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**Antony Blinken,**  
*Secretary of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12170]

### Determination Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 To Provide Military Assistance to Ukraine

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (the “Act”) (22 U.S.C. 2318(a)(1)) and Presidential Delegation of Authority dated June 13, 2023, I hereby determine that:

- an unforeseen emergency exists which requires immediate military assistance to Ukraine; and
- the emergency requirement cannot be met under the authority of the Arms Export Control Act or any other provision of law.

I, therefore, pursuant to authority delegated to me by the President, direct the drawdown of up to \$325 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, and military education and training, under the authority of section 506(a)(1) of the Act, to provide assistance to Ukraine. The Department of State will coordinate implementation of this drawdown.

This determination shall be reported to the Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 13, 2023.

**Antony Blinken,**  
*Secretary of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12173]

### Determination Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 To Provide Military Assistance to Ukraine

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (the “Act”) (22 U.S.C. 2318(a)(1)) and Presidential Delegation of Authority dated May 3, 2023, I hereby determine that:

- an unforeseen emergency exists which requires immediate military assistance to Ukraine; and

- the emergency requirement cannot be met under the authority of the Arms Export Control Act or any other provision of law.

I, therefore, pursuant to authority delegated to me by the President, direct the drawdown of up to \$300 million in defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, and military education and training, under the authority of section 506(a)(1) of the Act to provide assistance to Ukraine. The Department of State will coordinate implementation of this drawdown.

This determination shall be reported to the Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 3, 2023.

**Antony Blinken,**  
*Secretary of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 1)]

### Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC), pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. E.T.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Surface Transportation Board headquarters at 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristen Nunnally at (202) 245–0312 or [Kristen.Nunnally@stb.gov](mailto:Kristen.Nunnally@stb.gov). If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act for this meeting, please call (202) 245–0245 by October 4, 2023.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** RETAC was formed in 2007 to provide advice and guidance to the Board, and to serve as a forum for discussion of emerging issues related to the transportation of energy resources by rail. *Establishment of a Rail Energy Transp. Advisory Comm.*, EP 670 (STB served July 17, 2007). The purpose of this meeting is to

facilitate discussions regarding issues including rail service, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, rail carriers, and users of energy resources. Potential agenda items for this meeting include a rail performance measures review, industry segment updates by RETAC members, and a roundtable discussion.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be conducted in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2; Federal Advisory Committee Management regulations, 41 CFR part 102–3; RETAC’s charter; and Board procedures. Further communications about this meeting may be announced through the Board’s website at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

**Written Comments:** Members of the public may submit written comments to RETAC at any time. Comments should be addressed to RETAC, c/o Kristen Nunnally, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001 or [Kristen.Nunnally@stb.gov](mailto:Kristen.Nunnally@stb.gov).

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 1321, 49 U.S.C. 11101; 49 U.S.C. 11121.

Decided: September 6, 2023.

By the Board, Mai T. Dinh, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Stefan Rice,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA–2021–0601]

#### Agency Information Collection

**Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Human Space Flight Requirements for Crew/Space Flight Participants**

**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 **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on January 30, 2023. The collection involves information demonstrating that a launch

or reentry operation involving human participants will meet the risk criteria and requirement to ensure public safety.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by October 12, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Huet by email at: [Charles.huet@faa.gov](mailto:Charles.huet@faa.gov); phone: 202–267–7427.

**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.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120–0720.

*Title:* Human Space Flight Requirements for Crew/Space Flight Participants.

*Form Numbers:* There are no FAA forms associated with this collection.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.

*Background:* The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on January 30, 2023 (88 FR 5956). There were no comments. 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 established requirements for human space flight and space flight participants required by the Commercial Launch Amendment of 2004. The information collected is used by the FAA to ensure human space flight requirements compliance by a licensee or permittee with crew or a space flight participant on board a licensed or permitted vehicle.

*Respondents:* All commercial space entities that propose to conduct a launch or reentry with flight crew or space flight participants on board must comply with this collection.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 4 Hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 808 Hours.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**James A. Hatt,**

*Space Policy Division Manager, Office of Commercial Space Transportation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA–2023–0089]

**Entry-Level Driver Training: Application for Exemption; Alaska’s Ice Road Driving School**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition; denial of application for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to deny the application from Alaska’s Ice Road Driving School requesting an exemption from certain portions of the behind-the-wheel (BTW) entry-level driver training (ELDT) requirements for driver trainees. The applicant explained that because of the unique road system and challenging terrain in Alaska, it is difficult to adhere to the driver training regulations, and further explained that the road configurations lead to only a few major established safe road systems in Alaska. The applicant believes that the road skills test for a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) applicant can safely be administered by the State test examiner because set routes can be established and approved without the CDL applicant completing certain portions of the mandatory BTW training. FMCSA analyzed the application and determined that the exemption would not likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Richard Clemente, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; 202–366–2722 or [richard.clemente@dot.gov](mailto:richard.clemente@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**

*Viewing Comments and Documents*

To view comments, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), insert the docket

number “FMCSA–2023–0089” in the keyword box, and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, and click “View Related Comments.”

If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket by visiting Dockets Operations on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

**II. Legal Basis**

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 to grant exemptions from certain Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must also provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305). The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)) with the reasons for denying or granting the application and, if granted, the name of the person or class of persons receiving the exemption, and the regulatory provision from which the exemption is granted. The notice must also specify the effective period (up to 5 years) and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

**III. Background**

*Current Regulatory Requirements*

Under 49 CFR 383.3(e) the State of Alaska may waive certain knowledge and skills tests requirements and issue restricted CDLs, subject to certain conditions. To be eligible for a restricted CDL under 49 CFR 383.3(e), which is not valid outside Alaska, drivers must operate exclusively over roads that are not connected to the State highway system and are not connected to any highway or vehicular way with an average daily traffic volume greater than 499 (§ 383.3(e)(2)). The Federal Highway Administration, FMCSA’s predecessor