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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Freight Operations Follow-Up.

Abstract: The Office of Freight Operations is continually receiving inquiries from the public on Federal requirements for commercial motor vehicle size and weight enforcement. In order to better serve the community and ensure that satisfactory resolutions are received regarding the inquiries, a Freight Operations Follow-Up Feedback form has been developed. This feedback will be used to help assess internal strengths and weaknesses of the FHWA Size and Weight Team's customer service activity, and it is necessary for the Office of Freight Operations to better serve the community. The form is brief, simple, and unobtrusive in nature, and consists of the following 5 satisfaction-related questions.

1. The general identity of the respondent, within 14 specified categories (individual citizen, truck or bus driver, representative of truck or bus industry association, public interest group, commercial motor carrier, shipper/receiver, State transportation official, State police or highway patrol, FHWA headquarters staff, FHWA Division staff, other U.S. DOT staff, Congressional staff, other Federal government staff, and other).

2. Reason(s) for contacting the FHWA headquarters Size and Weight Team.

3. The appropriateness, courtesy, and timeliness of the FHWA headquarters Size and Weight Team's response to customer's inquiry.

4. How the FHWA Headquarters Size and Weight Team may better respond to inquiries.

5. Other comments.

This information will be collected by linking the feedback form to the FHWA size and weight Web site. This will enable the public to both pull the form from the Web site should someone need to comment about service, and to receive the form when given a response to an inquiry from the FHWA headquarters Size and Weight Team.

Respondents: Approximately 300 people from the general public who send written, electronic, or telephone inquiries to the FHWA headquarters size and weight team, annually.

Frequency: This feedback will be continually collected to allow the FHWA headquarters size and weight team to monitor customer satisfaction with inquiry responses.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25 burden hours annually.

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 burden; (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.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-2004-18975 (Notice No. 04-06)]

Electronic Submission of Hazardous Materials Incident Report, Form F 5800.1

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Electronic Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting.

SUMMARY: In conjunction with implementation of the revised Hazardous Materials Incident Report on January 1, 2005, RSPA is making publicly available a programming tool for companies or individuals to use to electronically file hazardous materials incident reports. This new electronic format may only be used for reporting incidents that occur on or after January 1, 2005.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with requirements in §§ 171.15 and 171.16 of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR parts 171-180), persons who are in physical possession of a hazardous material that is being transported in commerce must file a Hazardous Materials Incident Report (HMIR), DOT Form F 5800.1 in the event an incident listed in §§ 171.15 or 171.16 occurs. On December 3, 2003, RSPA published a final rule under Docket HM-229 that made revisions to the incident reporting requirements and the HMIR (68 FR 67746).

The HM-229 final rule provides persons subject to the incident reporting requirements with the option of submitting incident reports electronically. Those persons wishing to submit their incident data in an electronic format have two options. Option 1 is to fill out the form online. Option 2 is to submit a data file in an XML format. To facilitate electronic filing, we have developed a programming tool—an XML schema format—and instruction document. The XML schema format establishes a template for data layout to facilitate electronic data submissions by providing for efficient data transmission, validation, and interpretation. The XML schema format and documentation detailing the layout of the schema and field definitions are available on our Web site at: <http://hazmat.dot.gov>. For those companies or individuals who wish to design and utilize their own XML data format, we have developed a schema validating tool, which is also available on our Web site. Using this tool, you can assure that your XML format conforms to the Department's standard for data integrity.

For incidents that occur prior to January 1, 2005, you must continue to use DOT Form 5800.1 (Rev. 6/89). For incidents that occur on or after January 1, 2005, persons must use the new DOT Form 5800.1 (01-2004). Electronic submission of incident data is only authorized for incidents that occur on or after January 1, 2005.

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