Interstate motor carriers are required to maintain an Accident Register consisting of specified information about each accident involving their commercial motor vehicles. The information for each accident must include, at a minimum, the following elements: Date of accident, city or town in which or most near where the accident occurred, the State in which the accident occurred, driver name, number of injuries, number of fatalities, and whether hazardous materials, other than fuel spilled from the fuel tanks of motor vehicles involved in the accident, were released. In addition, the register must contain copies of all accident reports required by State or other governmental entities or insurers. Motor carriers must maintain the required information in the Accident Register for 3 years after the date of the accident.

This ICR strengthens FMCSA’s ability to assess motor carrier safety performance. These assessments enable FMCSA to direct its enforcement resources to the motor carriers with the weakest safety records, helping those carriers prevent accidents and reduce their severity.

On February 8, 2008, OMB approved FMCSA’s estimate for this ICR of 32,040 annual burden hours and established an expiration date for this ICR of February 28, 2011. Today, FMCSA announces its plan to request that OMB approve a revision of this estimate to 22,500 annual burden hours.

Definitions: Each of these definitions can be found at 49 CFR 390.5: “Motor carrier”: Any person engaged in a business affecting interstate commerce who owns or leases a commercial motor vehicle in connection with that business, or assigns employees to operate it. “Commercial motor vehicle”: A self-propelled or towed vehicle used on the highways in interstate commerce to transport passengers or property, if the vehicle—(1) Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight of 10,001 pounds, whichever is greater; or (2) Is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for compensation; or (3) Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, and is not used to transport passengers for compensation; or (4) Is used in transporting material found by the Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous under section 5103 of title 49, United States Code, and transported in a quantity requiring placarding under regulations prescribed by the Secretary under section 5103. “Accident”: an occurrence involving a commercial motor vehicle operating on a highway in interstate or intrastate commerce which results in: (i) A fatality; (ii) Bodily injury to a person who, as a result of the injury, receives medical treatment away from the scene of the accident; or (iii) One or more motor vehicles incurring disabling damage as a result of the accident, requiring the motor vehicle(s) to be transported away from the scene by a tow truck or other motor vehicle. The term “accident” does not include: (i) An occurrence involving only boarding or alighting from a stationary motor vehicle or (ii) an occurrence involving only the loading or unloading of cargo.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA’s functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The Agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.

Issued on: November 30, 2010.

Kelly Leone,
Associate Administrator for Research and Information Technology.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
[Docket No. FMCSA–2010–0391]


AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval. The FMCSA requests approval to extend an existing ICR titled, “Transportation of Hazardous Materials, Highway Routing.” The information reported by States and Indian tribes is necessary to identify designated/restricted routes and restrictions or limitations affecting how motor carriers may transport certain hazardous materials on their highways, including dates that such routes were established and information on subsequent changes or new hazardous materials routing designations. On September 13, 2010, FMCSA published a Federal Register notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on the ICR. No comment was received.

DATES: Please send your comments by January 13, 2011. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act quickly on the ICR.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Federal Register Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA–2010–0391. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul Bomgardner, Hazardous Materials Division, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, West Building 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202–493–0027; e-mail: paul.bomgardner@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Transportation of Hazardous Materials, Highway Routing.

OMB Control Number: 2126–0014.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently-approved information collection.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 51.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Expiration Date: March 31, 2011.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 13 hours [51 annual respondents × 1]
response × 15 minutes per response/60 minutes per response = 12.75 hours, rounded to 13 hours.

Background: The data for the Transportation of Hazardous Materials; Highway Routing designations; is collected under authority of 49 U.S.C. 5112 and 5125. Specifically, 49 U.S.C. 5112(c) requires that the Secretary, in coordination with the States, “shall update and publish periodically a list of current effective hazardous materials highway route designations.”

Under 49 CFR 397.73, the FMCSA Administrator has the authority to request that each State and Indian tribe, through its routing agency, provide information identifying hazardous materials designations within their jurisdictions. That information is collected and consolidated by FMCSA and published annually in whole or as updates, in the Federal Register.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA’s functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

Issued on: December 5, 2010.

Kelly Leone,
Associate Administrator for Research and Information Technology.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2010–0341]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of an Approved Information Collection: Request for Revocation of Authority Granted

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This ICR notifies the FMCSA of when a motor carrier, freight forwarder, or property broker requests to amend or revoke its approved registration of authority. On August 24, 2010, FMCSA published a Federal Register notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on the ICR. Two comments in support of the ICR were received by the agency.

DATES: Please send your comments by January 13, 2011. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act quickly on the ICR.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA–2010–0341. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, and sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

For Further Information Contact: Ms. Tura Gatling, Customer Support Team Leader, Commercial Enforcement Division, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sent via electronic mail to tura.gatling@dot.gov. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Supplementary Information:

Title: Request for Revocation of Authority.

OMB Control Number: 2126–0018.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently-approved information collection.

Form Number: OCE–46.

Respondents: Motor carriers, freight forwarders and property brokers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,700.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Expiration Date: February 28, 2011.

Form: OCE–46.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 925 hours [3,700 annual Form OCE–46 filers × 15 minutes/60 minutes per filing = 925].

Background: Title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) authorizes the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) to promulgate regulations governing the registration of for-hire motor carriers of regulated commodities (49 U.S.C. 13902), surface transportation freight forwarders (49 U.S.C. 13903), and property brokers (49 U.S.C. 13904).

Under 49 U.S.C. 13905(c), each registration is effective from the date specified. Section 13905(d) grants the Secretary the authority to amend or revoke a registration at the registrant’s request. On complaint, or on the Secretary’s own initiative, the Secretary may also suspend, amend, or revoke any part of the registration of a motor carrier, broker, or freight forwarder for willful failure to comply with the regulations, an order of the Secretary, or a condition of its registration.

Form OCE–46 is used by transportation entities to voluntarily apply for revocation of their registration authority in whole or in part. FMCSA uses the form to seek information concerning the registrant’s docket number, name and address, and the reasons for the revocation request. This ICR is being revised due to an increase in the estimated number of annual respondents from 3,250 to 3,700 along with a new notarization fee.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this revised information collection request, including: (1) The necessity and usefulness of the information collection for FMCSA to meet its goal in reducing truck crashes; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden 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.

Issued on: November 30, 2010.

Kelly Leone,
Associate Administrator for Research and Information Technology.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2008–0266]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Renewals; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.