

commerce; and thus do not need to complete or file the Form MCS-150A.). Under the Form MCS-150A, as required by 49 CFR 385.305, the new entrant must certify that it has a system(s) in place to ensure compliance with applicable requirements covering driver qualifications, hours-of-service, controlled substance and alcohol testing, vehicle condition, accident monitoring and hazardous materials (HM) transportation. The certification reminds the new entrant of its statutory and regulatory responsibilities, which if neglected or violated, may subject the applicant to civil penalties and lead to the revocation of the new entrant registration.

On June 30, 2004, the agency issued another final rule entitled, "Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations: Hazardous Materials Safety Permits," (69 FR 39350) which required all HM carriers (both interstate and intrastate) to complete and file the Form MCS-150B entitled, "Combined Motor Carrier Identification Report and HM Permit Application," to obtain a safety permit to transport hazardous materials. The safety program under 49 CFR 390.19(a) also requires all HM permitted carriers to complete Form MCS-150B in place of the current Form MCS-150 to "renew" both their permit and their DOT numbers according to the DOT number renewal schedule.

Accordingly, FMCSA seeks to revise this currently-approved information collection to update the records and forms associated with its safety programs identified above; and to identify the regulated entities currently engaged in these activities.

Title: Motor Carrier Identification Report.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0013.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently-approved information collection.

Respondents: Motor carriers and commercial motor vehicle drivers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 472,470.

Estimated Time per Response: To complete Form MCS-150—20 minutes; and for Form MCS-150A—9 minutes. To complete Form MCS-150B (HM Permit Application)—6 minutes for interstate carriers that have already completed the Form MCS-150; and for intrastate carriers that have never completed a Form MCS-150—they will need about 16 minutes to complete the permit renewal.

Expiration Date: January 31, 2008.

Frequency of Response: One-time for Form MCS-150; biennially for MCS-150A; and MCS-150B.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 119,270 hours [108,825 hours for Form MCS-150 + 10,305 hours for Form MCS-150A + 140 hours for Form MCS-150B = 119,270 hours].

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 FMCSA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

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Associate Administrator for Research and Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

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Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Renewals; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA previously announced its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 25 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has reviewed the comments submitted in response to the previous announcement and concluded that granting these exemptions will provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions by these drivers.

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Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption for a 2-year period if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption." The statutes also allow the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 2-year period. The Notice was published on September 13, 2007. The comment period ended on October 15, 2007.

Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

Conclusion

The Agency has not received any adverse evidence on any of these commercial motor vehicle drivers that indicates that safety is being compromised. Based upon its evaluation of the 25 renewal applications, FMCSA renews the Federal vision exemptions for Linda L. Billings, John A. Chizmar, Ronald D. Danberry, Weldon R. Evans, Richard L. Gagnebin, Orasio Garcia, Leslie W. Good, Chester L. Gray, James P. Guth, Rayford R. Harper, Britt D. Hazelwood, Joseph V. Johns, Robert C. Leathers, Michael S. Maki, Mark D. Page, Kenneth A. Reddick, Leonard Rice, Jr., Juan M. Rosas, Richard C. Simms, James T. Sullivan, Thomas J. Sweeny, Jr., Steven C. Thomas, Edward A. Vanderhei, Larry J. Waldner, and Kevin L. Wickard.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each renewal exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315.

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