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240.307(c)(11)(iii)—RR service of written decision on employee and employee's representative.	784 railroads	690 copies	5.00 minutes	57.50	85.93	4,940.98
240.307(f)—Personal waiver of right to hearing under this section.	784 railroads	750 written waivers	5.00 minutes	62.50	63.07	3,941.88
240.307(j)—RR update of record with relevant information.	784 railroads	50 updated records	10.00 minutes	8.33	85.93	715.80
240.309—RR oversight responsibilities: detected poor safety conduct—annotation.	15 railroads	6 annotations	15.00 minutes	1.50	63.07	94.61
—Railroad annual review	51 railroads	51 reviews	3.00 hours	153.00	85.93	13,147.29
240.205—Data to DAC Counselor	784 railroads	177 records	5.00 minutes	14.75	123.41	1,820.30
240.209/213—Written documentation of tests.	53,000 candidates	17,667 testing records.	1.00 minute	294.45	85.93	25,302.09
240.211/213—Written documentation of performance tests.	53,000 candidates	17,667 testing records.	1.00 minute	294.45	85.93	25,302.09
240.215—Retaining information supporting determination.	784 railroads	17,667 records	5.00 minutes	1,472.25	85.93	126,510.44
240.303—Annual operational monitoring observation.	53,000 candidates	53,000 testing records.	1.00 minute	883.33	85.93	75,904.55
240.303—Annual operating rules compliance test.	53,000 candidates	53,000 testing records.	1.00 minute	883.33	85.93	75,904.55
240.307(b)(4)—RR hearings/hearing records.	784 railroads	690 hearings/records.	4.00 hours	2,760.00	85.93	237,166.80
Total <sup>5</sup>	784 railroads	224,652 responses	N/A	23,969	N/A	2,365,953

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 224,652.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 23,969.

Total Estimated Annual Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$2,365,953.

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 that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2023–0002–N–38]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection Request (ICR) summarized below. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified in the ICR.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 26, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be submitted on *regulations.gov* to the docket, Docket No. FRA–2023–0002. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket, including any personal information provided. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number (2130–0597) in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in a

subsequent 30-day notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Arlette Mussington, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: *arlette.mussington@dot.gov* or telephone: (571) 609–1285, or Ms. Joanne Swafford, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: *joanne.swafford@dot.gov* or telephone: (757) 897–9908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60 days' notice to the public to allow comment on information collection activities before seeking OMB approval of the activities. See 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. Specifically, FRA invites interested parties to comment on the following ICR regarding: (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public,

<sup>1</sup> Throughout the tables in this document, the dollar equivalent cost is derived from the 2022 Surface Transportation Board Full Year Wage A & B data series using the appropriate employee group to calculate the average hourly rate that includes 75 percent overhead.

<sup>2</sup> Total burden hours are divided equally for each requirement 14.75 + 14.75 = 84.84 hours.

<sup>3</sup> Total burden hours are divided equally for each requirement 29.42 + 29.42 = 84.84 hours.

<sup>4</sup> Total burden hours are divided equally for each requirement 550 + 550 = 84.84 hours.

<sup>5</sup> Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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. In summary, comments received will advance three objectives: (1) reduce reporting burdens; (2) organize information collection requirements in a “user-friendly” format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

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

*Title:* Training, Qualification, and Oversight for Safety-Related Railroad Employees.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0597.

*Abstract:* The regulations under 49 CFR part 243 set forth FRA’s minimum training and qualification requirements for each category and subcategory of safety-related railroad employee, regardless of whether the employee is employed by a railroad or a contractor

of the railroad. In 2014, FRA published a final rule establishing minimum training standards for all safety-related railroad employees, as required by the Rail Safety Improvement Act (RSIA) of 2008.<sup>1</sup> The final rule required each railroad or contractor that employs one or more safety-related employees to develop and submit a training program to FRA for approval and to designate the minimum training qualifications for each occupational category of employee. Additionally, the rule required most employers to conduct periodic oversight of their own employees and annual written reviews of their training programs to close performance gaps.<sup>2</sup>

FRA will use the information collected to ensure each employer—railroad or contractor—conducting operations subject to 49 CFR part 243 develops, adopts, submits, and complies with a training program for each category and subcategory of safety-related railroad employee. Each program must have training components identified so that FRA will understand how the program works when it reviews the program for approval. Further, FRA will review the required training programs to ensure they include initial, ongoing, and on-the-job criteria; testing

and skills evaluation measures designed to foster continual compliance with Federal standards; and the identification of critical safety defects and plans for immediate remedial actions to correct them. In 2020, FRA developed requirements for a training program under § 243.101 for each Class I railroad, and each intercity or commuter passenger railroad conducting operations with 400,000 or more total annual employee work hours.

In this 60-day notice, FRA makes adjustments that will reduce the currently approved burden hours from 91,069 to 66,565 hours. The decrease, after a thorough review, is the result of a reduced estimate of annual responses for the number of training programs under § 243.103.

*Type of Request:* Extension without change (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Respondent Universe:* 1,155 railroads/contractors/training organizations/learning institutions.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 164,275.

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243.101(a)(2)—Training program required for each employer not covered by (a)(1) and subject to this part by May 1, 2021.	1,046 railroads/contractors.	200 training programs.	250 hours .....	50,000.00	\$85.93	\$4,296,500.00
—(b) Submission by new employers commencing operations after Jan. 1, 2020, not covered by (a)(2).	10 new railroads/contractors.	10 training programs.	20 hours .....	200.00	123.41	24,682.00
—(e) Contractor’s duty to validate approved program to a railroad (Revised requirement).	400 railroad contractors.	150 documents .....	15 minutes .....	37.50	85.93	3,222.38
—(f) Railroad’s duty to retain copies of contractor’s validation documents (Revised requirement).	1,046 railroads/contractors.	1,046 copies .....	2 minutes .....	34.87	85.93	2,996.38
243.103(d)—Training components identified in program; modifications to components of the training programs.	1,155 railroads/contractors.	10 modified training programs.	5 hours .....	50.00	85.93	4,296.50
243.109(b)—Previously approved programs requiring an informational filing when modified.	155 railroads/contractors/learning institutions.	75 informational filings.	8 hours .....	600.00	85.93	51,558.00
—(c) New portions or substantial revisions to an approved training program.	10 railroads/contractors.	10 revised training programs.	16 hours .....	160.00	85.93	13,748.80
—(c) New portions or substantial revisions to an approved training program found non-conforming to this part by FRA—revisions required.	50 railroads/contractors.	50 revised training programs.	8 hours .....	400.00	85.93	34,372.00
—(d)(1)(i) Copy of additional submissions, resubmissions, and informational filings to labor organization presidents.	50 railroads/contractors.	50 copies .....	10 minutes .....	8.33	85.93	715.80
—(d)(1)(ii) Railroad statement affirming that a copy of submissions, resubmissions, or informational filings has been served to labor organization presidents.	228 railroads/contractors.	76 affirming statements.	10 minutes .....	12.67	85.93	1,088.73

<sup>1</sup> Public Law 110–432, 122 Stat. 4883 (Oct. 16, 2008), codified at 49 U.S.C. 20162.

<sup>2</sup> 79 FR 66459.

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—(d)(2) Labor comments on railroad training program submissions, re-submissions, or informational filings.	228 railroad labor organizations.	3 comments .....	30 minutes .....	1.50	85.93	128.90
243.111(g)—Safety-related railroad employees instructed by training organizations or learning institution—record-keeping.	109 training organizations/learning institutions.	5,450 records .....	5 minutes .....	454.17	85.93	39,026.83
—(h) Training organizations or learning institutions to provide student's training transcript or training record to any employer upon request by the student.	109 training organizations/learning institutions.	545 records .....	5 minutes .....	45.42	85.93	3,902.94
—(b) New employers operating after January 1, 2020, not covered by (a)(2), designation of safety-related employees by job category—lists.	10 new railroads/contractors.	10 designation lists	15 minutes .....	2.50	85.93	214.83
—(c) Training records of newly hired employees or those assigned new safety-related duties.	4,800 employees ....	4,800 records .....	15 minutes .....	1,200.00	85.93	103,116.00
—(d)(1)(i) Requests for relevant qualification or training record from an entity other than current employer.	4,800 employees ....	250 record requests	5 minutes .....	20.83	85.93	1,789.92
243.203—(a)—(e) Recordkeeping—Systems set up to meet FRA requirements—general requirements for qualification status records, accessibility.	10 railroads/contractors/training organizations/learning institutions.	10 recordkeeping systems.	30 minutes .....	5.00	85.93	429.65
—(f) Transfer of records to successor employer—If an employer ceases to do business and its assets will be transferred to a successor employer, it shall transfer to the successor employer all records required to be maintained under this part, and the successor employer shall retain them for the remainder of the period prescribed in this part.	1,155 railroads/contractors/training organizations/learning institutions.	3 railroads .....	30 minutes .....	1.50	85.93	128.90
243.205(c)—Railroad identification of supervisory employees who conduct periodic oversight tests by category/sub-category.	746 railroads .....	300 identifications ..	5 minutes .....	24.90	85.93	2,139.66
—(f) Notification by RR of contractor employee non-compliance with federal laws/regulations/orders to employee and employee's employer.	300 contractors .....	90 employee notices.	10 minutes .....	15.00	85.93	1,288.95
—(f) Notification by RR of contractor employee non-compliance with federal laws/regulations/orders to employee and employee's employer.	300 contractors .....	270 employer notices.	10 minutes .....	45.00	85.93	3,866.85
—(i) and (j) Employer records of periodic oversight.	1,046 railroads/contractors.	150,000 records ....	5 minutes .....	12,500.00	85.93	1,074,125.00
243.207(a)—Written annual review of safety data (Railroads with 400,000 annual employee work hours or more).	22 railroads .....	22 reviews .....	16 hours .....	352.00	85.93	30,247.36
—(b) Railroad copy of written annual review at system headquarters.	22 railroads .....	22 review copies ....	5 minutes .....	1.83	85.93	157.25
—(e) Railroad notification to contractor of relevant training program adjustments.	22 railroads .....	2 notifications .....	15 minutes .....	0.50	85.93	42.97
243.209(a)—(b)—Railroad-maintained list of contractors utilized.	746 railroads .....	746 lists .....	30 minutes .....	373.00	85.93	32,051.89
—(c) Railroad duty to update list of contractors utilized and retain record for at least 3 years showing if a contractor was utilized in last 3 years.	746 railroads .....	75 updated lists .....	15 minutes .....	18.75	85.93	1,611.19
Total <sup>4</sup> .....	1,155 railroads/contractors/training organizations/learning institutions.	164,275 responses	N/A .....	66,565	.....	5,727,450

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 164,275.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 66,565.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$5,727,450.

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*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[DOT–NHTSA–2023–0033]

#### National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council; Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC).

**DATES:** This meeting will be held in-person and simultaneously transmitted via virtual interface. It will be held on February 7–8, 2024, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. ET. Pre-registration is required to attend this meeting. Once registered, a link permitting access to the meeting will be distributed to registrants by email. If you wish to speak during the meeting, you must submit a written copy of your remarks to DOT by January 31, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** General information about the Council is available on the NEMSAC internet website at [www.ems.gov](http://www.ems.gov). The registration portal and meeting agenda will be available on the NEMSAC internet website at [www.ems.gov](http://www.ems.gov) at least one week in advance of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Clary Mole, EMS Specialist, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation is available by phone at (202) 868–3275 or by email at [Clary.Mole@dot.gov](mailto:Clary.Mole@dot.gov). Any committee-related requests should be sent to the person listed in this section.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The NEMSAC was established pursuant to section 31108 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century

(MAP–21) Act of 2012, under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of NEMSAC is to serve as a nationally recognized council of emergency medical services (EMS) representatives to provide advice and consult with:

a. The Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS) on matters relating to EMS issues; and

b. The Secretary of Transportation on matters relating to EMS issues affecting DOT.

The NEMSAC provides an important national forum for the non-Federal deliberation of national EMS issues and serves as a platform for advice on DOT's national EMS activities. NEMSAC also provides advice and recommendations to the FICEMS. NEMSAC is authorized under section 31108 of the MAP–21 Act of 2012, codified at 42 U.S.C. 300d–4.

##### II. Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- Informational sessions
- Updates on NHTSA Initiatives
- Subcommittee Reports on Advisory Statuses
- Strategic Planning

##### III. Public Participation

This meeting will be open to the public. We are committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. Persons with disabilities in need of an accommodation should send a request to the individual in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice no later than January 31, 2024.

A period of time will be allotted for comments from members of the public joining the meeting. Members of the public may present questions and comments to the Council using the live chat feature available during the meeting. Members of the public may also submit materials, questions, and comments in advance to the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Members of the public wishing to reserve time to speak directly to the Council during the meeting must submit a request. The request must include the name, contact information (address, phone number, and email address), and organizational affiliation of the individual wishing to address NEMSAC; it must also include a written copy of prepared remarks and must be forwarded to the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice no later than January 31, 2024.

All advance submissions will be reviewed by the Council Chairperson and Designated Federal Officer. If approved, advance submissions shall be circulated to NEMSAC representatives for review prior to the meeting. All advance submissions will become part of the official record of the meeting.

*Authority:* 42 U.S.C. 300d–4(b); 49 CFR 1.95(i)(4).

Issued in Washington, DC.

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Acting Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. DOT–OST–2023–0166]

### Transportation Services for Individuals With Disabilities: ADA Standards for Transportation Facilities

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT, or Department) is extending through February 20, 2024 the period for interested persons to submit comments to its request for information on whether to amend the accessibility requirements for transportation facilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) currently contained in appendix A to DOT's regulations governing transportation services for individuals with disabilities.

**DATES:** The comment period for the notice published November 6, 2023, at 88 FR 76272, is extended. Comments should be submitted on or before February 20, 2024. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** You may file comments identified by docket number OST–2023–0166 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Commenters using this method of

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