

- 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 Federal and State enforcement personnel and State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) may register and access the Clearinghouse for designated purposes. State enforcement personnel may also receive the driver's eligibility status to operate a CMV, based on Clearinghouse information, when they check Query Central, the Commercial Driver's License Information System, or The National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) for driver information. The 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 may access their own information, but not information of other drivers. The Clearinghouse meets all relevant federal security standards and FMCSA continuously monitors compliance with applicable security regulations.

Title: Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0057.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

Respondents: Motor carriers (employers), drivers, MROs, SAPs, consortia/third-party administrators (C/TPAs), and SDLAs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,289,839.

Estimated Time per Response: Varies; 10 to 20 minutes.

Expiration Date: February 28, 2023.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

A user's role will determine the frequency of the response in the Clearinghouse.

- Employers, or C/TPAs acting on behalf of an employer: at a minimum, employers are required to query the Clearinghouse for each driver they currently employ at least once a year. Employers must query the Clearinghouse for all prospective employees, as needed. In addition, employers report to the Clearinghouse alcohol confirmation tests with a concentration of 0.04 or higher, refusal to test (alcohol), refusal to test (drug) that is not determined by an MRO, and actual knowledge of violations, negative RTD testing, and completion of the follow-up testing plan. Employer

reporting must be completed by the close of the third business day following the date they obtained the information on a driver.

- *MROs:* verified positive, adulterated or substituted drug test result and refusals to tests (drug) must be entered to the Clearinghouse on occasion, but no later than two business days after making a determination or verification.

- *SAPs:* must enter the initial assessment date and the date the driver successfully complied with RTD requirements. SAPs are required to enter this information on occasion by the close of business day following the date of the initial assessment or completion of the RTD process.

- SDLAs may query the Clearinghouse prior to specified licensing transactions to determine if there are existing drug or alcohol program violations.

- Drivers must provide their specific consent to pre-employment queries electronically through the Clearinghouse.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,761,149.

Estimated Total Number Respondents: 10,289,839.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for 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. The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Issued under the authority of 49 CFR 1.87 on:

Thomas P. Keane,

Associate Administrator, Office of Research and Registration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. DOT-NHTSA-2022-0011]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Notice and Request for Comment; Record Retention

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: This is a reinstatement of a previous approved information collection.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on July 20, 2022. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 5, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, including suggestions for reducing burden, should be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. To find this particular information collection, select "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comment" or use the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or access to background documents, contact Paul Simmons, Office of Defect Investigation (NEF-110), (202) 366-2315, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, email paul.simmons@dot.gov. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number 2121-0042.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), a Federal agency must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) before it collects certain information from the public and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information by a Federal agency unless the collection displays a valid OMB control number. In compliance with these requirements, this notice announces that the following information collection request will be submitted OMB.

Title of Collection: Record Retention—49 CFR part 576.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0042.

Form Numbers(s): N/A.

Type of Request: This is a reinstatement of a previous approved Information Collection.

Type of Review Requested: Regular.

Length of Approval Requested: Three years.

Summary of the Collection of Information

Under 49 U.S.C. 30166(e), NHTSA “reasonably may require a manufacturer of a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment to keep records, and a manufacturer, distributor or dealer to make reports, to enable [NHTSA] to decide whether the manufacturer, distributor, or dealer has complied or is complying with this chapter or a regulation prescribed under this chapter.”

To ensure that NHTSA will have access to this type of information, the agency exercised the authority granted in 49 U.S.C. 30166(e) and promulgated 49 CFR part 576 Record Retention, initially published on August 20, 1974 and most recently amended on July 10, 2002 (67 FR 45873), requiring manufacturers to retain one copy of all records that contain information concerning malfunctions that may be related to motor vehicle safety for a period of five calendar years after the record is generated or acquired by the manufacturer. Manufacturers are also required to retain for five years the underlying records related to early warning reporting (EWR) information submitted under 49 CFR part 579. The information collections support NHTSA’s mission by increasing the effectiveness of NHTSA’s investigations into potential safety related defects.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information

The records that are required to be retained per 49 CFR part 576 are used to promptly identify potential safety-related defects in motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment in the United States. When a trend in incidents arising from a potentially safety-related defect is discovered, NHTSA relies on this information, along with other agency data, to determine whether or not to open a formal defect investigation (as authorized by Title 49 U.S.C. chapter 301—Motor Vehicle Safety). NHTSA normally becomes aware of possible safety-related defects because it receives consumer complaints.

Agency experience has shown that manufacturers receive significantly more consumer complaints than does the agency. This is because the consumer with the product does not know whether their particular vehicle or

equipment has a problem that is common with an entire group of vehicles or equipment. Whereas consumers know the manufacturer of their vehicle or equipment, relatively few know how to file a complaint with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Auto Safety Hotline. The complaints filed with the manufacturer give the agency a fair indication of how widespread the potential problem may be.

If the manufacturer did not retain its records, NHTSA would be unable to enforce the statutory requirements that the manufacturer notify the agency and other persons of a safety-related defect when the manufacturer “learns” of the defect, and notify the agency and other persons of a noncompliance when it “decides in good faith” that the noncompliance exists. Without access to the manufacturer’s records, it would be impossible for anyone other than the manufacturer to show when or if that manufacturer had obtained knowledge of a potential defect or had determined in good faith that the noncompliance did or did not exist. Without access to manufacturers’ records, NHTSA’s examinations of potential defects and non-compliances would be seriously handicapped. NHTSA could conduct surveys of vehicle owners or use other means to learn of problems with vehicles and equipment, but any of these other methods would require significantly more information collections by the agency and necessitate a larger staff of the agency’s Office of Defect Investigations.

60-Day Notice: A Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on July 20, 2022. No comments were received.

Affected Public: Manufacturers of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,030.

NHTSA estimates that approximately 1,030 manufacturers of vehicles and equipment (including tires, child restraint systems and trailers) are required to maintain records under Part 576.

Frequency: As needed.

Number of Responses: 1,030.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 40,225.

NHTSA estimates the total annual burden for each vehicle, tire, and child restraint manufacturer to be 40 hours for a subtotal of 40,200 hours (1,005 respondents \times 40 hours). In addition, there are approximately 23,660 equipment manufacturers (excluding tires, child seat restraint systems and trailer manufacturers) whose record retention requirements under part 576 are limited to the documents underlying their part 579 reporting requirements. Their part 579 requirements include only the reporting of incidents involving deaths. Therefore, based on the number of death reports submitted to date by these equipment manufacturers, we estimate that an additional 25 equipment manufacturers have record retention requirements imposed by part 576. We estimate that it will take one hour each to maintain the necessary records each year for a subtotal burden of 25 hours (25 respondents \times one hour). Accordingly, NHTSA estimates that the total annual burden hours is 40,225 hours ((1,005 respondents \times 40 hours) + (25 respondents \times 1 hour)).

To calculate the labor cost associated with maintaining, NHTSA looked at wage estimates for the type of personnel involved with compiling and submitting the documents. NHTSA estimates the total labor costs associated with these burden hours by looking at the average wage for clerical workers. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) estimates that the average hourly wage for office clerks (BLS Occupation code 43–9061) in the Motor Vehicle Manufacturing Industry is \$20.98.¹ The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that private industry workers’ wages represent 70.2% of total labor compensation costs.² Therefore, NHTSA estimates the hourly labor costs to be \$29.89 and NHTSA estimates the total labor cost associated with the 40,225 burden hours to be \$1,202,325.25. Table 1 provides a summary of the estimated burden hours and labor costs associated with those submissions.

¹ May 2020 National Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, NAICS 336100—Motor Vehicle Manufacturing, available at https://www.bls.gov/oes/2020/may/naics4_336100.htm#43-0000 (accessed March 25, 2022).

² See Table 1. Employer Costs for Employee Compensation by ownership (Mar. 2020), available at https://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/ecec_06182020.pdf (accessed March 25, 2022).

TABLE 1—BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Annual responses | Estimated burden per response (hours) | Average hourly labor cost | Labor cost per response | Total burden hours | Total labor costs |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1,030 | 39.05 | \$29.89 | \$1,167.31 | 40,225 | \$1,202,325.25 |

Estimated Total Annual Burden Cost: \$0.

NHTSA estimates that there are no costs resulting from this collection of information other than labor costs associated with the burden hours.

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 the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; 49 CFR 1.49; and DOT Order 1351.29A.

Stephen A. Ridella,

Director, Office of Defects Investigation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No.: PHMSA-2022-0131; Notice No. 2022-16]

Hazardous Materials: Public Meeting Notice for the Research, Development & Technology Virtual Forum

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS) will hold a public Research, Development & Technology Forum on December 1, 2022, virtually on Microsoft Teams (MS Teams) to

present the results of recently completed projects, brief new project plans, and obtain stakeholder input on the direction of current and future research projects on topics including mitigation of climate change, risk management and mitigation, packaging integrity, emerging technology, and technical analysis to aid risk assessment.

DATES: December 1, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually on MS Teams.

Registration: DOT requests that attendees pre-register for these meetings by completing the form, at: <https://forms.office.com/g/NPs7v18VmL>.

Conference call-in and "live meeting" capability will be provided.

Specific information about conference call-in and live meeting access will be posted at: <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/research-and-development/hazmat/rd-meetings-and-events> under "Upcoming Events."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew Leyder, Research, Development & Technology, Andrew.Leyder@dot.gov, (202) 360-0664, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the meeting, OHMS will solicit comments related to new research topics that may be considered for inclusion in its future work. OHMS is particularly interested in the research gaps associated with the characterization and transportation of energetic materials (explosives), safe transportation of energy products (e.g., crude oil), safe containment and transportation of compressed gases, and safe packaging and transportation of charge storage devices (e.g., lithium ion batteries), and how these might aid in mitigation of climate change. The forum will also include an opportunity for stakeholder input that identifies other research gaps related to the transportation of hazardous materials.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 31, 2022.

William S. Schoonover,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No: PHMSA-2022-0009]

Pipeline Safety: Information Collection Activities: Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the information collection request abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the information collections was published on June 16, 2022.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 5, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The public is invited to submit comments regarding these information collection requests, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. Comments can also be submitted electronically at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Hill by telephone at 202-680-2034 or by email at angela.hill@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 1320.8(d), requires the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to provide interested members of the public and