

collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1). FRA believes that soliciting public comment may reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information that Federal regulations mandate. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

**Title:** Driver Awareness of Emergency Notification System (ENS) Signage at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings.

**OMB Control Number:** 2130—NEW.

**Abstract:** FRA is interested in understanding more about drivers' awareness and understanding of the ENS signs posted at highway-rail grade crossings. ENS signs are placed at crossings so that if a driver encounters a malfunctioning crossing or an unsafe condition at a crossing the driver can call the number on the sign and use the posted crossing identification number to report the issue. If a driver were to become stuck on the tracks, the driver can also call the phone number displayed on the ENS sign to notify the railroad. This would help the railroad

slow or stop any oncoming train and dispatch individuals who could help safely remove the stuck vehicle. Drivers may also choose to call the ENS number if they believe the crossing signage is damaged or obstructed. The study will help shed light on how drivers react when crossing infrastructure appears to be malfunctioning or when they become stuck on or near the crossing. This study will pay particular attention to whether drivers look for or attempt to make use of the information on the ENS sign.

The proposed study will use the FRA Driving Simulator, housed at the Volpe National Transportation System Center, to study driver behavior, including drivers' potential interaction with the ENS signage, at a variety of gate types and ENS sign orientations.

Participants will be asked to drive through a variety of scenarios to understand their behaviors under certain circumstances. The data collected in this portion will include:

a. Information on the vehicle driver's behavior to determine what a driver does and where the driver looks when at a crossing equipped with a functioning warning system;

b. information on the vehicle driver's behavior to determine how a driver responds to a malfunctioning crossing

gate (e.g., violated safety signals, turned around and found another route);

c. information on a driver's eye fixation locations to determine whether the driver notices an ENS sign or if the driver's eye fixates long enough to read it, when crossing warning systems are functioning properly or malfunctioning;

d. information on a driver's response to an ENS sign to determine whether the driver would use the information on the sign to address the issue; and

e. information on a driver's response to an ENS sign to determine whether the driver would use the information on the sign if the driver becomes stuck on the tracks.

This study will evaluate each participant's awareness of the ENS sign and the purpose it serves as well as the participant's response to various functioning and malfunctioning highway-rail grade crossing warning systems.

**Type of Request:** Approval of a new collection of information.

**Affected Public:** Individuals.

**Form(s):** N/A.

**Respondent Universe:** 100 individual volunteer drivers.

**Frequency of Submission:** One-time.

#### REPORTING BURDEN

Form	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours
Oral Interviews .....	100 Volunteer Drivers .....	100	1	100

**Total Estimated Annual Responses:** 100.

**Total Estimated Annual Burden:** 100 hours.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2015–0044]

##### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on July 18, 2018, Siemens Industry, Inc. (Siemens) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to amend its waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR 232.409(d), *Inspection and Testing of End-of-Train Devices*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2015–0044.

Siemens previously received relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 232.409(d) for two of its EOT models: Q3920 and R3930 (the dual air pipe version of Q3920). Siemens seeks additional relief from 49 CFR 232.409(d) for two new EOT models: A90385 and

A90390. These two models are smaller and lighter than previous models. Both models (A90385 and A90390) use the same Ritron DTX–445 radio (exempt from periodic calibration via waiver in Docket Number FRA–2009–0015) as the previous model Q3920. Siemens states that, like the Q3920, the consistency of performance for the new EOT models (A90385 and A90390) is based on the reliability and accuracy of the Ritron DTX–445 radio. Therefore, Siemens contends that as long as the Ritron radio waiver in Docket Number FRA–2009–0015 is valid, the new Siemens EOT models (A90385 and A90390) should also be exempt from periodic calibration.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://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 parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, 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:

- **Website:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- **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 November 1, 2018 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can 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.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Robert C. Lauby,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee will meet at 333 John Carlyle St., 5th Floor, Training Room 2,

Alexandria, VA 22314 on October 9-10. Both meeting sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. (EST) each day and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. (EST). The meetings are open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on rural health care issues affecting Veterans. The Committee examines Programs and policies that impact the delivery of VA rural health care to Veterans and discusses ways to improve and enhance VA access to rural health care services for Veterans.

The agenda will include updates from Department leadership, Director Office of Rural Health and Committee Chairman, as well as presentations on general health care access.

Public comments will be received at 4:30 p.m. on October 10, 2018.

Interested parties should contact Ms. Judy Bowie, via email at [VRHAC@va.gov](mailto:VRHAC@va.gov), via fax at (202) 632-8615, or by mail at 810 Vermont Avenue NW (10P1R), Washington, DC 20420. Individuals wishing to speak are invited to submit a 1-2 page summary of their comment for inclusion in the official meeting record. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Bowie at the phone number or email address noted above.

Dated: September 11, 2018.

**LaTonya L. Small,**

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