

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual burden cost
240.211/213—Perf. Test	40,000 candidates ..	13,333	2 hours	26,666	906,644
240.303—Annual operational monitor observation.	40,000 candidates ..	40,000 tests/docs ...	2 hours	80,000	3,920,000
240.303—Annual operating rules compliance test.	40,000 candidates ..	40,000 tests	1 hour	40,000	1,960,000
Recordkeeping					
240.215—Retaining Info. Supporting Determination.	685 railroads	13,333 records	10 minutes	2,222	75,548
240.305—Engineer's Notice of Non-Qualific.	40,000 engineers candidates.	10 notifications	5 minutes	1	47
—Relaying Non-qual. Status to other certifying railroad.	800 engineers	2 letters	30 minutes	1	47
240.307—Notice to Engineer of Disqualification.	685 railroads	500 letters	1 hour	500	17,000
240.309—Railroad Annual Review	42 railroads	42 reviews	80 hours	3,360	188,160
—Report of findings	42 railroads	6 reports	1 hour	6	336

Total Responses: 165,420.

Estimated Total Annual Burden:

202,741 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.

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Kathy A. Weiner,

Director, Office of Information Technology and Support Systems, Federal Railroad Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on November 16, 2004, and comments

were due by January 18, 2005. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 24, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Murray Bloom, Maritime Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202–366–5320; FAX: 202–366–7485; or e-mail: murray.bloom@marad.dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Application for Designation of Vessels as American Great Lakes Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0521.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Ship owners of merchant vessels.

Forms: None.

Abstract: In accordance with Public Law 101–624, the Secretary of Transportation issued requirements for the submission of applications for designation of vessels as American Great Lakes Vessels. Vessel owners who wish to have this designation must certify that their vessel(s) meets certain criteria established in 46 CFR part 380. This collection of information is mandated by statute to establish that a vessel meets statutory criteria for obtaining the benefit of eligibility to carry preference cargoes.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 1.25 hours.

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

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance

of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 8, 2005.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number 2005 20372]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel ALENTO.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105–383 and Pub. L. 107–295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief