

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Agency Information Collection
Activities: Requests for Comments;
Clearance of Renewed Approval of
Information Collection: Helicopter Air
Ambulance Operator Reports**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 mandates that all helicopter air ambulance operators must begin reporting the number of flights and hours flown, along with other specified information, during which helicopters operated by the certificate holder are providing helicopter air ambulance services.

The helicopter air ambulance operational data provided to the FAA will be used by the agency as background information useful in the development of risk mitigation strategies to reduce the helicopter air ambulance accident rate, and to meet the mandates set by Congress.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by January 2, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the FAA at the following address: Barbara Hall, Federal Aviation Administration, ASP-110, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Hall by email at: Barbara.L.Hall@faa.gov; phone: 940-594-5913.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA 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.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0761.

Title: Helicopter Air Ambulance Operator Reports.

Form Numbers: Helicopter Air Ambulance Flight Information Report.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: The FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (The Act) mandates that all helicopter air ambulance operators must begin reporting the number of flights and hours flown, along with other specified information, during which helicopters operated by the certificate holder were providing helicopter air ambulance services. See Public Law 112-95, Sec. 306, 49 U.S.C. 44731. The FAA Administrator had 180 days to develop a methodology to collect and store those data. The Act further mandates that not later than 2 years after the date of enactment, and annually thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, a report containing a summary of the data collected.

The helicopter air ambulance operational data provided to the FAA will be used by the agency as background information useful in the development of risk mitigation strategies to reduce the helicopter air ambulance accident rate, and to meet the mandates set by Congress. The information requested is limited to the minimum necessary to fulfill these new reporting requirements mandated by the Act and as developed by FAA. The amount of data required to be submitted is proportional to the size of the operation.

Respondents: 65 helicopter air ambulance certificate holders.

Frequency: The information is collected annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 11 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 580 hours.

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Barbara L. Hall,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Performance, Policy, and Records Management Branch, ASP-110.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Agency Information Collection
Activities: Requests for Comments;
Clearance of Renewed Approval of
Information Collection: Small
Unmanned Aircraft Registration
System (sUAS)**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. Aircraft registration is necessary to ensure personal accountability among all users of the national airspace system. Aircraft registration also allows the FAA and law enforcement agencies to address non-compliance by providing the means by which to identify an aircraft's owner and operator. This collection also permits individuals to amend their record in the registration database.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by January 2, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2015-7396 using any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

Mail: Send comments to the FAA at the following address: Barbara Hall, Federal Aviation Administration, ASP-110, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Claire Barrett by email at: pra@dot.gov; 202-366-8135; Barbara Hall by email at: Barbara.L.Hall@faa.gov; phone: 940-594-5913.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA 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.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0765.

Title: Small Unmanned Aircraft Registration System (sUAS).

Form Numbers: None.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: The Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) affirmed that all unmanned aircraft are aircraft. As such, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 44101(a) and as further prescribed in 14 CFR part 47, registration is required prior to operation. See 80 FR 63912, 63913 (October 22, 2015), except for those model aircraft operating exclusively in compliance with section 336 of Public Law 112–95. Aircraft registration is necessary to ensure personal accountability among all users of the national airspace system. Aircraft registration also allows the FAA and law enforcement agencies to address non-compliance by providing the means by which to identify an aircraft's owner and operator.

Subject to certain exceptions discussed below, aircraft must be registered prior to operation. See 49 U.S.C. 44101–44103. Upon registration, the Administrator must issue a certificate of registration to the aircraft owner. See 49 U.S.C. 44103

Registration, however, does not provide the authority to operate. Persons intending to operate a small unmanned aircraft exclusively as model aircraft must operate in compliance with section 336 of Public Law 112–95, and as discussed below, are not required to register. Persons intending to operate their small unmanned aircraft not exclusively in compliance with section 336 must operate in accordance with part 107 or part 91, in accordance with a waiver issued under part 107, in accordance with an exemption issued under 14 CFR part 11 (including those persons operating under an exemption issued pursuant to section 333 of Public Law 112–95), or in conjunction with the issuance of a special airworthiness certificate, and are required to register.

As a result of the May 19, 2017 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (*Taylor v. Huerta*), the Small UAS Registration and Marking interim final rule was vacated

to the extent it applies to model aircraft. Model aircraft must meet the definition and operational requirements provided in section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act. Owners who are operating exclusively in compliance with section 336 who wish to delete their registration and receive a refund of the registration fee may do so by requesting registration deletion from the FAA, which requires the FAA to collect their payment information.

Respondents: Approximately 1.6 million affected sUAS registrations and deregistrations annually. Additionally, the FAA estimates based on responses so far (700,000) that approximately 0.5% [3,500] of the owners who are registered and are operating in compliance with section 336 will delete their registrations.

Frequency: Information is collected on occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes per response to register, 3 minutes per response de-register, and 2 minutes per response to delete registrations.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: About 135,000 hours for registration and deregistration, and about 117 hours for registration deletion.

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Barbara L. Hall,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Performance, Policy, and Records Management Branch, ASP-110.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors Meeting

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces that the following U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Academy) Board of Visitors (BOV) meeting will take place:

1. *Date:* November 6, 2017.

2. *Time:* 11:00–12:00 p.m.

3. *Location:* U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY; Crabtree Room in the library.

4. *Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of this meeting is to provide for an annual visit of the members to the Academy.

5. *Agenda Summary:*

a. Vote on the BOV charter

b. Briefing on the state of the Academy and the status of reaccreditation.

6. *Public Access to the Meeting:* This meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting will need to show photo identification in order to gain access to the meeting location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BOV's Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact Brian Blower; 202 366–2765; *Brian.Blower@dot.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the Academy BOV. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer at: Brian Blower; 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., W28–314, Washington, DC 20590 or via email at *Brian.Blower@Dot.gov*. (Please contact the Designated Federal Officer for information on submitting comments via fax.) Written statements must be received no later than three working days prior to the next meeting in order to provide time for member consideration. Only written statements will be considered by the BOV, no member of the public will be allowed to present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under consideration by the BOV.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. 51312; 5 U.S.C. app. 552b; 41 CFR parts 102–3.140 through 102–3.165)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: October 30, 2017.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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