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

#### United States Department of the Interior

[Docket Number FRA-2001-9012]

The United States Department of the Interior on behalf of Steam Town National Historic Site seeks a waiver of compliance with the Inspection and Maintenance Standards for Steam Locomotives, 49 CFR Part 230, published November 17, 1999. Section 230.3(c) of the standards requires steam locomotives having flue tubes replaced prior to September 25, 1995, have a one thousand four hundred seventy-two service day inspection [49 CFR 230.17] performed prior to being allowed to operate under the requirements. The Steam Town National Historic Site seeks this waiver for one locomotive number CP 2317, which had the flue tubes replaced and was returned to service in July of 1998. Steam Town National Historic Site was unaware of the requirement to file for special consideration and failed to meet the cut off filing date of January 18, 2001.

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-2001-9012) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room P1-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room P1-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,**

*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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#### Long Island Rail Road

[Docket Number FRA-2000-8588]

Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) seeks a waiver of compliance with the Safety Appliance Safety Standards, 49 CFR part 231.14, which requires that sill steps be mounted utilizing mechanical fasteners. They request that the waiver be granted for one hundred twenty-one bi-level passenger coaches and twenty-three bi-level control car locomotives manufactured by Kawasaki. The waiver, if granted, would allow sill steps located at the four corners and two located on each side of the equipment, at the side

door locations, to be mechanical fastened to a bracket that is welded to a tubular side sill. The railroad states that the equipment is a center sill-less design and is supported by two tubular side sills and to mechanically fasten the step to the car would require drilling the sill which would weaken it.

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-2000-8588) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room P1-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 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 at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket RSPA-98-4957 Notice 26]

#### Request for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) published its request to renew its information collection "Reporting of Safety-Related Conditions on Gas, Hazardous Liquid

and Carbon Dioxide Pipelines and Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities” on February 15, 2001, (66 FR 10560). No comments were received. RSPA is giving the public an additional 30 days to provide comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6205, or by Fax (202) 366-4566, or via electronic mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Reporting of Safety-Related Conditions on Gas, Hazardous Liquid, and Carbon Dioxide Pipelines and Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities.

*OMB Number:* 2137-0578.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of existing information collection.

*Abstract:* 49 U.S.C. 60102 requires each operator of a pipeline facility (except master meter) to submit to the Department of Transportation a written report on any safety-related condition that causes or has caused a significant change or restriction in the operation of pipeline facility or a condition that is a hazard to life, property or the environment.

*Estimate of Burden:* The average burden hour per response is 6 hours.

*Respondents:* Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas facility operators.

*Estimated response per year:* 47.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 282 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Use:* To alert RSPA of hazardous conditions that might continue uncorrected.

Copies of this information can be reviewed at the Dockets Unit, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday excluding Federal Holidays or through the internet at [dms.dot.gov](http://dms.dot.gov).

Comments are invited on (a) the need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who respond including the use of the appropriate automated,

electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques. Send comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs ATTN: RSPA Desk Officer 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503.

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**Stacey L. Gerard,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**[OMB Control No. 2900-0166]**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on forms needed to apply for replacement insurance to replace the amount of Modified Life Insurance that was reduced at age 70.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 2, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail comments to: [irmnkess@vba.va.gov](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0166” in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each

collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Titles:* a. Application for Ordinary Life Insurance, Replacement Insurance for Modified Life Reduced at Age 65, National Service Life Insurance, VA Form 29-8485.

b. Application for Ordinary Life Insurance, Replacement Insurance for Modified Life Reduced at Age 70, National Service Life Insurance, VA Form 29-8485a.

c. Application for Ordinary Life Insurance, Replacement Insurance for Modified Life Reduced at Age 65, National Service Life Insurance, VA Form 29-8700.

d. Information About Modified Life Reduction, VA Forms 29-8700a-e.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0166.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The forms are used by the insured to apply for replacement insurance to replace the amount of Modified Life Insurance that was reduced at age 70. The information is used by VA to initiate the granting of coverage for which applied.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 642 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 7,700.

Dated: April 26, 2001.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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