

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Notice of Information Collection Under Emergency Review: DS-7655, Iraqi Citizens and Nationals Employed by Federal Contractors, Grantees, and Cooperative Agreement Partners, OMB Control Number 1405-xxxx**AGENCY:** Department of State.**ACTION:** Notice of request for emergency OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Iraqi Citizens and Nationals Employed by Federal Contractors, Grantees, and Cooperative Agreement Partners.

- *OMB Control Number:* OMB Control Number: None.

- *Type of Request:* Emergency Review.

- *Originating Office:* A/LM.

- *Form Number:* DS-7655.

- *Respondents:* Federal contractors, grantees, and cooperative agreement partners of the Department of State.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 200.

- *Average Hours per Response:* .5.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 100 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to respond:* Mandatory.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Emergency review and approval of this collection has been requested from OMB by May 15, 2009. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503. Fax number 202-395-6974.

During the first 60 days of the emergency approval period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. The agency requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Comments will be accepted until 60 days from the date that this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* lowerrs@state.gov.
- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Rob Lower, Department of State, A/LM Room 525, P.O. Box 9115 Rosslyn Station, Arlington, VA 22219.
- *Fax:* 703-875-4731.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Rob Lower, Department of State, A/LM Room 525, P.O. Box 9115 Rosslyn Station, Arlington, VA 22219, who may be reached at 703-875-5822 or at lowerrs@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Refugee Crisis in Iraq Act of 2007 was included in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 which became Public Law 110-181 on 28 January 2008. Section 1248(c) of this Act requires the Secretary of State to request from each Department of State prime contractor, grantee, or cooperative agreement partner that has performed work in Iraq since March 20, 2003, under a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the Department that is valued in excess of \$25,000, information that can be used to verify the employment of Iraqi citizens and nationals by such contractor, grantee or cooperative agreement partner. To the extent possible, biographical information, to include employee name, date(s) of employment, biometric, and other data must be collected and used to verify employment for the processing and adjudication of refugee, asylum, special immigrant visa, and other immigration claims and applications.

Methodology

The Department of State will collect the information via electronic submission.

Additional Information

This information collection will be used to fulfill the requirements under Section 1248(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-181).

Dated: April 13, 2009.

William H. Moser,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Logistics Management, Bureau of Administration, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Waiver of Restriction on Assistance to Central Government of Egypt

Pursuant to section 7088(c)(2) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009 (Division H, Pub. L. 111-8) ("the Act"), and Department of State Delegation of Authority Number 245-1, I hereby determine that is important to the national interest of the United States to waive the requirements of section 7088(c)(1) of the Act with respect to the Government of Egypt, and I hereby waive such restriction.

This determination shall be reported to the Congress, and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 2, 2009.

James B. Steinberg,

Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Docket No. AB-364 (Sub-No. 16X)]

**Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in
Muskegon County, MI**

Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. (MMRR), has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 3.35-mile line of railroad between milepost 191.40 and milepost 194.75, at the end of the

line, in Muskegon County, MI.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 49441, 49442, and 49444.

MMRR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on May 20, 2009, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by April 30, 2009. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by May 11, 2009,

with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to MMRR's representative: Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

MMRR has filed a combined environmental report and historic report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by April 24, 2009. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423–0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245–0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), MMRR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by MMRR's filing of a notice of consummation by April 20, 2010, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: April 10, 2009.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on January 16, 2009 (74 FR 3134). The agency received no comments. This is a request for an extension of an existing collection.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosalind Proctor, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W43–302, NVS–131, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Proctor's telephone number is (202) 366–0846.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Title: 49 CFR 575—Consumer Information Regulations (sections 103 and 105).

OMB Control Number: 2127–0049.

Form Number: None.

Affected Public: Vehicle manufacturers.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from approval date.

Abstract: NHTSA must ensure that motor vehicle manufacturers comply with 49 CFR Part 575, Consumer Information Regulation part 575.103 Truck-camper loading and Part 575.105 Utility Vehicles. Part 575.103, requires that manufacturers of light trucks that are capable of accommodating slide-in campers provide information on the cargo weight rating and the longitudinal limits within which the center of gravity for the cargo weight rating should be

¹ The Board previously exempted the abandonment of the 3.35-mile line in *Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Muskegon County, MI*, STB Docket No. AB–364 (Sub-No. 13X) (STB served Dec. 10, 2007). However, the authority to abandon the line expired because MMRR did not file its notice of consummation by the December 10, 2008 deadline. In a decision served on February 25, 2009, MMRR was advised that, should it wish to abandon the line, it must seek appropriate Board authority with a new filing.

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

³ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,500. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).