

Affected Public: Business or other-for-profit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 950,000.

ADDRESS: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of 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. A Comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 21, 2001.

Delmas Johnson,

Acting Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on August 16, 2001, 66 FR 43037.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 28, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heidi L. Coleman at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Chief Counsel, NCC-30, 202-

366-1834, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5219, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Title: 49 CFR Part 512, Confidential Business Information.

OMB Number: 2127-0025.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: NHTSA's statutory authority under title 49 of the United States Code prohibits the agency, with certain exceptions, from making public confidential information which it obtains. On the other hand, the Administrative Procedure Act requires all agencies to make public all non-confidential information upon request (5 U.S.C. 552) and all agency rules to be supported by substantial evidence in the public record (5 U.S.C. 705). It is therefore important for the agency to determine promptly whether or not information it obtains should be accorded confidential treatment.

NHTSA promulgated 49 CFR part 512, Confidential Business Information, to establish the procedure by which NHTSA will consider claims that information submitted to the agency, or which it otherwise obtains, is confidential business information. Because of part 512, both NHTSA and the submitters of information for which confidential treatment is requested are able to ensure that confidentiality requests are properly substantiated and expeditiously processed.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit, individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1064 hours.

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A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Dated: Washington, DC, November 29, 2001.

John Womack,

Acting Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

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DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 28, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan White at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Defects & Recall Information Analysis (NSA-11), 202-366-5227, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5319, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Title: 49 CFR part 566 Manufacturer's Identification.

OMB Number: 2127-0043.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which has expired.

Abstract: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's statute at 49 U.S.C. 30118 Notification of defects and noncompliance requires manufacturers to determine if the motor vehicle or item or replacement equipment contains a defect related to motor vehicle safety or fails to comply with an applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard. Following such determination, the manufacturer is required to notify the Secretary of Transportation, owners, purchasers and dealers of motor vehicles or replacement equipment, of the defect or noncompliance and to remedy the defect or noncompliance without charge to the owner. With this determination,

NHTSA issued 49 CFR part 566, Manufacturer Identification. Part 566 requires every manufacturer of motor vehicles and/or replacement equipment to file with the agency on a one time basis, the required information specified in part 566.

Affected Public: Business or other-for-profit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 25.

ADDRESS: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Commercial Motor Vehicle Crash Data Collection and Analysis Improvement

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability—discretionary grants to assist states in improving or revising their commercial vehicle crash data collection procedures.

SUMMARY: This notice solicits proposals from States for projects to improve traffic records, specifically data collection and analysis on commercial motor vehicle crashes. Where deficiencies in reporting or recording of such crashes are identified, a state may seek funding to develop new or revised systems or procedures and/or policies to improve its reporting and recording

procedures. The NHTSA will provide grant funds to selected States to carry out the projects for improvements in data collection and analysis, in accordance with section 225 of Public Law 106-159.

DATES: Proposals must be received at the office designated below by 3 p.m. on or before February 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Proposals must be submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Contracts and Procurement (NAD-30), Attn: Mr. Joe Comella, 400 7th Street SW., Room 5301, Washington, DC 20590. All applications must include a reference to NHTSA Program Number DTNH22-01-G-07083.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joe Comella, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Contracts and Procurement (NAD-30). All questions and requests for copies may be directed by e-mail to jcomella@nhtsa.dot.gov or by telephone at 202-366-9568. Those desiring notification of receipt of their proposal submission must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard. Technical questions relating to this program should be directed to either Kenneth Rutland (Kenneth.rutland@nhtsa.dot.gov) NHTSA, Room 6213 (NRD-33) 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20590, 202-493-0055, or to John Brophy (John.Brophy@nhtsa.dot.gov) NHTSA, Room 6125 (NRD-33) 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20590, 202-366-0328.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In 1999, reports from the General Accounting Office and the United States Department of Transportation Inspector General recommended that improvements be made in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) crash and enforcement data. The existing FMCSA crash database, the Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) crash file, is intended to be a census of all large commercial truck and bus crashes that result in a fatality, injury, or towed vehicle. However, many truck and bus crashes do not reach the MCMIS data processing unit, and many of the reports received are not complete. To address this situation, section 225 of Public Law 106-159 [H.R. 3419] (49 U.S.C. 31100 note) directs the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a program to improve the collection and analysis of data on crashes involving commercial motor vehicles, administered through the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration (NHTSA) in cooperation with the FMCSA. Section 225 requires the NHTSA to enter into agreements with the States to collect data and report it electronically to a central repository. In accordance with this requirement, this notice makes funds available to the states in the form of grants for improvements in data collection and analysis of commercial motor vehicle involved crashes.

Project Goal

The goal is to improve the quality, completeness, timeliness and quantity of data collected by the States about commercial motor vehicle crashes. This data will be used to evaluate program effectiveness, identify problems and trends, target spending, and the like. In addition, this data will be used to support FMCSA's enforcement programs. By capturing more complete and accurate data, drivers and carriers of commercial motor vehicles can appropriately be subjected to reviews of their operations and cited for violations.

The FMCSA and NHTSA seek to improve timeliness, completeness, accuracy and overall quality of data collected on commercial motor vehicle involved crashes. These improvements will facilitate the identification of problem drivers and carriers and provide a solid foundation of data on which safety analyses and program evaluation can be based. A State seeking to participate in this effort must be willing to explore and test new and proven methodologies and protocols, allowing for rapid electronic exchange of crash data. The State's proposal should seek to enhance the accuracy, speed and completeness of commercial motor vehicle crash information among the various components of the records system, including enforcement, driver licensing agencies, vehicle registration agencies, State departments of transportation, the courts, both within States and across State boundaries.

The scope of potential projects or plans need not be limited to system development, changes or enhancements. A State may have a system that is technically sound but hampered by State procedures, policies, laws, or legislation preventing the State from utilizing its system in the most efficient and effective manner. Therefore, the NHTSA will entertain proposals that may not involve the system directly, but would meet the project goals through indirect effects.

Project Requirements

Grant proposals submitted by the States must meet certain criteria. The grant proposal criteria are designed to