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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), will prepare an EIS to improve safety on the shared alignment section of TH 71 and TH 23 in Dovre Township, northeast of the City of Willmar, a distance of approximately 3.5 miles, in Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. This segment of highway is a rural four-lane divided facility with at-grade intersections at public roadways. The proposed action includes the construction of highway access modifications, new bridges and ramps for grade-separated highway crossings, frontage road extensions and local roadway connections between the existing TH 71/TH 23 highway split on the north and TH 71/TH 23 at TH 294 (Business 71) on the south. Improvements to the corridor are being considered to improve safety and mobility. Improvements will also assist in managing additional traffic growth that will occur with local and regional planned commercial and residential developments.

The EIS will evaluate the social, economic, transportation and environmental impacts of alternatives, including: (1) No-Build and (2) "Build" alternatives with variations in design and interchange locations along the existing highway corridor, including design variations of grade and alignment. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings will be held in the project area from summer 2006 to early 2008. The "Trunk Highway 71/23 Improvement Project Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document" will be published in early summer 2006. A press release will be published to inform the public of the document's availability. Copies of the scoping document will be distributed to agencies, interested persons and libraries for review to aid in identifying issues and analyses for review to aid in identifying issues and analyses to be contained in the EIS. A thirty-day comment period for review of the document will be provided to afford an

opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the proposed action. A public scoping meeting will also be held during the comment period. Public notice will be given for the time and place of the meeting. A Draft EIS will be prepared based on the outcome of the scoping process. The Draft EIS will be available for agency and public review and comment. In addition, a public hearing will be held following completion of the Draft EIS. Public Notice will be given for the time and place of the public hearing on the Draft EIS. Coordination has been initiated and will continue with appropriate Federal, State and local agencies and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in the proposed action. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking renewal of the following currently approved information collection activities. Before submitting these information collection requirements for clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than July 14, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, or Mr. Victor Angelo, Office of Support Systems, RAD-43, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB control number \_\_\_\_\_." Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6230 or (202) 493-6170, or E-mail to Mr. Brogan at [robert.brogan@dot.gov](mailto:robert.brogan@dot.gov), or to Mr. Angelo at [victor.angelo@dot.gov](mailto:victor.angelo@dot.gov). Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Victor Angelo, Office of Support Systems, RAD-43, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6470). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law No. 104-13, § 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60 days notice to the public for comment on information collection activities before seeking approval for reinstatement or renewal by OMB. 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). Specifically, FRA invites interested respondents to comment on the following summary of proposed information collection activities regarding (i) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the

methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (iii) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (iv) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)(i)-(iv); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)-(iv). FRA believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information mandated by Federal regulations. In summary,

FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (i) Reduce reporting burdens; (ii) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a "user friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (iii) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

Below are brief summaries of the three currently approved information collection activities that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

*Title:* State Safety Participation Regulations and Remedial Actions.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0509.

*Abstract:* The collection of information is set forth under 49 CFR part 212, and requires qualified state inspectors to provide various reports to FRA for monitoring and enforcement purposes concerning state investigative, inspection, and surveillance activities regarding railroad compliance with Federal railroad safety laws and regulations. Additionally, railroads are required to report to FRA actions taken to remedy certain alleged violations of law.

*Form Number(s):* FRA F 6180.33/61/67/96/96A/109/110/111/112.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Respondent Universe:* States and Railroads.

*Reporting Burden:*

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual esponses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual burden cost
Application For Participation .....	15 States .....	15 updates .....	2.5 hours .....	38	\$1,748
Training Funding Agreement .....	30 States .....	30 agreements .....	1 hour .....	30	1,380
Inspector Training Reimbursement .....	30 States .....	300 vouchers .....	1 hour .....	300	12,600
Annual Work Plan .....	30 States .....	30 reports .....	15 hours .....	450	20,700
Inspection Form (Form FRA F 6180.96) .....	30 States .....	18,000 forms .....	15 minutes ...	4,500	189,000
Violation Report—Motive, Power, and Equipment Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.109).	19 States .....	200 reports .....	4 hours .....	800	33,600
Violation Report—Operating Practices Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.67).	13 States .....	40 reports .....	4 hours .....	160	6,720
Violation Report—Hazardous Materials Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.110).	14 States .....	100 reports .....	4 hours .....	400	16,800
Violation Report—Hours of Service Law (F 6180.33).	13 States .....	21 reports .....	4 hours .....	84	3,528
Violation Report—Accident/Incident Reporting Rules (Form FRA F 6180.61).	17 States .....	10 reports .....	4 hours .....	40	1,680
Violation Report—Track Safety Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.111).	17 States .....	158 reports .....	4 hours .....	632	26,544
Violation Report—Signal and Train Control Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.112).	17 States .....	100 reports .....	4 hours .....	400	16,800
Remedial Actions Reports .....	573 Railroads .....	5,048 reports .....	15 minutes ...	1,262	80,768
Violation Report Challenge .....	573 Railroads .....	1,010 challenges ....	1 hours .....	1,010	64,640
Delayed Reports .....	573 Railroads .....	505 reports .....	30 minutes ...	253	16,192

*Total Responses:* 25,567.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 10,359 hours.

*Status:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Certification of Glazing Materials.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0525.

*Abstract:* The collection of information is set forth under 49 CFR part 223, which requires the certification and permanent marking of glazing materials by the manufacturer. The manufacturer is also responsible for making available test verification data to railroads and FRA upon request.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Respondent Universe:* 5 Manufacturers.

*Total Responses:* 25,211.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 119 hours.

*Status:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

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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**D.J. Stadlter,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 34828]

**Gregg Haug—Continuance in Control Exemption—Northern Plains Railroad, Inc., Mohall Railroad, Inc. and Mohall Central Railroad, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board grants an exemption, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323 for Gregg Haug, an individual, to continue in control of three Class III rail carriers: Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. (NPR), Mohall Railroad, Inc. (MRI), and Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. (MHC). Each of the foregoing corporations owns or operates