DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Railroad Administration
[Docket Number FRA–2013–0108]

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 October 10, 2013, New Jersey Transit Rail (NJTR) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain Federal hours of service requirements for train employees engaged in commuter or intercity rail passenger transportation contained at 49 CFR 228.405(a)(3). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2013–0108.

In its petition, NJTR seeks a temporary waiver, from January 31, 2014, to February 3, 2014, allowing train employees to exceed the consecutive-day limitations of initiating on-duty periods to accommodate an anticipated increase in business during the 2014 Super Bowl weekend. Specifically, NJTR is requesting relief from the mandatory time off requirements of 24 consecutive hours and 2 consecutive calendar days following the initiation of on-duty periods for 6 and 14 consecutive calendar days.

In support of its request, NJTR explained that, because of the extended nature of the required additional service and the possibility of workforce illness or weather events, manpower shortfalls may occur and a waiver from the rest requirements would provide greater certainty in filling extra jobs. In addition, NJTR expressed that its safety record demonstrates that its employees worked safely before the Federal rest requirements, and that it is committed to taking additional steps to ensure fatigue is minimized.

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 Avenue 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.
- 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 January 13, 2014 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 document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). See http://www.regulations.gov/#privacyNotice for the privacy notice of regulations.gov or interested parties may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

Robert C. Lauby,
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Maritime Administration

Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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 is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on September 3, 2013 (54368, Vol. 78, No. 170).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 30, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Patricia Ann Thomas, Office of Seafarers' Welfare and Support, Maritime Administration, W25–314, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202–366–2646 or EMAIL: patricia.thomas@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Title: Merchant Marine Medals and Awards.
OMB Control Number: 2133–0506.
Type of Request: Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: This collection of information provides a method of awarding merchant marine medals and decorations to masters, officers, and crew members of U.S. ships in recognition of their service in areas of danger during the operations by the Armed forces of the United States in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Operation Desert Storm.

Affected Public: Masters, officers, and crew members of U.S. ships.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 550.

Estimated Number of Responses: 550.

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 550.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

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.


Dated: November 21, 2013.

Julie P. Agarwal, Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[DOcket No. MARAD—2013 0136]

Agency Requests for Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection(s): Supplementary Training Course Application

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation (DOT) invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information collection is necessary for eligibility assessment, enrollment, attendance verification and recordation. Without this information, the courses would not be documented for future reference by the program or individual student. We are required to publish this notice in the Federal Register by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by January 28, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MARAD—2013–0136 through one of the following methods:

- Mail or Hand Delivery: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Romstadt, Training Instructor (Firefighting), Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W28–302, Washington, DC 20590; Telephone: (419) 259–6362 or email: Michael.Romstadt@dot.gov. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2133–0030.

Title: Supplementary Training Course Application.

Form Numbers: MA–823

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: 46 U.S.C. Section 51703 (2007) states that, “the Secretary of Transportation may provide additional training on maritime subjects to supplement other training opportunities and make the training available to the personnel of the merchant mariners of the United States and to individuals preparing for a career in the merchant marine of the United States.” Also, the U.S. Coast Guard requires a fire-fighting certificate for U.S. merchant marine officers. This collection provides the information necessary for the maritime schools to plan their course offerings and for applicants to complete their certificate requirements.

Respondents: U.S. Merchant Marine Seamen, both officers and unlicensed personnel, and other U.S. citizens employed in other areas of waterborne commerce.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Frequency: Annually.

Number of Responses: 500.

Total Annual Burden: 25 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department’s performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized 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.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all 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 March 1, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78) or you may visit http://www.regulations.gov.


Dated: November 21, 2013.

Julie P. Agarwal, Secretary, Maritime 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 September 16, 2013 [Volume 78, No. 179, Page 57900].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 30, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary R. Toth, Office of Data Acquisitions (NVS–410), Room W53–505, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. The telephone number for Mr. Toth is (202) 366–5378.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Title: National Automotive Sampling System (NASS).

OMB Number: 2127–0021.

Type of Request: Continuation.

Abstract: The collection of crash data that support the establishment and enforcement of motor vehicle regulations that reduce the severity of injury and property damage caused by motor vehicle crashes is authorized under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 (Public Law 89–563, Title 1, Sec. 106, 108, and 112). The National Automotive Sampling System (NASS) Crashworthiness Data System (CDS) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration investigates high severity crashes. Once a crash has been selected for investigation, researchers locate, visit, measure, and photograph the crash.