proposed action will provide a facility for safe and efficient movement of traffic and freight in the region, particularly between I–24, I–40, and I–69. The Selected Alternative proposes the construction of two roadway sections within the project. The southern portion constructs US–641/SR–54 from north of Howard Road to the Tennessee–Kentucky State Line and consists of two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, a 14-foot turning lane, and 8-foot outside shoulders, within an approximate 300-foot right-of-way (ROW). Construction will be phased to initially build a three-lane section with intent for future widening to the ultimate five-lane configuration. The northern portion of the project constructs US–641 from the Tennessee–Kentucky State Line to just south of the bridge over the Middle Fork of the Clarks River and consists of two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, 4-foot inside shoulders, 10-foot outside shoulders, and a 48-foot depressed median, within an approximate 330-foot ROW.

The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project, approved on July 17, 2019, and in the FHWA FONSI issued on November 15, 2019, and in other documents in the FHWA project records. The EA, FONSI, and other project records are available by contacting FHWA, TDOT, or KYTC at the addresses provided above. The FHWA EA and FONSI can be viewed and downloaded from the project website at https://transportation.ky.gov/DistrictOne/Pages/US-641-Calloway.aspx or viewed at the TDOT Central Office; James K. Polk Building, Suite 700, 505 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243; the TDOT Region 4, Administrative Building, 300 Benchmark Place, Jackson, Tennessee 38301; the KYTC Central Office, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622; or the KYTC District 1 Office, 5501 Kentucky Dam Road, Paducah, Kentucky 42003.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions that are final as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

2. Air: Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671(q)].
7. Wetlands and Water Resources: Clean Water Act (Section 404, Section 401, and Section 319) [33 U.S.C. 1251–1377].
10. Wetlands and Water Resources: Clean Water Act (Section 404, Section 401, and Section 319) [33 U.S.C. 1251–1377].

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2019–0108]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Approval of a Renewal Information Collection Request: Commercial Driver’s License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests to renew (OMB) for review and approval.
Drivers must provide their specific consent to pre-employment queries electronically through the Clearinghouse.

**Background**

Agency regulations at 49 CFR part 382 apply to persons and employers of such persons who operate CMVs in commerce in the United States and who are subject to the CDL requirements in 49 CFR part 383 or the equivalent CDL requirements for Canadian and Mexican drivers (49 CFR 382.104(a)). Part 382 requires that employers conduct pre-employment drug testing, post-accident testing, random drug and alcohol testing, and reasonable suspicion testing, as well as RTD testing and follow-up testing for those drivers who test positive or otherwise violate DOT drug and alcohol program requirements. Motor carrier employers are prohibited from allowing an employee to perform safety-sensitive functions, which include operating a CMV, if the employee tests positive on a DOT drug or alcohol test, refuses to take a required test, or otherwise violates the DOT or FMCSA drug and alcohol testing regulations.

Section 32402 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21) requires that the Secretary of Transportation establish, operate, and maintain a national clearinghouse for records relating to alcohol and controlled substances testing of CMV operators and other violations by employers or their designated C/TPAs. This information is necessary to ensure the safety of CMV operators and other violations by employers or their designated C/TPAs. In order to alleviate this burden, FMCSA developed a bulk query template allowing employers or their designated C/TPAs to submit multiple queries at one time rather than querying each individual driver. FMCSA will consider the development of an API as a future enhancement to the system.

One commenter noted that the comment period for the ICR be extended until after implementation of the Clearinghouse.

**FMCSA Response:** In accordance with information collection requirements established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and related regulations, the public is invited to respond to this Federal Register Notice (FRN) during the 30-day comment period. All comments will be considered before publishing the final FRN for the ICR.

The remaining comments were not relevant to the subject matter of the ICR. FMCSA opened the Clearinghouse to user registration on October 1, 2019. Information stored in the Clearinghouse includes the user name, point of contact information, email address, system role, CDL information (as applicable), credential information (as applicable) and company information (as applicable). This information collected is covered under the existing Clearinghouse ICR (2126–0057).

The Clearinghouse will function as a repository for records relating to the positive test results and test refusals of CMV operators and other violations by such operators of prohibitions set forth in part 382, subpart B, of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations. At-the-time employers will utilize the Clearinghouse to determine whether current and
prospective employees have incurred a drug or alcohol violation that would prohibit them from performing safety-sensitive functions, including operating a CMV.

The Clearinghouse will provide FMCSA and employers the necessary tools to identify drivers who are prohibited from operating a CMV and ensure that such drivers receive the required evaluation and treatment before resuming safety-sensitive functions. Specifically, information maintained in the Clearinghouse will ensure that drivers who commit a drug or alcohol violation while working for one employer and attempt to find work with another employer, can no longer conceal their drug and alcohol violations merely by moving on to the next job or the next state. Drug and alcohol violation records maintained in the Clearinghouse will follow the driver regardless of how many times he or she changes employers, seeks employment or applies for a CDL in a different State.

The information in the Clearinghouse will be used by FMCSA and its State partners for enforcement purposes:
- Ensure employers are meeting their pre-employment investigation and reporting requirements.
- Place drivers out of service if drivers are found to be operating a CMV without completing the RTD process.
- Ensure medical review officers (MROs) and substance abuse professionals (SAPs) meet their reporting requirements.

Only authorized users, including employers and their service agents, and highway safety personnel, and State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs), will be able to register and access the Clearinghouse for designated purposes. State enforcement personnel will receive the driver’s eligibility status to operate a CMV, based on Clearinghouse information, when they check Query Central or NLeTs for driver information. FMCSA will share a driver’s drug and alcohol violation information with the National Transportation Safety Board when it is investigating a crash involving that driver.

Drivers will be able to access their own information, but not information of other drivers. The Clearinghouse will regulate all relevant federal security standards in addition to FMCSA to perform its functions: (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

Issued under the authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.87 on: December 17, 2019.

G. Kelly Regal,
Associate Administrator for Office of Research and Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
[Docket No. FMCSA–2019–0287]

Driver Qualification Files: Application for Exemption; Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings, Inc.

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings, Inc. (Knight-Swift) has applied for an exemption from regulations requiring motor carriers to obtain the motor vehicle record (MVR) of its drivers holding a commercial driver’s license (CDL) whenever the driver’s MVR is updated by a new medical examination. Knight-Swift seeks exemption only when a newly-hired driver undergoes a medical examination. Knight-Swift suggests that in these cases it be permitted to satisfy this requirement by obtaining other proof of the results of the medical examination. FMCSA requests public comments on the request for exemption. The application is available in the docket.


ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA–2019–0287 using any of the following methods:
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to www.regulations.gov at any time or visit Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The on-line FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

Privacy Act: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning this notice contact Ms. La Tonya Mimms, Chief, Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; Telephone: 202–366–9220. Email: MCPSD@dot.gov. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

Submiting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2019–0287), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for suggestions or recommendations. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and the mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency