

the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "African and Oceanic Art from the Barbier-Mueller Museum, Geneva: A Legacy of Collecting," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, from on or about June 2 until on or about September 27, 2009, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8048). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: April 7, 2009.

**C. Miller Crouch,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA 2009-0001-N-8]

### 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 June 15, 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 17, 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 \_\_\_\_." 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](mailto:robert.brogan@dot.gov), or to Ms. Jackson at [nakia.jackson@dot.gov](mailto: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, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6073). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13, 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 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 for comment on information collection activities before seeking approval for reinstatement or renewal by OMB. 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). Specifically, FRA invites interested respondents to comment on the following summary of proposed information collection activities regarding (i) whether the

information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (ii) 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; (iii) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (iv) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)(I)-(iv); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(I)-(iv). FRA believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information mandated by Federal regulations. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (i) Reduce reporting burdens; (ii) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a "user friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (iii) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

Below are brief summaries of three currently approved information collection activities that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

**Title:** Grade Crossing Signal System Safety Regulations.

**OMB Control Number:** 2130-0534.

**Abstract:** FRA believes that highway-rail grade crossing (grade crossing) accidents resulting from warning system failures can be reduced. Motorists lose faith in warning systems that constantly warn of an oncoming train when none is present. Therefore, the fail-safe feature of a warning system loses its effectiveness if the system is not repaired within a reasonable period of time. A greater risk of an accident is present when a warning system fails to activate as a train approaches a grade crossing. FRA's regulations require railroads to take specific responses in the event of an activation failure. FRA uses the information to develop better solutions to the problems of grade crossing device malfunctions. With this information, FRA is able to correlate accident data and equipment malfunctions with the types of circuits and age of equipment. FRA can then identify the causes of grade crossing system failures and investigate them to

determine whether periodic maintenance, inspection, and testing standards are effective. FRA also uses the information collected to alert railroad employees and appropriate highway traffic authorities of warning

system malfunctions so that they can take the necessary measures to protect motorists and railroad workers at the grade crossing until repairs have been made.

*Form Number(s):* FRA F 6180.83.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion; recordkeeping.

*Reporting Burden:*

| CFR Section                                                             | Respondent universe | Total annual responses   | Average time per response (min) | Total annual burden hours | Total annual burden cost |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 234.7—Telephone Notification .....                                      | 685 railroads ..... | 4 phone calls .....      | 15                              | 1                         | \$35                     |
| 234.9—Grade crossing signal system failure rpts.                        | 685 railroads ..... | 600 reports .....        | 15                              | 150                       | 5,250                    |
| 234.9—Notification to train crew and highway traffic control authority. | 685 railroads ..... | 24,000 notifications ... | 5                               | 2,000                     | 70,000                   |
| 234.9—Recordkeeping .....                                               | 685 railroads ..... | 12,000 records .....     | 10                              | 2,000                     | 70,000                   |

*Total Estimated Responses:* 36,604.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:*

4,151 hours.

*Status:* Regular Review.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0535.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Abstract:* Section 20139 of Title 49 of the United States Code required FRA to issue rules, regulations, orders, and standards for the safety of maintenance-of-way employees on railroad bridges, including for “bridge safety equipment” such as nets, walkways, handrails, and safety lines, and requirements for the use of vessels when work is performed on bridges located over bodies of water. FRA has added 49 CFR Part 214 to establish minimum workplace safety standards for railroad employees as they apply to railroad bridges. Specifically, section 214.15(c) establishes standards and practices for safety net systems. Safety nets and net installations are to be drop-tested at the job site after initial installation and before being used as a fall-protection system; after major repairs; and at six-month intervals if left at one site. If a drop-test is not feasible and is not performed, then a written certification must be made by the railroad or railroad contractor, or a designated certified person, that the net does comply with the safety standards of this section. FRA and State inspectors use the information to enforce Federal regulations. The information that is maintained at the job site promotes safe bridge worker practices.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Responses:* 6.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 1 hour.

*Status:* Regular Review.

*Title:* Railroad Police Officers.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0537.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Railroads and States.

*Form(s):* None.

*Abstract:* Under 49 CFR Part 207, railroads are required to notify states of all designated police officers who are discharging their duties outside of their respective jurisdictions. This requirement is necessary to verify proper police authority.

*Total Estimated Responses:* 70.

*Total Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 181 hours.

*Status:* Regular Review.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 10, 2009.

**Kimberly Orben,**

*Director, Office of Financial Management, Federal Railroad Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Call for Redemption of 12–1/2 Percent Treasury Bonds of 2009–14

**AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As of April 15, 2009, the Secretary of the Treasury gives public notice that all outstanding 12–1/2

percent Treasury Bonds of 2009–14 (CUSIP No. 912810 DL 9) dated August 15, 1984, due August 15, 2014, are called for redemption at par on August 15, 2009, on which date interest on such bonds will cease.

**DATES:** Treasury calls such bonds for redemption on August 15, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Definitives Section, Customer Service Branch 3, Office of Retail Securities, Bureau of the Public Debt, (304) 480–7711.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Bonds Held in Registered Form.* Owners of such bonds held in registered form should mail bonds for redemption directly to: Bureau of the Public Debt, Definitives Section, Customer Service Branch 3, P.O. Box 426, Parkersburg, WV 26106–0426. Owners of such bonds will find further information regarding how owners must present and surrender such bonds for redemption under this call, in Department of the Treasury Circular No. 300 dated March 4, 1973, as amended (31 CFR Part 306); by contacting the Definitives Section, Customer Service Branch 3, Office of Retail Securities, Bureau of the Public Debt, telephone number (304) 480–7711; and by going to the Bureau of the Public Debt's Web site, <http://www.treasurydirect.gov>.

2. *Bonds Held in Book-Entry Form.* Treasury automatically will make redemption payments for such bonds held in book-entry form, whether on the books of the Federal Reserve Banks or in Treasury Direct accounts, on August 15, 2009.

**Kenneth E. Carfine,**

*Fiscal Assistant Secretary.*

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