

**Background:** The title of this information collection is being changed from “Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) Accident Reporting” to “Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) Safety Event Reporting” to reflect the change made to the title of the applicable regulation (14 CFR, 107.9) in 2022. 14 CFR part 107.9 requires that a small unmanned aircraft system safety event be reported if it causes: (1) serious injury to any person or any loss of consciousness; or (2) damage to any property, other than the small unmanned aircraft, unless the cost of repair or fair market value in the event of total loss does not exceed \$500. The information collected by the FAA through its DroneZone web portal, Flight Standards District Offices, one of the Regional Operations Centers, or the Washington Operations Center for each small UAS safety event will be used to investigate and determine regulatory compliance. In addition, the safety event information will go into the FAA aircraft accident database for safety analysis purposes by the FAA Office of Accident Investigation and Analysis, pursuant to its statutory safety mission.

As is currently the case for manned aircraft accidents, small UAS safety event data will be made available to the public and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

**Respondents:** Small Unmanned Aircraft System operators that experience a safety event that must be reported to the FAA per 14 CFR, 107.9. Approximately 41 per year.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** 15 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 10.25 hours.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0054]

#### Alaska Railroad’s Request To Amend Its Positive Train Control Safety Plan and Positive Train Control System

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public with notice that, on July 18, 2024, Alaska Railroad (ARR) submitted a request for amendment (RFA) to its FRA-approved Positive Train Control Safety Plan (PTCSP). As this RFA involves a request for FRA’s approval of proposed material modifications to an FRA-certified positive train control (PTC) system, FRA is publishing this notice and inviting public comment on the railroad’s RFA to its PTCSP.

**DATES:** FRA will consider comments received by August 20, 2024. FRA may consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable and without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system.

**ADDRESSES:**

**Comments:** Comments may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the agency name and the applicable docket number. The relevant PTC docket number for this host railroad is Docket No. FRA-2010-0054. For convenience, all active PTC dockets are hyperlinked on FRA’s website at <https://railroads.dot.gov/research-development/program-areas/train-control/ptc/railroads-ptc-dockets>. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In general, Title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 20157(h) requires FRA to certify that a host railroad’s PTC system complies with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 236, subpart I, before the technology may be operated in revenue service. Before making certain changes to an FRA-certified PTC system or the associated FRA-approved PTCSP, a host railroad must submit, and obtain FRA’s approval of, an RFA to its PTCSP under 49 CFR 236.1021.

Under 49 CFR 236.1021(e), FRA’s regulations provide that FRA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** and invite public comment in accordance with 49 CFR part 211, if an RFA includes a request for approval of a material modification of a signal or train control system. Accordingly, this notice informs the public that, on July 18, 2024, ARR submitted an RFA to its PTCSP for its Interoperable Electronic

Train Management System (I-ETMS), which seeks FRA’s approval of ARR’s proposed I-ETMS onboard software upgrade. The upgrade includes changes and enhancements to software functionality to improve operational efficiencies in managing high volumes of passenger traffic during Alaska’s tourist season. That RFA is available in Docket No. FRA-2010-0054.

Interested parties are invited to comment on ARR’s RFA to its PTCSP by submitting written comments or data. During FRA’s review of this railroad’s RFA, FRA will consider any comments or data submitted within the timeline specified in this notice and to the extent practicable, without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system. See 49 CFR 236.1021; see also 49 CFR 236.1011(e). Under 49 CFR 236.1021, FRA maintains the authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a railroad’s RFA to its PTCSP at FRA’s sole discretion.

#### Privacy Act Notice

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.3, FRA solicits comments from the public to better inform its decisions. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <https://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). To facilitate comment tracking, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact FRA for alternate submission instructions.

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