

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

REPORTING BURDEN

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Average time per response (B)	Total annual burden hours (A * B = C)	Wage rate (D)	Total cost equivalent U.S.D. (E) (E = C * D)
233.5—Accidents resulting from signal failure.	150 railroads	1	30 minutes	0.50	\$89.13	\$44.57
233.7—Signal failure reports—Form FRA F 6180.14 “False Proceed Signal Report”.	150 railroads	20	15 minutes	5	89.13	445.65
235.5—Changes requiring filing of application.	117 railroads	8	10 hours	80	89.13	7,130.40
235.8—Relief from the requirements of part 236 of this title.	117 railroads	8	10 hours	100	89.13	8,913.00
235.20—Protests	Railroads/Public	40	1 hour	40	89.13	3,565.20
236.110—Results of tests	117 railroads	300,000 (paper) + 636,660 (electronic).	27 minutes (paper) + 8 minutes (electronic).	219,888	69.79	15,345,983.52
236.110(e)—Authorization to use electronic or automated tracking systems for test results.	117 railroads	8	80 hours	640	89.13	57,043.20
236.587—Departure Test	<i>The burden for this requirement is covered under OMB Control Number 2130–0553.</i>					
236.590—Pneumatic apparatus	42 railroads	6,697	5 minutes	558.08	80.38	44,858.47
Total ²	150 railroads	943,444 responses	N/A	221,312	15,467,984

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 943,444.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 221,312 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$15,467,984.

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Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2025–0012]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection

Request (ICR) summarized below. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified in the ICR.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be submitted on www.regulations.gov to the docket, Docket No. FRA–2025–0012. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket, including any personal information provided. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number (2130–0526) in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in a subsequent 30-day notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Arlette Mussington, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: arlette.mussington@dot.gov or telephone: (571) 609–1285 or Ms. Joanne Swafford, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: joanne.swafford@dot.gov or telephone: (757) 897–9908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to

provide 60 days’ notice to the public to allow comment on information collection activities before seeking OMB approval of the activities. See 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. Specifically, FRA invites interested parties to comment on the following ICR regarding: (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA’s estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

FRA believes that soliciting public comment may reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information that Federal regulations mandate. In summary, comments received will advance three objectives: (1) reduce reporting burdens; (2) organize information collection requirements in a “user-friendly” format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources

² Totals may not sum due to rounding.

expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Control of Alcohol and Drug use in Railroad Operations.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0526

Abstract: This ICR covers information collected pursuant to FRA regulations at 49 CFR part 219—Control of Alcohol and Drug Use. FRA and the railroad industry use the information collected to improve railroad safety through the detection and deterrence of alcohol and illicit drug use by railroad or contractor employees who meet the definition of “regulated employee” in § 219.5.¹ For example, FRA uses the information collected to ensure that regulated employees are subject to a random alcohol and drug testing program in which each employee has a reasonable expectation of being tested at any time while on-duty. This information collection also covers on-duty railroad or contractor employees involved in a train incident who die within 12 hours of the incident due to the operation of on-track equipment, regardless of whether the employee was performing regulated service at the time. Information is also collected regarding foreign-railroads’ foreign-based employees who perform train or dispatching service in the United States.

In this 60-day notice, FRA has made multiple adjustments to the previously approved burden hours. While some reported burden hours have been

increased, the overall number of burden hours has decreased from the previously approved 4,830 hours to 2,674 hours. For instance:

- Under § 219.4, Recognition of a foreign railroad’s workplace testing program, the estimated burden associated with comments received on petitions pursuant to paragraph (e) was removed. Comments received from the public, in response to general solicitations published in the **Federal Register**, are not considered information under the PRA.²

- Under § 219.23, Railroad policies, FRA reviewed paragraph (a) and determined the previously reported burden was underestimated as it reflected the average time of 3 seconds needed for a verbal notice rather than the 30 seconds needed for a written notice of testing. The burden hours in this submission have been adjusted accordingly.

- Under § 219.23(c), railroads must develop and publish educational materials, specifically designed for regulated employees, that clearly explain the requirements of part 219. Generally, railroads have already developed these materials and will not incur substantial additional burdens due to this regulatory requirement. FRA has reduced the estimated burden to reflect only the time spent by those railroads that choose to revise the required educational materials. It is estimated that only 10 percent of the 654 railroads provided hardcopy educational materials to employees. Some railroads post brochures in the

breakroom, but the majority share these materials electronically, as exemplified by Class I railroads who refer employees to the company’s intranet.

- Under § 219.203, Responsibilities of railroads and employees, FRA reviewed paragraph (g), Obtaining cooperation of facility, and determined that this regulatory requirement does not create any additional paperwork burden.

Rather, § 219.203(g) requires a railroad to reference the requirements of subpart C and the instructions in FRA’s post-accident toxicological shipping kit as the applicable regulatory authority when obtaining specimens from an uncooperative medical facility in a post-accident testing event.

- FRA found that the burdens associated with § 219.25, Previous employer drug and alcohol checks, and § 219.800, Annual reports, are covered under OMB control number 2105–0529, Procedures for Transportation Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. Thus, FRA has removed the previously reported burden hours associated with these requirements.

Type of Request: Extension without change (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Railroads.

Forms(s): FRA F 6180.73; 6180.74; 6180.75.

Respondent Universe: 654 railroads (includes 2 foreign-based railroads); 2,600 regulated contractors; and 160,822 regulated employees.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

REPORTING BURDEN

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response (hours)	Total annual burden (hours)	Wage rate ³	Total cost equivalent U.S.D.
		(A)	(B)	(C = A * B)	(D)	(E = C * D)
219.4 <i>Recognition of foreign railroad’s workplace testing program:</i> —Petition submissions to FRA	FRA anticipates zero petitions for the next three-year collection period.					
219.7 <i>Waivers:</i> —Waiver submissions to FRA	654 railroads, 2,600 regulated contractors.	3	90 minutes	4.50	\$89.13	\$401.09
219.12 <i>Hours-of-service laws implications:</i> —(d) Employees placed on duty for follow up testing documentation..	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	6	30 minutes	3	89.13	267.39
219.23 <i>Railroad policies:</i> —(a) Written notification of testing provided to employees.	160,822 regulated employees.	71,978	30 seconds	599.82	89.13	53,461.96
—(c) Revised educational materials and copies made available to employees.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	73	1 hour	73	89.13	6,506.49
—Hard copies to employees	654 railroads	64	2 minutes	2.13	89.13	189.85

¹ On February 2, 2022, as mandated by the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act, FRA published a final rule that revised the definition of “regulated employee” to include a “MECH employee”, thereby expanding the scope of its alcohol and drug regulation to cover “all employees of railroad carriers who perform

mechanical activities.” 87 FR 5719 and 5724. The definition of “regulated employee” also includes railroad and contractor employees who are “roadway workers” (as defined in 49 CFR 214.7) or who perform covered services under the hours of service laws (49 U.S.C. 21101, 21104, or 21105).

² 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(4).

³ The dollar equivalent cost is derived from the 2023 Surface Transportation Board Full Year Wage A&B data series using employee group 200 (Professional Administrative Staff) hourly wage rate of \$50.93. The total burden wage rate (straight time plus 75%) used in the table is \$89.13 (\$50.93 × 1.75 = \$89.13).

REPORTING BURDEN—Continued

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Average time per response (hours) (B)	Total annual burden (hours) (C = A * B)	Wage rate ³ (D)	Total cost equivalent U.S.D. (E = C * D)
<i>219.104 Responsive action:</i> —(b) Written notice of removal from regulated service.	160,822 regulated employees.	530	2 minutes	17.67	89.13	1,574.93
<i>219.105 Railroad's duty to prevent violations:</i> —(c) Documents provided to FRA upon request regarding RR's alcohol and/or drug use education/prevention program. —(d) RR supervisor Rule G observations and records of regulated employees.	654 railroads 654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	3 321,644	5 minutes 2 seconds	0.25 178.69	89.13 89.13	22.29 15,926.64
<i>219.201 Events for which testing is required:</i> —(c) Good faith determinations ⁴ —(c)(iii) Report by RR concerning decision by person other than RR representative about whether an accident/incident qualifies for testing.	654 railroads 654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	500 2	5 minutes 30 minutes	41.67 1	89.13 89.13	3,714.05 89.13
<i>219.203 Responsibilities of railroads and employees:</i> —(d)(1) Notification of failure to collect urine/blood specimens within four hours. —(e)(5) Documentation and report of employees subject to recall for testing. —(g)(2) RR notification to National Response Center of injured employee unconscious or otherwise unable to give testing consent.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees. 654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees. 654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	80 4 2	2 minutes 30 minutes 10 minutes	2.67 2 0.33	89.13 89.13 89.13	237.98 178.26 29.42
<i>219.205 Specimen collection and handling:</i> —Post Accident Toxicological Testing Forms—FRA F 6180.73. —Specimen handling/collection—Form FRA F 6180.74 by train crew members after accident. —(b) Collection of Post-Mortem Toxicology Samples—FRA F 6180.75. —(d) Records of shipment chain of custody —(e) Specimen security—Contemporaneous written record of kit error.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees. 160,822 regulated employees. 654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees. 654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees. 654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	103 219 7 103 10	10 minutes 15 minutes 20 minutes 2 minutes 2 minutes	17.17 54.75 2.33 3.43 0.33	89.13 89.13 89.13 89.13 89.13	1,530.37 4,879.87 207.68 305.72 29.42
FRA anticipates zero submissions under this requirement over the next three-year period.						
<i>219.207 Fatality:</i> —(a) RR notification to local authority	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	5	10 minutes	0.83	89.13	73.98
<i>219.209 Reports of tests and refusals:</i> —(a) Telephonic notification to National Response Center (NRC) and FRA of accident/incident where samples were obtained.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	103	2 minutes	3.43	89.13	305.72
<i>219.211 Analysis and follow-up:</i> —(b) Results of post-accident toxicological testing to Railroad Medical Review Officer (MRO) employee. —(c) MRO report to FRA of positive test for alcohol/drugs of surviving employee.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees. 654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	7 6	15 minutes 15 minutes	1.75 1.50	89.13 89.13	155.98 133.70
—(e) E-mail or written response from employee to FRA regarding results of the toxicological analysis.	FRA anticipates zero submissions under this requirement over the next three-years.					
—(h) Recordkeeping—post-accident toxicology tests.	Laboratories maintain records of specimens following an accident or incident. Consequently, there is no burden associated with this requirement.					
—(i) Employee's request for a retest of split blood and urine samples.	FRA estimates that it will receive zero (0) letters requesting that a sample be retested.					
<i>219.213 Unlawful refusals; consequences:</i> —(a) Notice of disqualification	FRA estimates that there will be zero (0) employees who refuse to cooperate in providing blood or urine samples follow a PAT testing qualifying event.					
—(b) Written notice for employee withdrawal from regulated service.	FRA anticipates zero (0) submissions under this requirement over the next three-years.					
<i>219.303 Reasonable suspicion observations:</i> —(d) Railroad maintenance of written documentation of reasonable suspicion determination.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	33	5 minutes	2.75	89.13	245.11
<i>219.305 Prompt specimen collection; time limitations:</i> —(b) Railroad written record stating reasons test was not promptly administered.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	11	2 minutes	0.37	89.13	32.98
<i>219.405 Documentation requirements:</i> —(a) Written documentation describing basis for reasonable cause test.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	2,314	5 minutes	192.83	89.13	17,186.94
<i>219.407 Prompt specimen collection; time limitations:</i>						

REPORTING BURDEN—Continued

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Average time per response (hours) (B)	Total annual burden (hours) (C = A * B)	Wage rate ³ (D)	Total cost equivalent U.S.D. (E = C * D)
—(b) Record of prompt specimen collection time limitation exceeded.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	17	15 minutes	4.25	89.13	378.81
219.501 <i>Pre-employment drug testing:</i>						
—(b) Railroad documentation of negative pre-employment drug tests for employees of contractors.	654 railroads, 64,000 contractor employees.	6,400	30 seconds	53.33	89.13	4,753.31
219.605 <i>Submission and approval of random testing plans:</i>						
—(a)(1) New railroads' submission of random testing plan.	12 railroads	12	1 hour	12.00	89.13	1,069.56
—(a)(2) Amendments to currently-approved FRA random testing plan.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	450	1 hour	450.00	89.13	40,108.50
—(b) Plan approval notification—Resubmitted random testing plans after non-approval by FRA.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	56	30 minutes	28.00	89.13	2,495.64
—(d)(2) Non-substantive amendment to an approved plan.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	300	15 minutes	75.00	89.13	6,684.75
219.615 <i>Random testing collections:</i>						
—(f) Documentation of incomplete random testing collections.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	2,250	30 seconds	18.75	89.13	1,671.19
219.617 <i>Participation in random alcohol and drug testing:</i>						
—(a)(3) Documentation supporting employee exclusion from random alcohol/drug testing due to a substantiated medical emergency.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	6	1 hour	6	89.13	534.78
219.623 <i>Records:</i>						
—(a) Random testing records	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	48,977	1 minute	816.28	89.13	72,755.04
219.1001 <i>Requirement for referral programs:</i>						
—Co-worker referral of employee who is unsafe to work or in violation of part 219.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	24	5 minutes	2	89.13	178.26
Total ⁵	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees, 2,600 regulated contractors.	456,302	N/A	2,674	238,317

Estimated Annual Responses:
456,302.

Total Estimated Annual Burden:
2,674 Hours.

Total Estimated Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$238,317.

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⁴ The burden for this section is based on the estimated time it takes for a railroad representative to make a good faith determination using FRA's Post-Accident Determination App. FRA developed this app to help railroads make correct post-accident toxicological testing determinations and has made it available to download for free. See <https://railroads.dot.gov/railroad-safety/divisions/drug-and-alcohol/post-accident-determination-app>.

⁵ Totals may not add up due to rounding.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2019–0224; Notice No. 2025–0001]

Hazardous Materials: Notice of Public Meetings in 2025 for International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of 2025 public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS) will host four public meetings during 2025 in advance of certain international meetings. The first meeting will be held in preparation of the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP) Working Group 25 (WG/25) scheduled for April 21–25, 2025 in Delhi, India. The second meeting will be held in preparation of the 66th session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the

Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE TDG) scheduled for June 30–July 4, 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland. The third meeting will be held in preparation of the 30th session of the ICAO DGP (DGP/30) scheduled for October 6–10, 2025 in Montreal, Canada. The fourth meeting will be held in preparation of the 67th session of the UNSCOE TDG scheduled for November 24–December 3, 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland. For each of these meetings, PHMSA will solicit public input on current proposals.

ADDRESSES: Each public meeting will take place approximately two weeks preceding the international meeting at DOT Headquarters, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001. A remote participation option will also be available. Specific information for each meeting will be posted when available on the PHMSA website at www.phmsa.dot.gov/international-program/international-program-overview under "Upcoming Events." This information will include the public meeting date, time, remote access login, conference dial-in number, and details for advance registration.

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