

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket Number FRA–2025–0160]****Notice of Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public notice that Lake State Railway (LSRC) petitioned FRA for relief from certain regulations concerning injury and illness reporting and recordkeeping.

**DATES:** FRA must receive comments on the petition by September 17, 2025. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Comments:* Comments related to this docket 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 docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information. Please see the Privacy Act heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document for Privacy Act information related to any submitted comments or materials.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Wissman, Railroad Safety Specialist, FRA Incident Management, Accident Reporting, and Analysis Division, telephone: 610–314–5729, email: [michael.wissman@dot.gov](mailto:michael.wissman@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter received June 10, 2025, LSRC petitioned FRA for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 225 (Railroad Accidents/Incidents: Reports Classification, and Investigations). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2025–0160.

Specifically, LSRC seeks relief from 49 CFR 225.25(h), *Recordkeeping*, to post its monthly listing of all injuries and occupational illnesses online

instead of physically on paper. LSRC explains that “[t]o expand access to important safety-related information,” it maintains a “web portal that allows employees to access and review information from computer terminals” at company facilities, in employee home terminals, and with personal devices.

In support of its request, LSRC states that electronic postings provide “an equivalent level of compliance” to paper postings “by allowing employees to access and review [the] information at any time and from any establishment, including their home[s].” LSRC adds that employees are being directed to the electronic posting and trained on the system. Employees may also request a physical copy of the logs from supervisors at any time.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

Communications received by September 17, 2025 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

**Privacy Act**

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of FRA’s dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://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 also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC.

**John Karl Alexy,**

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0465]****Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, S/V ENDANGERED SPECIES**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor’s vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 17, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2025–0465 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD–2025–0465 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2025–0465, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Note:** If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email

address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop 2, MAR-620, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-5400. Email: [smallvessels@dot.gov](mailto:smallvessels@dot.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12121(b), the U.S. Coast Guard may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise trade endorsement for eligible, small passenger vessels authorized to carry no more than 12 passengers for hire if MARAD, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines the use of the small passenger vessel in the coastwise trade will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person that employs vessels built in the United States in that business.<sup>1</sup>

MARAD has received an eligibility determination request. Further details about the requester's vessel and its proposed operations may be found in the determination request posted in the DOT docket as MARAD-2025-0465 at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the undue adverse effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or coastwise trade businesses in the U.S. that employ U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the request, and demonstrate, with supporting documentation, the undue adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders and coastwise trade businesses.

### Public Participation

#### *How do I submit comments?*

Please submit comments, including the attachments, following the

instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. It may take a few hours or even days for comments to be reflected on the docket. Comments must be written in English. Provide concise comments and attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

*Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?*

The docket online is located at <https://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2025-0465 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). Please periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

*Will my comments be made available to the public?*

Yes. Your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

*May I submit comments confidentially?*

You may request that MARAD treat your comments as commercially confidential by submitting them to [SmallVessels@dot.gov](mailto:SmallVessels@dot.gov). Include in the email subject heading "Contains Confidential Commercial Information" or "Contains CCI" and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential treatment highlighting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

If MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

### Privacy Act

Anyone can 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.). For information on DOT's compliance with the Privacy Act, please visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administration.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**  
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2025-1029]

### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology; Request for Information—Research Ideas To Support Nationwide Automated Vehicle (AV) Deployment

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Request for information (RFI).

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's (U.S. DOT) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R) is seeking information from the public, industry, infrastructure owner/operators, and other stakeholders to inform coordinated national research supporting Automated Driving Systems (ADS) transportation technology deployment and realizing safe efficient operations on our Nation's roadways. ADS-equipped vehicles have significant potential to transform safety and mobility but in order for national deployment to scale effectively, research questions relating to the challenges and opportunities of ADS, including understanding disengagements, identifying factors that contribute or detract from reliable and consistent operations and interactions, and facilitating interoperable data standardization and real-time analytics, among others, are important to investigate further to support deployment and broad public acceptance.

**DATES:** Written submissions must be received by October 17, 2025.

**Submission Instructions:** Responses should be submitted electronically as a Microsoft Word document, preferably not to exceed 15 single-sided pages in length, and no greater than 15 MB in file size. Recommended format for responses includes Times New Roman 12-point font and 1 inch page margins. Responses should be emailed to [AVResearchRFI@dot.gov](mailto:AVResearchRFI@dot.gov) (with the Subject Line of "AV Research RFI Response <Institution Name>"). No Confidential Business Information or Sensitive Security Information should be submitted in response to this RFI.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about this RFI, please email [AVResearchRFI@dot.gov](mailto:AVResearchRFI@dot.gov). You may also contact Shaz Umer, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (202-738-7964) or by email at [shaz.umer@dot.gov](mailto:shaz.umer@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This RFI seeks information that will assist OST-

<sup>1</sup> The U.S. Coast Guard and MARAD have authority under 46 U.S.C. 12121(b) through the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, respectively.