guidelines and requirements and any security gaps * * * * EO 13416, Sec. 3(c)(i). Reflecting its risk-based prioritization, TSA primarily conducts BASE reviews on the top 100 transit systems in the country, as identified by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).2

Description of Data Collection

TSA’s Surface Transportation Security Inspectors (STSI) conduct BASE reviews during site visits with security and operating officials of transit systems. The STSIs capture and document relevant information using a standardized electronic checklist. Advance coordination and planning ensures the efficiency of the assessment process. As part of this, transit systems may also obtain a checklist in advance from TSA and conduct self-assessments of their security readiness. All BASE reviews are done on a voluntary basis.

The BASE checklist guides the collection of information and encompasses review of security plans, programs, and procedures employed by transit agencies in implementing the recommended Action Items. During a review, STSIs collect information from the review of transit system’s documents, plans, and procedures; interviews with appropriate transit agency personnel, to gain process insight; and system observations prompted by questions raised during the document review and interview stages. TSA subject matter experts can then analyze this information. If information in completed assessments meets the requirements of 49 CFR parts 15 and 1520 in that disclosure would be protected it in accordance with the Federal Rules of Evidence. TSA ensures the efficiency of the assessment process. As part of this, transit systems may also obtain a checklist in advance from TSA and conduct self-assessments of their security readiness. All BASE reviews are done on a voluntary basis.

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Use of Results

A BASE review evaluates a transit agency’s security program components using a two-phased approach: (1) Field collection of information, and (2) analysis/evaluation of collected information. The information collected by TSA through BASE reviews strengthens the security of transit systems by supporting security program development (including grant programs) and the analysis/evaluation provides a consistent road map for mass transit systems to address security and emergency program vulnerabilities. In addition, each transit system that undergoes a BASE assessment is provided with a report of results that is used in security enhancement activities.

Specifically, the information collected will be used as follows:

1. To develop a baseline understanding of a transit agency’s security and emergency management processes, procedures, policies, programs, and activities against security requirements and recommended security practices published by TSA and FTA.

2. To enhance a transit agency’s overall security posture through collaborative review and discussion of existing security activities, identification of areas of potential weakness or vulnerability, and development of remedial recommendations and courses of action.

3. To identify programs and protocols implemented by a transit agency that represent an “effective” or “smart” security practice warranting sharing with the transit community as a whole to foster general enhancement of security in the mass transit mode.

4. To inform TSA’s development of security strategies, priorities, and programs for the most effective application of available resources, including funds distributed under the Transit Security Grant Program, to enhance security in the Nation’s mass transit system.

While TSA has not set a limit on the number of BASE reviews to conduct, TSA estimates it will conduct approximately 100 BASE reviews on an annual basis and does not intend to conduct more than one BASE review per transit system in a single year. The total hour burden dedicated to the assessment and collection of security-related documents for review varies depending upon the size of the system and scope of its security program and activities. The hours estimated represent a sampling of BASE reviews completed in 2010. The sampling was derived from 15 transit agencies varying in size from small to large. Actual inspection hours were utilized in the sampling. TSA estimates that the hour burden per transit agency to engage their security and/or operating officials with inspectors in the interactive BASE review process is approximately 18 hours for a small transit agency, approximately 144 hours for a large transit agency, or an average of 46 hours for a moderately-sized agency. Thus, the total annual hour burden for the BASE review (140 agencies identified) is estimated on the low end of 2520 hours (140 × 18 = 2520) annually and the high end of 6440 hours (140 × 46 = 6440) annually. This number will most likely increase as transit agencies volunteer to participate.

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Joanna Johnson,
TSA Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of Information Technology. [FR Doc. 2011–3602 Filed 2–16–11; 8:45 am]

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

[Docket No. TSA–2009–0024]

Enforcement Actions Summary

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is providing notice that it has issued an annual summary of all enforcement actions taken by TSA under the authority granted in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Su, Acting Assistant Chief Counsel, Civil Enforcement, Office of the Chief Counsel, TSA–2, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 20598–6002; telephone (571) 227–2305; facsimile (571) 227–1378; e-mail emily su@ dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background


Section 1302(a) of the 9/11 Act, codified at 49 U.S.C. 114(v), authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to impose civil penalties of up to $10,000 per violation of any surface transportation requirement under 49 U.S.C. or any requirement related to transportation worker identification credentials (TWIC) under 46 U.S.C. chapter 701. TSA
exercises this function under delegated authority from the Secretary. See DHS Delegation No. 7060–2.

Under 49 U.S.C. 114[v][7][A], TSA is required to provide the public with an annual summary of all enforcement actions taken by TSA under this subsection; and include in each such summary the identifying information of each enforcement action, the type of alleged violation, the penalty or penalties proposed, and the final assessment amount of each penalty. This summary is for calendar year 2010. TSA will publish a summary of all enforcement actions taken under the statute in January to cover the previous calendar year.

Document Availability


You can get an electronic copy of only this notice on the Internet by—


(2) Visiting TSA’s Security Regulations web page at http://www.tsa.gov and accessing the link for “Research Center” at the top of the page.

In addition, copies are available by writing or calling the individual in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. Make sure to identify the docket number of this rulemaking.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, February 8, 2011.

Margot F. Bester,
Principal Deputy Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Notice of an Open Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI)

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the ACWI, to be held March 1, 2011, via teleconference and web-based presentations. This ACWI meeting will serve a dual purpose:

(1) During the morning, the Federal water agencies will have an opportunity to brief ACWI about the proposed 2012 budget. Each organization will have no more than five minutes to report, so we can ensure adequate time for discussion and for feedback from the non-Federal ACWI member organizations.

(2) During the afternoon, some or all of the seven USGS science strategic planning teams (SSPTs) will present information about their activities and solicit ACWI feedback. The USGS SSPTs are part of a new science planning effort that Dr. Marcia McNutt, Director of the USGS, started within the bureau. The USGS 10-year strategic science plan (http://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/2007/1309/), which was released in 2007, identified six thematic areas upon which the USGS would concentrate. USGS has received much positive feedback on this plan and the efforts to move it forward. Director McNutt has commissioned seven SSPTs, one for each of the areas identified in the 2007 plan plus one additional team for Core Science Systems. These teams will work from the present through October 2011 to develop a more targeted 10-year science plan for each of their respective areas:

- Core Science Systems
- Ecosystems
- Energy and Minerals
- Environmental Health
- Global Change
- Natural Hazards
- Water

These teams will work over the next 10 months to develop a strategic plan for each area and to carefully examine how efforts need to be integrated across all seven areas. It is also of the utmost importance to everyone at the USGS to have your input into this process, and that process will begin at the ACWI WebEx meeting on March 1.

The ACWI was established under the authority of the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M–92–01 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the ACWI is to provide a forum for water information users and professionals to advise the Federal Government on activities and plans that may improve the effectiveness of meeting the Nation’s water information needs. Member organizations help to foster communications between the Federal and non-Federal sectors on sharing water information.

Membership, limited to 35 organizations, represents a wide range of water resources interests and functions. Representation on the ACWI includes all levels of government, academia, private industry, and professional and technical societies. For more information on the ACWI, its membership, subgroups, meetings and activities, please see the Web site at: http://ACWI.gov.

DATES: The formal meeting will convene at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. on March 1, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be a WebEx, accessible by telephone and by logging on to the meeting Web site to view the presentations online. Telephone and log-in information will be available the week prior to the meeting on the ACWI Web site (http://ACWI.gov) and can also be obtained by calling Wendy Norton at 703–648–6910. Those who wish to attend the meeting in person can do so at U.S. Geological Survey Headquarters, located at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA, Room 5A217.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy E. Norton, ACWI Executive Secretary and Chief, Water Information Coordination Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 417, Reston, VA 20192. Telephone: 703–648–6810; Fax: 703–648–5644; e-mail: wenorton@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public. There will not be a public comment period, due to time constraints for this particular meeting, but any member of the public may submit written information and (or) comments to Ms. Norton for distribution at the ACWI meeting or immediately following the meeting.


Katherine Lins,
Chief, Office of Water Information.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MTM 067221]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting: Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that proposes to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 6881 for an additional 20-year term. PLO No. 6881 withdrew approximately 95 acres of National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United