

personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. 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 is a brief summary of the information collection activities that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

Title: Survey of Northeast Regional and Intercity Household Travel Attitudes and Behavior.

Type of Request: New information collection requirement.

Status: Regular review.

OMB Clearance Number: None.

Form Number: F222.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: Members of the general public between the ages of 18 and 74 who have Northeast intercity or regional travel experience during the 12 months prior to interview.

Estimated Number of Respondents: up to 22,500 for phase 1; up to 15,000 for phase 2.

Abstract: FRA proposes to collect information from the public to determine current intercity and regional travel behavior of Northeast residents. The information collected will include frequency of trips, origin and destination, modes of travel (and class of service if applicable), trip purpose, party size, trip costs, and other trip characteristics. It will also ask for travel preferences under alternative choice

scenarios that include different and new modes, classes of service, costs, and amenities.

The proposed information collection will be conducted in two phases. The first phase (Phase 1 Survey) will be conducted by telephone, using computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI). A dual frame sample design will be used including both landlines and cell phones. The Phase 1 Survey will obtain basic travel information and invite just those who experienced a qualifying intercity or regional travel trip to provide more detailed travel information and choice preferences in a second phase. The Phase 1 Survey interview is estimated to take five (5) minutes to complete. The second phase (Phase 2 Survey), which will immediately follow the first, will be administered by web (except in cases when easy web access is not possible and the participant needs a mailed paper survey). The Phase 2 Survey will ask more detailed questions about one randomly selected trip that the respondent reported in the first phase of the survey. In addition, it will ask the travel preference questions. The Phase 2 Survey is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete.

The Northeast faces major congestion and capacity constraints that, if not addressed, will have the potential to curtail future mobility and economic growth in the region. Thus, FRA established the Northeast Corridor (NEC) Future Program to develop a Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan (PRCIP) for the Northeast region. The PRCIP will address the larger goals of improving mobility, effectively serving travel demand, supporting economic development, reducing growth in carbon emissions and dependence of foreign oil, and contributing to improved land utilization. The PRCIP

requires the development and evaluation of improved transportation alternatives for the Northeast. In support of preparing the PRCIP, this data collection is needed to build a model for estimating market demand for transportation in the Northeast and to evaluate how travelers would respond to alternative transportation service options.

While there are certain publicly available data that can assist in analyzing the Northeast travel market during the early phases of the project when alternatives are evaluated using coarse screening tools, more detailed data will be needed to support development of the detailed PRCIP. Currently available data include airline ticket data, Amtrak ticket data, and commuter rail ticket data. But these data sources do not contain information on the characteristics of the traveler (such as age, income, or vehicle ownership), trip purpose, detail on party size, or actual origins and destinations. Importantly, there is no current information on the number of intercity trips taken by automobile in the Northeast. Further, there is not currently a sufficient information source for traveler preferences regarding new transportation services that might be developed as part of the PRCIP.

Reporting Burden: The target sample size for the Phase 2 Survey is up to 15,000 responses. To achieve this target sample size, we estimate needing to contact up to 22,500 households in the Phase 1 Survey. This larger number for Phase 1 respondents accounts for the fact that (i) not all households will have taken a qualifying trip during the previous 12 months and (ii) not all respondents will want to participate. All interviewing will occur during a two to three month phase in winter/spring 2012–2013.

Phase	Minutes	Respondents	Burden hours
Phase 1	5	22,500	1,875
Phase 2	15	15,000	3,750
Total			5,625

Total Annual Estimated Responses: 37,500.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 5,625 hours.

Status: Regular Review.

Requested Expiration: 3 years from date of approval.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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Rebecca Pennington,
Chief Financial Officer, Federal Railroad Administration.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA–2012–0063]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated July 17,

2012, the Savage Industrial Rail Services Operation (Savage) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR 229.23 (which requires a periodic inspection every 92 days) and 49 CFR 229.25 (requiring specific tests to be done at every periodic inspection).

Savage is asking for this duration to be extended to 184 days. Savage conducts rail switching operations for customers in the area of Henderson and Elko, NV. At this operation they run two locomotives for fewer hours than normal Class I railroads. This relief will help Savage to lower costs and thereby be able to pass those savings on to its customers. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0063.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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 and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by November 5, 2012 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written

communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78), or online at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 17, 2012.

Ron Hynes,

Director, Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 17, 2012.

The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, on or after the date of publication of this notice.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before October 22, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestion for reducing the burden to the (1) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Treasury, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or email at OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV and the (2) Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 8140, Washington, DC 20220, or email at PRA@treasury.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 927-5331, email at PRA@treasury.gov, or the entire information collection request may be found at www.reginfo.gov.

Financial Management Service (FMS)

OMB Number: 1510-0008.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Title: Pools and Associations—Annual Letter.

Abstract: Information collected determines acceptable percent for each pool and association Treasury Certified companies are given credit for on Treasury Schedule F for authorized ceded reinsurance in determining the companies' underwriting limitations.

Affected Public: Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 126.

Robert Dahl,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)

OMB Number: 1513-0131.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: Certificate of Taxpaid Alcohol.
Form: TTB F 5100.4.

Abstract: TTB F 5100.4 consolidates taxes paid on distilled spirits used in the manufacture of non-beverage products for exportation. The form is completed by TTB industry members to receive back \$1 for each proof gallon of