

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 considered and also included in the Board's request for OMB approval.

#### Description of Collection

*Title:* End-of-Year Railroad Service Outlook.

*OMB Control Number:* 2140-XXXX.

*STB Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

*Respondents:* The Class I rail carriers and carriers that are members of ASLRRRA.

*Number of Respondents:* An average of 9 carriers respond to this request to voluntarily provide this information.<sup>1</sup>

*Frequency:* Once per year.

*Total Burden Hours* (annually including all respondents): We estimate a total of 273 hours for all responding carriers (30.3 hours per response × 9 respondents).

*Total "Non-hour Burden" Cost:* Because respondents email their response letters to the Board, there are no non-hour costs to respondents.

*Needs and Uses:* The shipping community and our economy as a whole depend on reliable and efficient freight rail service. The Board and rail shippers need to understand how carriers plan to meet the increased demand for rail service during the fall peak demand season, including capital plans for relieving bottlenecks. For several years, the Board has asked Class I railroads, along with the ASLRRRA member railroads, to provide a forward-looking assessment of their ability to meet end-of-year business demands for rail service, which typically increase during the fall shipping season. The Board uses this information to monitor efforts by U.S. rail carriers to meet the increased fall peak demand for rail service.

**DATES:** Comments on this information collection should be submitted by August 28, 2014.

<sup>1</sup> In the 60-day notice, the Board indicated that there were approximately 11 respondents. Although no comments were filed, we are adjusting our estimate of the number of respondents to nine. This adjustment to the Board's estimate is based on our updated calculation of the 5-year average number of actual filings by respondents.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be identified as "Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board, End-of-Year Railroad Service Outlook." These comments should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Patrick Fuchs, Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer, by email at [OIRA.SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OIRA.SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV); by fax at (202) 395-6974; or by mail to Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding the "End-of-Year Railroad Service Outlook," contact Chris Oehrle at (202) 245-0271 or [oehrlec@stb.dot.gov](mailto:oehrlec@stb.dot.gov). [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] This collection, as well as instructions for the collection, are available on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov/PeakLetters1.nsf/2012?OpenPage>.

**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. Section 3507(b) of the PRA requires, concurrent with an agency's submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 30-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: July 24, 2014.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Notice of Tribal Consultation

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Notice of Tribal Consultation.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Tribal Government Relations (OTGR) will host a Tribal Consultation on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between VA and the Indian Health Service (IHS) and how the MOU has

affected health care for Veterans. The consultation session will be held on September 8, 2014, at Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, 330 Tijeras NW., Albuquerque, New Mexico from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted to VA no later than Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning the consultation may be submitted as follows:

*Email:* [tribalgovernmentconsultation@va.gov](mailto:tribalgovernmentconsultation@va.gov).

*Mail:* U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (075F), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Suite 915G, Washington, DC 20420.

This deadline does not preclude anyone from providing testimony at the session and we will, to the extent that times allows, hear your testimony. For any Tribe unable to present testimony, please be aware that VA will keep the testimony record open for 30 days after the date of the consultation. All 2014 consultation testimony, as well as official responses from VA, will be shared with tribal governments through a VA tribal consultation report to be disseminated in 2015.

Registration for the consultation is not required, but if you wish to register, please submit your name, title, Tribe or organization, phone, and email address to [tribalgovernmentconsultation@va.gov](mailto:tribalgovernmentconsultation@va.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terry Bentley, Tribal Government Relations Specialist/Western Region, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations at (541) 440-1271, or by email at [Terry.Bentley@va.gov](mailto:Terry.Bentley@va.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In October 2010, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Indian Health Service (IHS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish coordination, collaboration, and resource-sharing between the two organizations. The goal of the MOU is to bring together the strengths and expertise of each agency to actively improve the care and services provided by both of them.

The MOU sets forth five mutual goals for VA and IHS:

1. Increase access to and improve quality of health care services.
2. Promote patient-centered collaboration and facilitate communication among VA, IHS, American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans, Tribal facilities and Urban Indian Clinics.

3. In consultation with tribes at the regional and local levels, establish effective partnerships and sharing agreements.

4. Ensure that appropriate resources are identified and available to support programs for American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans.

5. Improve health-promotion and disease-prevention services to American Indians and Alaska Natives to address community-based wellness.

The purpose of the consultation is to assess the level of awareness tribes have about the MOU and its impact on Veteran care, as well as, the MOU's role in supporting access to care for Veterans living in Indian Country. The agency is seeking input from tribal leaders on the questions listed below:

1. What do you know about the 2010 Veterans Affairs/Indian Health Service Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)?

2. How did your community learn about the 2010 Veterans Affairs/Indian Health Service MOU?

3. What is the status of access to health care for Native Veterans in your community since the VA/IHS MOU was signed in 2010?

a. Has it improved?

b. Has it gotten worse?

c. No change?

d. Can you provide examples?

4. Specifically, is health care for Native Veterans in your community more accessible? Which aspects of the VA/IHS MOU are most critical to improving Native American access to health care?

5. Specifically, is there more coordination between your local health care facility and VA for the Veterans in your community?

6. Are there other aspects to quality of life in your community that have been impacted by the VA/IHS MOU?

7. How are the Reimbursement Agreements (under which VA reimburses the IHS or a Tribal Health Program for direct health care services provided to eligible American Indian/Alaska Native Veterans in those facilities) helping Veterans in Indian Country?

8. What can VA and IHS do to better educate the community on the VA/IHS MOU?

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