

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks public comment on the following proposed collection of information:

Evaluation Surveys for Distracted and Unsafe Driving Interventions

Type of Request: New information collection requirement.

OMB Clearance Number: None.

Form Number: This collection of information uses no standard forms.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2012.

Summary of the Collection of Information: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposes to conduct a series of telephone surveys that will examine the effectiveness of high visibility enforcement demonstration programs to increase public awareness of the dangers of distracted and unsafe driving behaviors associated with mobile electronic devices like cell phones. Participation by respondents would be voluntary. Survey topics would include awareness of program activities, awareness of enforcement activities, attitudes towards distracted driving, understanding of relevant traffic laws, and the frequency of various unsafe driving behaviors.

In conducting the proposed survey, the interviewers would use computer-assisted telephone interviewing to reduce interview length and minimize recording errors. A Spanish-language translation and bilingual interviewers would be used to minimize language barriers to participation. The proposed survey would be anonymous; the survey would not collect any personal information that would allow anyone to identify respondents. Participant names would not be collected during the interview and the telephone number used to reach the respondent would be separated from the data record prior to its entry into the analytical database.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information—The National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was established by the Highway Safety Act of 1970 (23 U.S.C. 101) to carry out a Congressional mandate to reduce the mounting number of deaths, injuries, and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes on the Nation's highways. In support of this mission, NHTSA proposes to conduct information collections to assess the effectiveness of interventions designed to assess the public's awareness of the dangers of distracted driving and of using mobile electronic devices including cell phones. An essential part of this evaluation effort is to compare baseline and post-intervention measures of attitudes, intervention awareness, and (relevant) self-reported behavior to determine if the interventions were associated with changes on those indices. The proposed study, to be administered in the first quarter of 2010, and in each of the next three quarters thereafter, will collect data on topics included in NHTSA's annual studies on the effectiveness of Click It or Ticket safety belt campaigns (and some additional topics), including: whether the driving public saw or heard paid media advertising about the high visibility enforcement campaign, whether they saw or heard increased law enforcement about the high visibility enforcement campaign, frequency of engaging in electronic mobile communication devices while driving, understanding of cell phone laws, attitudes about driving risk, and whether they had personally experienced increased law enforcement.

The findings from this proposed collection of information will assist NHTSA in addressing the problem of distracted driving and in formulating programs and recommendations to Congress. NHTSA will use the findings to help focus current programs and activities to achieve the greatest benefit, to develop new programs to decrease the likelihood of distracted driving, and to provide informational support to States, localities, and law enforcement agencies that will aid them in their efforts to reduce distracted driving crashes.

Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)—Under this proposed effort, the Contractor would conduct pre-intervention and post-intervention surveys four times over the course of a year in demonstration sites and comparison sites. A total of 18 telephone pretest interviews averaging 10 minutes in length would be administered to test the computer programming of the questionnaire, and

to determine if any last adjustments to the questionnaire are needed. Following any revisions carried out as a result of the pretest, the Contractor would conduct telephone interviews averaging approximately 10 minutes in length with 9,600 randomly selected member of the general public residing in the State(s) in which the demonstration program is taking place, age 16 and older, in telephone households and in cell phone only households. Interviews would be conducted with persons at residential phone numbers selected through random digit dialing. Federal law prohibits the use of auto dialing to call cell phones. Businesses are ineligible for the sample and would not be interviewed. No more than one respondent would be selected per household. Each member of the sample would complete one interview.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Resulting From the Collection of Information—NHTSA estimates that the pretest interviews would require an average of 10 minutes apiece, or a total of 3 hours for the 18 respondents. Each respondent in the final survey sample would require an average of 10 minutes to complete the telephone interview or a total of 1,600 hours for the 9,600 respondents. Thus, the number of estimated reporting burden hours a year on the general public would be 1,603 for the proposed survey. The respondents would not incur any reporting cost from the information collection. The respondents also would not incur any record keeping burden or recordkeeping cost from the information collection.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. Section 3506(c)(2)(A).

Jeff Michael,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and

approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on April 6, 2009. A comment dated June 5, 2009 was received, suggesting that the Maritime Administration (MARAD) amend its forms MA-29, MA-29A and MA-29B (Vessel Transfer Forms) to reference the applicability of the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA), and 40 CFR 761.97, thereby reflecting the statutory and regulatory constraints regarding the export of United States documented vessels for scrapping or refit outside the United States.

MARAD was given the mandate to (a) approve the transfer (the term transfer includes the sale, lease, charter, or agreement to sell, lease or charter to a person not a citizen of the United States) (46 U.S.C. 5610) of a United States documented vessel to a person who is not a citizen of the United States, and (b) approve the placement of a United States documented vessel under foreign registry and/or the operation of a United States documented vessel under the authority of a foreign country by a person who is not a citizen of the United States. Federal agencies generally may perform only those duties authorized by statute.

MARAD's forms collect the information we require to make a decision regarding the mandated transfer approvals. To collect additional information on the Vessel Transfer Forms would exceed our mandated authority.

In order to deal with the issue of vessels being transferred for scrapping outside the United States, we have instituted a procedure of providing written notification to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of all foreign vessel transfer approvals at the time they are issued by the MARAD (Letter dated April 2, 2008, from Maritime Administrator to the Administrator of the EPA.). This will provide information to the EPA on where and when any demolition will take place. In addition, when an application for transfer includes a vessel leaving the U.S. registry for subsequent foreign disposal, the owner and/or buyer of the vessel are advised that the vessel may be subject to the TSCA and EPA implementing regulations.

DATES: Comments for this notice must be submitted on or before September 9, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jerome Davis, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.,

Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-0688; or E-Mail: jerome.davis@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Request for Transfer of Ownership, Registry, and Flag, or Charter, Lease, or Mortgage of U.S.-Citizen Owned Documented Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0006.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Vessel owners who have applied for foreign transfer of U.S.-flag vessels.

Forms: MA-29, MA-29A, MA-29B (Note: MA-29A is used only in cases of a National emergency).

Abstract: This collection provides information necessary for MARAD to approve the sale, transfer, charter, lease, or mortgage of U.S. documented vessels to non-citizens, or the transfer of such vessels to foreign registry and flag, or the transfer of foreign flag vessels by their owners as required by various contractual requirements. The information will enable MARAD to determine whether the vessel proposed for transfer will initially require retention under the U.S.-flag statutory regulations.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 120 hours.

Addresses: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: July 30, 2009.

Murray Bloom,

Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2009-0001-19]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking renewal of the following currently approved information collection activities. Before submitting these information collection requirements for clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than October 9, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Nakia Jackson, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB control number 2130-0560." Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6216 or (202) 493-6497, or via e-mail to Mr. Brogan at robert.brogan@dot.gov, or to Ms. Jackson at nakia.jackson@dot.gov. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Ms. Nakia Jackson, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Mail Stop 35,