

*Total Annual Estimated Burden:* 31,705 hours.

*Title:* Control of Alcohol and Drug Use in Railroad Operations: Addition of Post-Accident Toxicological Testing for Non-Controlled Substances.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0598.

*Abstract:* Since 1985, as part of its accident investigation program, FRA has conducted post-accident alcohol and drug tests on railroad employees who have been involved in serious train accidents (50 FR 31508, Aug. 2, 1985). If an accident meets FRA's criteria for post-accident testing (see 49 CFR 219.201), FRA conducts tests for alcohol and for certain drugs classified as controlled substances under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention Substances Act of 1970 (CSA, 21 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*). Controlled substances are drugs or chemicals that are prohibited or strictly regulated because of their potential for abuse or addiction. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), which is primarily responsible for enforcing the CSA, oversees the classification of controlled substances into five schedules. Schedule I contains illicit drugs, such as marijuana and heroin, which have no legitimate medical use under Federal law. Currently, FRA routinely conducts post-accident tests for the following drugs: Marijuana, cocaine, phencyclidine (PCP), and certain opiates, amphetamines, barbiturates, and benzodiazepines. Controlled substances are drugs or chemicals that are prohibited or strictly regulated because of their potential for abuse or addiction.

FRA research indicates that prescription and OTC drug use has become prevalent among railroad employees. For this reason, FRA has added certain non-controlled substances to its routine post-accident testing program, which currently routinely tests only for alcohol and controlled substances. At this time, FRA is adding two types of non-controlled substances, tramadol (a synthetic opioid) and sedating antihistamines. Publication of the PATT Final Rule, however, in no way limits FRA's post-accident testing to the identified substances or in any way restricts FRA's ability to make routine amendments to its standard post-accident testing panel without prior notice. Furthermore, in addition to its standard post-accident testing panel, FRA always has the ability to test for "other impairing substances specified by FRA as necessary to the particular accident investigation." See 49 CFR 219.211(a). This flexibility is essential, since it allows FRA to conduct post-

accident tests for any substance (e.g., carbon monoxide) that its preliminary investigation shows may have played a role in an accident.

FRA uses the additional information collected for research and accident investigation purposes. The addition of non-controlled substances to the post-accident testing panel helps inform FRA about a broader range of potentially impairing prescription and OTC drugs that may be currently contributing to the cause or severity of train accidents/incidents. Research generated by these data will inform future agency policy decisions regarding these non-controlled substances.

*Type of Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved information collection.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Total Annual Estimated Responses:* 32.

*Total Annual Estimated Burden:* 5 hours.

*Addressee:* Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FRA Desk Officer. Comments may also be sent via email to OMB at the following address: [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov).

*Comments are invited on the following:* Whether the proposed collections of information are 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 estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

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**Corey Hill,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Matching Grant Program—Availability of Application for Federal Financial Assistance

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice of the availability of the application package for the 2017 Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Matching Grant Program.

**DATES:** Application instructions are available electronically from the IRS on May 1, 2016 by visiting: [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) (key word search— "VITA Grant"). Application packages are available on May 1, 2016 by visiting [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) and searching with the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 21.009. The deadline for submitting an application to the IRS through [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) for the Community VITA Matching Grant Program is May 31, 2016. All applications must be submitted through [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** Internal Revenue Service, Grant Program Office, 401 West Peachtree St. NW., Suite 1645, Stop 420-D, Atlanta, GA 30308.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Grant Program Office via their email address at [Grant.Program.Office@irs.gov](mailto:Grant.Program.Office@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Authority for the Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Matching Grant Program is contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Public Law 114-113.

Dated: March 9, 2016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort