Participation**

This meeting is open to the public and will be held through a virtual forum. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement

with the Council. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than August 22, 2024.

Only written statements will be considered by the Council; no member of the public will be allowed to present questions or speak during the meeting unless requested to do so by a member of the Council.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. 51323; 5 U.S.C. 552b; 5 U.S.C. ch. 10; 41 CFR parts 102-3.140 through 102-3.165)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.  
**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**  
*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD-2024-0103]

**Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Approval of Underwriters for Marine Hull Insurance; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice, correction.

**SUMMARY:** On August 2, 2024, the Maritime Administration (MARAD) published a document in the **Federal Register** inviting public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). However, the publication contained an incorrect docket number. This notice reflects the corrected docket number "MARAD-2024-0103" and restates the notice requesting comment. Accordingly, MARAD invites public comments on our intention to request OMB approval to renew an information collection in accordance with the PRA. The proposed collection OMB 2133-0517 (Approval of Underwriters for Marine Hull Insurance) will be used to provide approval of foreign underwriters based on an assessment of their financial condition, the regulatory regime under which they operate, and a statement attesting to a lack of discrimination in their country against U.S. hull insurers. The regulations also require that American underwriters be given an opportunity to compete for every placement, thereby necessitating in some cases certification that such opportunity was offered. We are required to publish this notice in the

**Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 7, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MARAD-2024-0103 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* *www.regulations.gov*. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking.

**Note:** All comments received will be posted without change to *www.regulations.gov* including any personal information provided.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cameryn L. Miller, 202-366-0907, Office of Marine Insurance, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590, Email: *cameryn.miller@dot.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Approval of Underwriters for Marine Hull Insurance.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0517.

*Type of Request:* Extension Without Change of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Abstract:* This collection of information involves the approval of marine hull underwriters to insure MARAD program vessels. Applicants will be required to submit financial data upon which MARAD approval would be based. This information is needed in order that MARAD officials can evaluate the underwriters and determine their suitability for providing marine hull insurance on MARAD vessels.

*Respondents:* Marine Insurance Underwriters and Brokers.