

identification message elements broadcast directly from the unmanned can be received by anyone who has the appropriate equipment, such as a personal wireless device, that can receive broadcast messages.

*Respondents:* The collection of information through the broadcasting of message elements from a standard remote identification unmanned aircraft or remote identification broadcast module is entirely automatic. The collection uses automated, electronic, and related technological collection techniques. This framework makes it relatively simple and straightforward for individuals to comply with the broadcast requirements by operating unmanned aircraft that are standard remote identification unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft equipped with a remote identification broadcast module.

*Frequency:* Operators of unmanned aircraft with remote identification are required to broadcast the remote identification message elements addressed in this information collection on occasion (when the unmanned aircraft with remote identification is operated in the airspace of the United States).

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* To transmit remote identification message elements, each remote pilot is required to operate either a standard remote identification unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft equipped with a remote identification broadcast module. The collection of information through the broadcasting of the remote identification message elements is entirely automatic, therefore there is no average burden associated with the broadcast of the remote identification message elements.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* The collection of information through the broadcasting of the remote identification message elements is entirely automatic, therefore there is no annual burden associated with the broadcast of the remote identification message elements.

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**Marcus Cunningham,**

Acting Manager, Emerging Technologies Division, AFS-700.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. 2023-2554]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewal of an Information Collection: Operational Waivers for Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems

**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 for the renewal of 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 4, 2024. The collection involves information about requests for waivers from certain operational rules that apply to small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS). The FAA uses the collected information to make determinations whether to authorize or deny the requested operations of sUAS. The information collected is necessary to issue such authorizations or denials consistent with the FAA's mandate to ensure safe and efficient use of national airspace.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by April 26, 2024.

**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 particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel Ridgeway by email at: [Dan.Ridgeway@faa.gov](mailto:Dan.Ridgeway@faa.gov); or phone at: (360) 605-9425.

#### 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:* 2120-0796.

*Title:* Operational Waivers for Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

*Form Numbers:* N/A (Online Portal).

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Background:* The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on January 4, 2024 (89 FR 501). The FAA is seeing increased complexity of small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) operation flying under 14 CFR part 107. Under 14 CFR 107.205, operators of small UAS continue to request waivers from certain operational rules. In 2018, the FAA updated and modernized the process for applying for such waivers by introducing the FAADroneZone website. These improvements have facilitated the process of collecting and submitting the information required as part of a waiver application. In 2021, recognizing the demand to expedite the integration of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) into the National Airspace System (NAS), the FAA revised the regulatory framework for safely integrating UAS into routine NAS operations. The was accomplished by publishing the "Operation of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Over People" rule in January 2021, which permitted routine operations of small unmanned aircraft over people and at night under certain conditions. This change significantly decreased the waiver requests for such operations by over 55%. In order to process operational waiver requests, the FAA requires the operator's name, the operator's contact information, and information related to the date, place, and time of the requested small UAS operation. Additional information is required related to the proposed waiver and any necessary mitigations. The FAA will use the requested information to determine if the proposed UAS operation can be conducted safely. This information is necessary for the FAA to meet its statutory mandate of maintaining a safe and efficient national airspace. See 49 U.S.C. 40103, 44701 and 44807.

*Respondents:* sUAS 107 Waiver Applications: 3,565 per year.

*Frequency:* On occasion. For operational waivers requests, a respondent provides the information once, at the time of the request for a waiver. If granted, operational waivers may be valid for up to four (4) years.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Response:* 0.65 hours per response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 2,317 hours.

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**Daniel Ridgeway,**

*Aviation Safety Inspector, Flight Standards Service, Emerging Technologies Division (AFS-700).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2024-0023]

#### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for reinstatement of a previously approved information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for reinstatement of an existing information collection that is summarized below under

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by May 28, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 0023 by any of the following methods:

*Website:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

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

*Hand Delivery or Courier:* U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jazmyne Lewis, (202) 366-2826, Office of Administration, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

*OMB Control:* 2125-0628.

*Background:* The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences, and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative, and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results. Below we provide FHWA's projected average estimates for the next three years:

*Respondents:* State and local governments, highway industry organizations, and the general public.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* The burden hours per response will vary with each survey;

however, we estimate an average burden of 15 minutes for each survey.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* We estimate that FHWA will survey approximately 16,000 respondents annually during the next 3 years. Therefore, the estimated total annual burden is 4,000 hours.

*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 FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*Authority:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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**Jazmyne Lewis,**

*Information Collection Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2023-0002-N-48]

#### 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, this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the Information Collection Request (ICR) summarized below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the information collection and its expected burden. On December 26, 2023, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICR. FRA received no comments in response to the notice.

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