

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2001-8672]

Notice of Request for Comments on Renewing Approval for an Information Collection: OMB Control No. 2126-0014 (Transportation of Hazardous Materials, Highway Routing)**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the FMCSA intends to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew approval of the information collection described below. That information collection requires States and Indian tribes to identify designated/restricted highway routes and restrictions or limitations affecting how motor carriers may transport certain hazardous materials on the highway. This notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Please submit your comments by May 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or submit electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Be sure to include the docket number appearing in the heading of this document on your comment. All comments received will be available for examination and copying at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you would like to be notified when your comment is received, you must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or you may print the acknowledgment page that appears after submitting comments electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Swedberg, (303) 969-5772 ext. 363, or Mr. William Quade, (202) 366-2172, Hazardous Materials Division (MC-ECH), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Transportation of Hazardous Materials; Highway Routing.

OMB Number: 2126-0014.

Background: The data for the Transportation of Hazardous Materials;

Highway Routing designations are collected under authority of 49 U.S.C. §§ 5112 and 5125. That authority places responsibility on the Secretary of Transportation to specify and regulate standards for establishing, maintaining, and enforcing routing designations. Under 49 CFR 397.73, the Administrator has the authority to request that each State and Indian tribe, through its routing agency, provide information identifying hazardous materials routing designations within their respective jurisdictions. That information will be consolidated by the FMCSA and published annually in whole or as updates in the **Federal Register**.

Respondents: The reporting burden is shared by the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas, and the Virgin Islands.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The annual reporting burden is estimated to be 13 hours, calculated as follows: (53 respondents × 1 response × 15 minutes/60 minutes = 13.25 hours, rounded to 13 hours).

Frequency: There is one response annually from approximately 53 respondents.

Public Comments Invited: Your comments are particularly invited on whether the collection of information is necessary for the FMCSA to meet its goal of reducing truck crashes, including whether the information is useful to this goal; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information 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.

Electronic Access and Filing: You may submit or retrieve comments online through the Docket Management System (DMS) at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Acceptable formats include: MS Word (versions 95 to 97), MS Word for Mac (versions 6 to 8), Rich Text File (RTF), American Standard Code Information Interchange (ASCII)(TXT), Portable Document Format (PDF), and WordPerfect (versions 7 to 8). The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines are available under the help section of the web site. You may also download an electronic copy of this document from the DOT Docket Management System on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov/search.htm>. Please include the docket number appearing in the heading of this document.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.73.

Dated: February 27, 2001.

Stephen E. Barber,

Acting Assistant Administrator and Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2000-7827]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review: OMB Control Nos. 2126-0004 and 2126-0012**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA has sent the two Information Collection Requests (ICRs) described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describe each information collection and its expected burden. We published a **Federal Register** notice on these information collections on September 5, 2000 (65 FR 53801). The notice had a 60-day comment period. We are required to send ICRs to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Please submit comments by April 5, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Valerie Height, (202) 366-0901 (for 2126-0004), or Mr. Kenny Rodgers, (202) 366-4016 (for 2126-0012), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, *Attention:* DOT Desk Officer. We particularly request your comments on whether the collection of information is necessary for the FMCSA to meet its goal of reducing truck crashes, including whether the information is useful to this goal; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information 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. OMB wants to receive comments within 30 days of publication of this notice in order to act on the ICR quickly.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Title:* Driver Qualification Files.

OMB Number: 2126-0004.

Background: The FMCSA requires motor carriers to maintain a driver qualification file for each commercial motor vehicle (CMV) driver that they employ. The file contains the minimum amount of information necessary to document that a driver is qualified to drive a CMV in interstate commerce.

Motor carriers and the FMCSA primarily use the driver's qualification file to ensure that a person: (1) Is physically qualified to safely operate a CMV; (2) has the experience and/or training to safely operate the type(s) of CMV he or she will be assigned to drive; (3) has the appropriate driver's license; and (4) has not been disqualified to operate a CMV.

Respondents: Motor carriers and CMV drivers.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 941,856 hours.

2. *Title:* Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing.

OMB Number: 2126-0012.

Background: The FMCSA requires motor carriers to conduct alcohol and controlled substances testing on their commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers who drive larger CMVs (over 26,000 lbs.) requiring a commercial driver's license. The FMCSA uses the information collected to determine whether the motor carriers are using drivers who are alcohol-free and drug-free while driving trucks, buses, and other commercial motor vehicles. The reporting survey of the management information system (MIS) allows the agency to adjust the random testing rates for the industry when the industry shows performance improvements. The agency bases the adjustment upon the results of a small, statistically significant sample of motor carriers.

Respondents: 650,000 Motor carriers.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 573,490 hours.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.73.

Dated: February 27, 2001.

Stephen E. Barber,

Acting Assistant Administrator and Chief Safety Officer.

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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 provision involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Canadian Pacific Railway

[Docket Number FRA-2000-7927]

Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CPR), on behalf of itself, its Delaware and Hudson (D&H) subsidiary, and its Soo Line (Soo) subsidiary is seeking a waiver of compliance with the Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards, 49 CFR 229.71 (clearance above the rail).

CPR jointly with General Electric Transportation Systems is exploring methods for improving locomotive adhesion under heavy snow conditions. One method that appears to have some potential for consideration is the application of flexible wipers under the front pilot. These "snow flaps" are made of a corrugated urethane material similar to the non-metallic sand pipe tips currently allowed. These snow flaps extended below the 2½" limit allowed by the section 229.71

CPR did limited testing of these snow flaps in Canada last year and is requesting additional exemption from Transport Canada to continue the testing this winter. There will be up to 40 GE locomotives equipped for this test. These units are principally dedicated to coal routes in British Columbia, but they are internationally equipped and may operate into the U.S. on an occasional basis. These units will enter the U.S. through the Minnesota gateway and over Soo Line as far as Chicago, Illinois.

CPR reported no evidence that these snow flaps will present any risk to safe train operations or to employees.

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-2000-7927) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received within 30 days of the 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 above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

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National Railway Historical Society Freemont & Elkhorn Valley Railroad

[Docket Number FRA-2000-8367]

The Eastern Nebraska Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS), which operates the Freemont & Elkhorn Valley Railroad (FEVR), has petitioned for a permanent waiver of compliance for two former C&NW Pullman sleeper cars, one former Burlington Northern RPO, one former Burlington Northern caboose, one former C&NW SW1200, one Davenport center cab, one Whitcomb/Baldwin S-4300, and one GE center cab from the requirements of Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR Part 223, which requires certified glazing. The NRHS,