

Another commenter requested that FTA retain flexibility in allowing fixed allocation percentages for sub-area allocations when they have been determined to be the most appropriate method by the MPO members. FTA has made a minor change to the Circular language to indicate that the use of a fixed percentage may not be appropriate, rather than “is not considered satisfactory.”

This chapter has also been revised to clarify that recipients should consult with FTA regarding the proper level of environmental review prior to expending funds for a project.

Lastly, two commenters suggested that, in cases of loss through a natural disaster, the Circular state that FTA’s requirement for early disposition reimbursement may be waived. While FTA has the authority to grant such a waiver, it has not determined that such a waiver will be granted in the future, and does not want to create an expectation that such a waiver will be granted.

G. Chapter VI—Program Management and Administrative Requirements

The proposed circular updates this section to add the requirement that recipients certify compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5329(d), which requires recipients and States to develop and implement a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

The final Circular reflects three major changes to this Chapter. First, all references to FTA’s current Electronic Grants Management System (commonly known as “TEAM”) have been removed in consideration of a new system, currently under development. That system is now generically identified as the Electronic Award Management System in this circular. Second, a new section was added to discuss the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Requirement which requires recipients report information about each first tier sub-award over \$25,000 by the end of the month following the month the direct recipient makes any sub-award or obligation.

Lastly, the final Circular clarifies the discussion in the proposed circular on NTD Reporting regarding waivers. The proposed circular stated that FTA would no longer issue any NTD waivers. However, FTA has implemented a reduced reporting requirement for small systems. Where, under certain circumstances described in NTD Reporting Manuals, grant recipients may apply for reduced NTD reporting requirements. For instance, under the Small Systems Waiver, grantees with

fewer than 30 vehicles in maximum (peak) service do not have to report some data items. There are waivers of other data reporting requirements for planning/capital only reporters, reporters that have experienced natural disasters, and for reporters that are not able to generate specific data elements.

H. Chapter VII—Other Provisions

This section of the Circular was revised pursuant to the changes to the State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program and the requirements of 49 CFR part 659 made by MAP–21. Section 5330, which authorizes the SSO Program, will be repealed three years from the effective date of the new regulations implementing the new section 5329 safety requirements. Until then, the current requirements of 49 CFR part 659 will continue to apply.

I. Tables, Graphs, and Illustrations

There were no changes made to this section of the Circular.

J. Appendices

There were no substantive changes made to this section of the Circular.

Peter Rogoff,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2014–0002]

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for public comment on renewal of existing information collections.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections. This document describes a renewal of existing information collections for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 17, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by one or both of the docket numbers in the heading of this document, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andréa A. Noel, Office of Defects Investigation, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, NVS–210, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 493–0210. For access to background documents, please contact Ms. Noel.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB’s regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public

comments on the renewal of the following described collections of information:

Title: Record Retention.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0042.

Affected Public: Vehicle manufacturers and vehicle equipment manufacturers (including tire and child restraint system manufacturers).

Abstract: Under 49 U.S.C. 30166(e), NHTSA “reasonably may require a manufacturer of a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment to keep records, and a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer to make reports, to enable [NHTSA] to decide whether the manufacturer, distributor or dealer has complied or is complying with this chapter or a regulation prescribed or order issued under this chapter.”

To ensure that NHTSA will have access to this type of information, the agency exercised the authority granted in 49 U.S.C. 30166(e) and promulgated 49 CFR Part 576, Record Retention, initially published on August 20, 1974 (39 FR 30045) and most recently amended on July 10, 2002 (67 FR 45873), requiring manufacturers to retain one copy of all records that contain information concerning malfunctions that may be related to motor vehicle safety for a period of five calendar years after the record is generated or acquired by the manufacturer. Part 576 also requires manufacturers to retain for five years the underlying records related to early warning reporting (EWR) information submitted under 49 CFR part 579.

Estimated annual burden:

Approximately one thousand manufacturers of vehicles and equipment (including tires and child restraint systems) are required to maintain records. We estimate their burden at 40 hours each for a subtotal of 40,000 hours (1,000 respondents × 40 hours). In addition, there are approximately 23,600 equipment manufacturers (excluding child seat and tire manufacturers) whose record retention requirements under part 576 are limited to the documents underlying their part 579 reporting requirements. Their part 579 requirements include only the reporting of incidents involving deaths. Therefore, based on the number of death reports submitted to date by these equipment manufacturers, we estimate that an additional 20 equipment manufacturers have record retention requirements imposed by part 576. We estimate that it will take one hour each to maintain the necessary records for a subtotal burden of 20 hours

(20 respondents × one hour).

Accordingly, the estimate of total annual burden hours is 40,020 hours (1,000 respondents × 40 hours plus 20 respondents × 1 hour).

Number of respondents: 1,020.

Below are detailed instructions for submitting comments on this collection and additional information on the commenting process.

How do I prepare and submit comments?

Your comments must be written and in English. To ensure that your comments are correctly filed in the Docket, please include the docket number of this document in your comments.

Your comments must not be more than 15 pages long. (49 CFR 553.21). We established this limit to encourage you to write your primary comments in a concise fashion. However, you may attach necessary additional documents to your comments. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Comments may be submitted to the docket electronically by logging onto the Docket Management System Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

You may also submit two copies of your comments, including the attachments, to Docket Management at the address given above under **ADDRESSES**.

Please note that pursuant to the Data Quality Act, in order for substantive data to be relied upon and used by the agency, it must meet the information quality standards set forth in the OMB and DOT Data Quality Act guidelines. Accordingly, we encourage you to consult the guidelines in preparing your comments. OMB's guidelines may be accessed at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreg/reproducible.html>. DOT's guidelines may be accessed at http://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/sites/rita.dot.gov/bts/files/subject_areas/statistical_policy_and_research/data_quality_guidelines/html/guidelines.html.

How can I be sure that my comments were received?

If you wish Docket Management to notify you upon its receipt of your comments, enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard in the envelope containing your comments. Upon receiving your comments, Docket Management will return the postcard by mail.

How do I submit confidential business information?

If you wish to submit any information under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Chief Counsel, NHTSA, at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Washington, DC 20590. In addition, you should submit two copies, from which you have deleted the claimed confidential business information, to Docket Management at the address given above under **ADDRESSES**. When you send a comment containing information claimed to be confidential business information, you should include a cover letter setting forth the information specified in our confidential business information regulation. (49 CFR part 512)

Will the agency consider late comments?

We will consider all comments that Docket Management receives before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated above under **DATES**. To the extent possible, we will also consider comments that Docket Management receives after that date.

How can I read the comments submitted by other people?

You may read the comments received by Docket Management at the address given above under **ADDRESSES**. The hours of the Docket are indicated above in the same location. You may also see the comments on the Internet. To read the comments on the Internet, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

Please note that even after the comment closing date, we will continue to file relevant information in the Docket as it becomes available. Further, some people may submit late comments. Accordingly, we recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new material.

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 April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477) or you may visit <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

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Frank Borris,

*Director, Office of Defects Investigation,
Office of Enforcement.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35751]

Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd.— Acquisition Exemption—Line of BNSF Railway Company

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board is granting an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10902 for Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. (IAIS), a Class II rail carrier, to acquire approximately 0.75-miles of rail line in Council Bluffs, Iowa, from BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), subject to employee protective conditions.

DATES: The exemption will be effective on February 5, 2014. Petitions to stay must be filed by January 27, 2014. Petitions for reconsideration must be filed by January 31, 2014.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35751, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on IAIS's representative: Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606-2832.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jonathon Binet, (202) 245-0368. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: January 13, 2014.

By the Board, Chairman Elliott and Vice Chairman Begeman.

Derrick A. Gardner,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Notice and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: 60-day notice of request for approval: Waybill Sample.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3519 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice of its intent to seek from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an extension of approval for the collection of the Waybill Sample.

Comments are requested concerning: (1) The accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility. Submitted comments will be summarized and included in the Board's request for OMB approval.

Description of Collection

Title: Waybill Sample.

OMB Control Number: 2140-0015.

STB Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Respondents: Any railroad that is subject to the Interstate Commerce Act and that terminates at least 4,500 carloads on its line in any of the three preceding years or that terminates at least 5% of the revenue carloads terminating in any state in any of the three preceding years.

Number of Respondents: 51.

Estimated Time Per Response: 75 minutes.

Frequency: Six respondents report monthly; 45 report quarterly.

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): 315 hours.

Total "Non-hour Burden" Cost: No "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection have been identified.

Needs and Uses: The Surface Transportation Board is, by statute, responsible for the economic regulation of common carrier rail transportation in the United States. Under 49 CFR part 1244, a railroad is required to file carload waybill sample information

(Waybill Sample) for all line-haul revenue waybills terminating on its lines if, in any of the three preceding years, it either (1) terminates 4500 or more carloads, or (2) terminates at least 5% of the total revenue carloads that terminate in a particular state. The information in the Waybill Sample is used by the Board, other Federal and state agencies, and industry stakeholders to monitor traffic flows and rate trends in the industry, and to develop testimony in Board proceedings. The Board has authority to collect this information under 49 U.S.C. 11144 and 11145.

DATES: Comments on this information collection should be submitted by March 17, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Marilyn Levitt, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, or to levittm@stb.dot.gov. When submitting comments, please refer to "Waybill Sample collection."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marilyn Levitt at (202) 245-0269 or at levittm@stb.dot.gov. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

For Further Information or to Obtain a Copy of the STB Form, Contact: For further information regarding the Waybill Sample collection, contact Paul Aguiar at (202) 245-0323 or economic.data@stb.dot.gov. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, a Federal agency conducting or sponsoring a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements or requests that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under § 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, Federal agencies are required to provide, prior to an agency's submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: January 10, 2014.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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