

other forms of information technology. OMB wants to receive comments within 30 days of publication of this notice in order to act on the ICR quickly.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Title:* Driver Qualification Files.

OMB Number: 2126-0004.

Background: The FMCSA requires motor carriers to maintain a driver qualification file for each commercial motor vehicle (CMV) driver that they employ. The file contains the minimum amount of information necessary to document that a driver is qualified to drive a CMV in interstate commerce.

Motor carriers and the FMCSA primarily use the driver's qualification file to ensure that a person: (1) Is physically qualified to safely operate a CMV; (2) has the experience and/or training to safely operate the type(s) of CMV he or she will be assigned to drive; (3) has the appropriate driver's license; and (4) has not been disqualified to operate a CMV.

Respondents: Motor carriers and CMV drivers.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 941,856 hours.

2. *Title:* Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing.

OMB Number: 2126-0012.

Background: The FMCSA requires motor carriers to conduct alcohol and controlled substances testing on their commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers who drive larger CMVs (over 26,000 lbs.) requiring a commercial driver's license. The FMCSA uses the information collected to determine whether the motor carriers are using drivers who are alcohol-free and drug-free while driving trucks, buses, and other commercial motor vehicles. The reporting survey of the management information system (MIS) allows the agency to adjust the random testing rates for the industry when the industry shows performance improvements. The agency bases the adjustment upon the results of a small, statistically significant sample of motor carriers.

Respondents: 650,000 Motor carriers.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 573,490 hours.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.73.

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Acting Assistant Administrator and Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provision involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Canadian Pacific Railway

[Docket Number FRA-2000-7927]

Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CPR), on behalf of itself, its Delaware and Hudson (D&H) subsidiary, and its Soo Line (Soo) subsidiary is seeking a waiver of compliance with the Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards, 49 CFR 229.71 (clearance above the rail).

CPR jointly with General Electric Transportation Systems is exploring methods for improving locomotive adhesion under heavy snow conditions. One method that appears to have some potential for consideration is the application of flexible wipers under the front pilot. These "snow flaps" are made of a corrugated urethane material similar to the non-metallic sand pipe tips currently allowed. These snow flaps extended below the 2½" limit allowed by the section 229.71

CPR did limited testing of these snow flaps in Canada last year and is requesting additional exemption from Transport Canada to continue the testing this winter. There will be up to 40 GE locomotives equipped for this test. These units are principally dedicated to coal routes in British Columbia, but they are internationally equipped and may operate into the U.S. on an occasional basis. These units will enter the U.S. through the Minnesota gateway and over Soo Line as far as Chicago, Illinois.

CPR reported no evidence that these snow flaps will present any risk to safe train operations or to employees.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before

the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2000-7927) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received within 30 days of the date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioners' arguments in favor of relief.

National Railway Historical Society Freemont & Elkhorn Valley Railroad

[Docket Number FRA-2000-8367]

The Eastern Nebraska Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS), which operates the Freemont & Elkhorn Valley Railroad (FEVR), has petitioned for a permanent waiver of compliance for two former C&NW Pullman sleeper cars, one former Burlington Northern RPO, one former Burlington Northern caboose, one former C&NW SW1200, one Davenport center cab, one Whitcomb/Baldwin S-4300, and one GE center cab from the requirements of Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR Part 223, which requires certified glazing. The NRHS,

which is located in Fremont, Nebraska, states that they operate in a rural farming area with a low incidence of vandalism.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2000-8367) and must be submitted in triplicate to: Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room P1-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date will be considered as for as practical. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at: DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room P1-401 (Plaza Level, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the internet at the facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waivers of Compliance

In accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for waiver of certain requirements of the Federal railroad safety regulations. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, and the nature of the relief being sought.

The Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation

[FRA Waiver Petition No. FRA-2000-7411]

The Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from certain requirements of 49 CFR, Part 239, Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness. Specifically, PATH requests relief from the emergency equipment requirements in § 239.101(a)(6)(i) that the fire extinguisher and pry-bar be accessible to the riding public for use in the event of an emergency situation. PATH argues that its practice of securing the fire extinguisher and pry-bar away from public access is in the public's interest, and contends that public safety is enhanced by restricting access only to crew members. PATH requests that FRA waive the public access requirement and allow PATH to continue to maintain the emergency equipment in a secure manner without permitting the riding public to use it during an emergency. In support of its request, PATH states that in times of emergency, the public address system can facilitate communication to train crew members, who would then unlock the lockers where the fire extinguisher and pry-bar are stored. PATH also notes that the locking of these items of emergency equipment can protect the public from harm, since the equipment would not be missing due to cases of vandalism or theft, and would therefore be in its proper location at the time of an emergency.

PATH also seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from certain requirements of 49 CFR Part 229, Locomotive Safety Standards. Specifically, PATH requests relief from the requirements of § 229.7, Prohibited acts, which mandates that a locomotive and its appurtenances must be in proper working condition and safe to operate in the service to which assigned, and from § 229.9, Movement of non-complying locomotives, which set forth the conditions under which a railroad may move a non-complying locomotive. PATH seeks to lessen the impact of dead cars (MU type locomotives) in its operation. PATH proposes to operate one dead car (MU type locomotive car) per consist of not less than seven cars, up to 24 hours prior to removing the car from service for the purpose of repair. PATH states that it would not allow a dead car to operate in the lead as the controlling car of the movement, and that operating crews of such trains would be notified in writing about the presence of the defective car prior to the movement of the train.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written reviews, data, or comments. If any interested party desires the opportunity for oral comment, FRA must be notified in writing before the end of the comment period, and the party must specify the basis for the request. FRA will then determine whether to schedule a public hearing in connection with these proceedings. See 49 CFR 211.25.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2000-7411) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All documents in the public docket, including PATH's waiver request, are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Communications received within 45 days from the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

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Union Pacific Railroad Company

[Docket Number FRA-2001-8697]

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) is seeking a waiver of compliance with a provision of the Railroad Power