

for assessing the integrity of transmission line segments in casings. Guided wave ultrasound can be used to assess pipe for some distance on either side of a bell hole in which inspection equipment is located, making the technology suitable for assessing pipe within a casing. The technology is capable of detecting metal loss and of providing indications of dents, although sizing of dents is very difficult. OPS has experience in reviewing notifications on the use of this technology on hazardous liquid pipelines and, when satisfied with the information presented, has closed these notifications under the classification "no objections" noted. OPS understands that the technology's

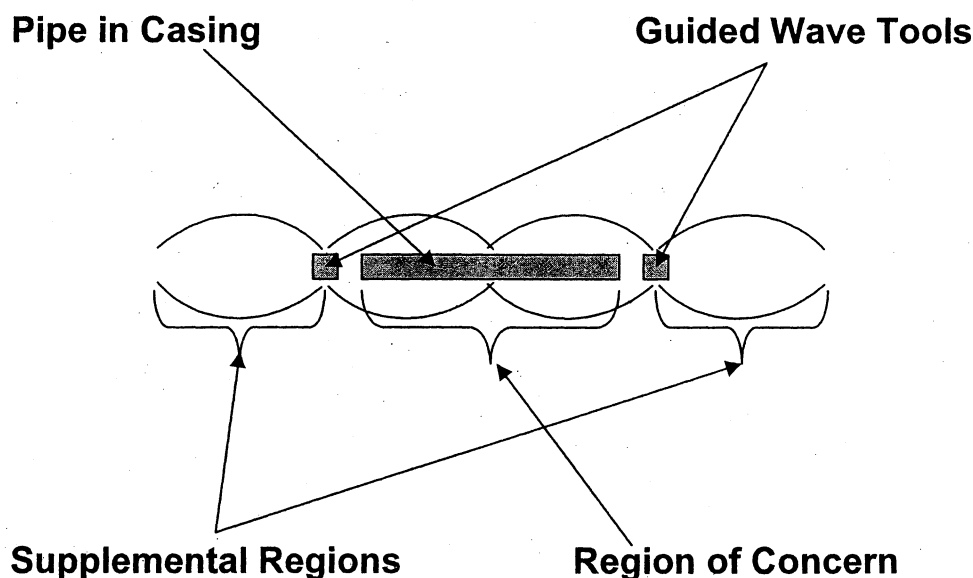
performance in specific applications is critically dependent on the inspection equipment and procedures used and the training and qualification of those involved in its use.

If further review is necessary for notifications concerning use of guided wave ultrasound technology, as part of the equivalency demonstration under 49 CFR 192.921(a)(4) or 192.937(c)(4), OPS may ask operators to show use of the technology with inspection equipment set up in a typical condition of intended use. This information is especially important for applications that do not involve using the technology on both sides of a casing.

Guided wave ultrasound is capable of taking readings in both directions from

its placement on a section of line pipe, as shown by the illustration below. To validate the technology's application, operators should investigate all indications of potential threats to pipeline integrity in the opposite direction of the casing (supplemental region) and should excavate at least once in each supplemental region if no indications of concern are identified. Indications of welds are one of many potential readings operators should use to verify the accuracy of the device. Operators must demonstrate that all applications are effective for the type conditions, equipment, procedures, and performance measures for detecting the severity of the anomaly.

Using Guided Wave Ultrasound at a Casing



Scheduling Problems. If further review of a notification concerning failure to meet a remediation schedule and otherwise provide for public safety is needed, OPS may ask the operator to explain why remediation by means other than pipe replacement or lowering the pressure is not feasible.

Additional Information

Additional questions concerning notifications or any aspect of compliance with Subpart O requirements can be sent via the "Question or Comment" link on the public Web site (<http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/gasimp/>). OPS staff involved in integrity management

oversight will respond. OPS also encourages operators to review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the Web site, which provide the answers to many common questions.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

30-Day Notice of an Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Request for Comments: Application To Open an Account for Billing Purposes

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) gives notice that the Board has submitted to OMB a request for review and clearance of the Board's Application to Open an Account for Billing Purposes, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* (PRA). The Board

previously published a notice about this collection in the **Federal Register** on May 17, 2005 at 70 FR 28354. That notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period on the proposed reinstatement without change of this previously approved information collection. No comments were received.

The purpose of the current notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment to satisfy the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3507(b). Comments are requested concerning (1) whether the particular collection of information described below is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate. Submitted comments will be considered by OMB prior to approval of the proposed collection.

Overview of this information collection:

Title: Application to Open an Account for Billing Purposes.

OMB Control Number: 2104-0006.

Form Number: STB Form 1032.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Affected Public: Rail carriers, shippers, and others doing business before the agency.

Estimated Time Per Response: Less than .08 hours. This estimate is based on actual past survey information.

Frequency of Response: The form will only have to be completed once by each account holder.

Total Annual Burden Hours: Less than 1.6 hours.

Total Annual "Non-Hour Burden" Cost: No "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection have been identified.

Needs and Uses: The Board is, by statute, responsible for the economic regulation of surface transportation carriers operating in interstate commerce. This form is for use by applicants who wish to open an account with the Board to charge fees for records search, review, copying, certification of records, filing fees, and related services rendered. The account holder would be billed on a monthly basis for payment of accumulated fees. Data provided will also be used for debt collection activities. The form requests information as required by OMB and U.S. Department of Treasury regulations for the collection of fees. This

information is not duplicated by any other agency. In accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, all taxpayer identification and social security numbers will be secured and used only for credit management and debt collection activities. The information will be retained until the account holder indicates that he wishes to close the account and all debts are paid in full.

DATES: Written comments are due on August 29, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be identified as "Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board Application to Open an Account for Billing Purposes, OMB Number 2104-0006." These comments should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the information collection, or for copies of the information collection form, contact Anthony Jacobik, Jr., (202) 565-1713. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, a Federal agency conducting or sponsoring a collection of information must display a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. Collection of information is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Section 3507(b) of the PRA requires, concurrent with an agency's submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 30-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: July 25, 2005.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34421]

HolRail LLC—Construction and Operation Exemption—in Orangeburg and Dorchester Counties, SC

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; notice of initiation of the scoping process; notice of availability of draft Scope of Study for the Environmental Impact Statement and request for comments.

SUMMARY: On November 13, 2003, HolRail LLC (HolRail) filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board (the Board or STB) pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502 for authority to construct and operate a rail line in Orangeburg and Dorchester counties, South Carolina (SC). The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of approximately two miles of new rail line from the existing cement production factory owned by HolRail's parent company, Holcim (US) Inc. (Holcim), located near Holly Hill in Orangeburg County, to the terminus of an existing rail line of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR), located to the south near Giant in Dorchester County.

Because the effects of the proposed project on the quality of the human environment are likely to be controversial, the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has determined that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is appropriate. The purpose of this Notice is to advise those individuals interested in or affected by the proposed project as well as agencies with special expertise or jurisdiction by law, of SEA's decision to prepare an EIS and to initiate the formal scoping process. This Notice also announces the availability of a draft Scope of Study and requests comments on the draft Scope of Study.

DATES: Comments are due by August 31, 2005.

Submitting Environmental Comments: If you wish to submit written comments regarding the attached proposed draft Scope of Study, please send an original and two copies to the Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, to the attention of David Navecky. Environmental comments may also be filed electronically on the Board's Web site, <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, by clicking on the "E-FILING" link. Please refer to