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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Innovative Technology Administration

[Docket Number RITA-2008-0002]

#### Notice of Request for Approval To Continue To Collect New Information: Confidential Close Call Reporting System

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Research and Innovative Technology Administration

(RITA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) intends to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) renew the information collection request for the Close Calls project. This data collection effort is in support of a five-year research study aiming at improving rail safety by analyzing information on close calls and other unsafe occurrences in the rail industry. The ongoing research study is conducted by the Office of Human Factors in the Federal Railroad Administration and is designed to identify safety issues and propose corrective actions based on voluntary reports of close calls submitted to BTS. This collection is necessary because data on close calls are not normally reported to the railroad carriers or the Federal Railroad Administration. Continuous data collection for this research project is necessary to develop trends about rail safety and to improve railroad safety on an ongoing basis.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by December 21, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** You can mail or hand-deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Docket Management Facility (DMF). You may submit your comments by mail to the Docket Clerk, Docket No. RITA-2008-0002, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments should identify the docket number; paper comments should be submitted in duplicate. The DMF is open for examination and copying, at the above address, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement, "Comments on Docket: RITA-2008-0002." The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to Federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (the Internet, fax, or professional delivery service) to submit comments to the docket and ensure their timely receipt at U.S. DOT. You may fax your

comments to the DMF at (202) 493-2251.

If you wish to file comments using the Internet, you may use the Web site <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please follow the instructions for submitting an electronic comment. You can also review comments on-line at the same Web site <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Please note that anyone is able to electronically search all comments received into our docket management system by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.) You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; pages 19477-78) or you may review the Department's Privacy Policy at <http://www.dot.gov/Privacy>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Demetra V. Collia, E-36, Room 314, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-1610; FAX No. (202) 366-3676; e-mail: demetra.collia@dot.gov.

*Data Confidentiality Provisions:* The confidentiality of Close Calls data is protected under the BTS confidentiality statute (49 U.S.C. 111 (k)) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-347, Title V). In accordance with these confidentiality statutes, only statistical and non-identifying data will be made publicly available through reports. Further, BTS will not release to FRA or any other public or private entity any information that might reveal the identity of individuals or organizations mentioned in close call reports.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. The Data Collection

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35; as amended) and 5 CFR Part 1320 require each Federal agency to obtain OMB approval to continue an information collection activity. BTS is seeking OMB approval for the following BTS information collection activity:

*Title:* Confidential Close Call Reporting System.

*OMB Control Number:* 2139-0010.

*Type of Review:* Approval to continue to collect new information: Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C<sup>3</sup>RS).

*Respondents:* Employees of selected (pilot) railroad sites.

*Number of Respondents:* 4,000 (per annum).

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.50 hours.

*Frequency:* Intermittent for approximately three (3) years. (Reports are submitted when there is a qualifying event, *i.e.*, a close call occurs within a pilot site. The frequency of such an event is estimated to be two per day.)  
*Total Annual Burden:* 365.00 hours.

## II. Background

Continuing to collect data on the Nation's transportation system is an important component of the BTS responsibility to the transportation community and is authorized in BTS statutory authority (49 USC 111(c)(1) and (2) and 49 USC 111(c)(5) (j)). BTS and FRA share a common interest in promoting rail safety based on better data. To that end, FRA's Office of Research and Development is sponsoring the Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C<sup>3</sup>RS) Demonstration Project to investigate the effectiveness of such a data collection system in improving rail safety. The data collection phase of this study was initiated in February, 2009 and is scheduled to continue for approximately 3 more years.

A close call represents a situation in which an ongoing sequence of events was stopped from developing further, preventing the occurrence of potentially serious safety-related consequences. This might include the following: (1) Events that happen frequently, but have low safety consequences; (2) events that happen infrequently but have the potential for high consequences (*e.g.*, a train in dark territory proceeds beyond its authority); (3) events that are below the FRA reporting threshold (*e.g.*, an event that causes a minor injury); and (4) events that are reportable to FRA but have the potential for a far greater accident than the one reported (*e.g.*, a slow speed collision with minor damage to the equipment and no injuries.)

Employees involved in a close call are asked to fill out a questionnaire and mail it to BTS. Blank forms of the questionnaire will be made available on the Web for download and at the employees work site. The respondent is asked to provide information such as: (1) Name and contact information; (2) time and location of the close call event; (3) a short description of the event; (4) contributing factors to the close call; and (5) any other information that might be useful in determining a root cause of such event.

BTS collects close call reports submitted by railroad employees and protects the confidentiality of these data through its own statute (49 U.S.C. 111(i)) and the Confidential Information

Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA). In addition, BTS is developing an analytical database containing the reported data and other pertinent information to determine root causes of frequently reported close calls. The database is a valuable tool to railroad carriers and the FRA in their effort to identify safety issues and provide corrective measures before an accident occurs.

Voluntary reporting of close calls to a confidential system can provide a tool to identify and correct weaknesses in railroad safety systems before an accident actually occurs. The C<sup>3</sup>RS demonstration project offers a voluntary, cooperative, non-punitive environment to communicate safety concerns. Through the analysis of close calls the FRA and the railroad community receive information about factors that may contribute to unsafe events and the error recovery mechanisms that prevented an adverse consequence from occurring. Such information is used to develop new training programs, identify root causes of potentially adverse events, assess risk and allocate resources to address those risks more efficiently. In addition, the database provides rail safety researchers with valuable information regarding precursors to safety risks and contributes to research and development of intervention programs aimed at preventing accidents and fatalities.

## III. Request for Comments

BTS requests comments on any aspects of these information collections, including: (1) The accuracy of the estimated burden; (2) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (3) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the information collected, including additional use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at the Punxsutawney Municipal Airport, Punxsutawney, PA

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request to release airport property.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the release of land at the Punxsutawney Municipal Airport, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania under the provisions of Section 47125(a) of Title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 20, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the following address: Ricky Young, Manager, Punxsutawney Municipal Airport Authority, 500 Chestnut Street, Punxsutawney, PA 15767, and at the FAA Harrisburg Airports District Office: Lori K. Pagnanelli, Manager, Harrisburg Airports District Office, 3905 Hartzdale Dr., Suite 508, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lori B.R. Ledeborn, Planner, Harrisburg Airports District Office location listed above.

The request to release property may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA invites public comment on the request to release property at the Punxsutawney Municipal Airport under the provisions of Section 47125(a) of Title 49 U.S.C.

On July 28, 2009, the FAA and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Bureau of Aviation determined that the request to release property at the Punxsutawney Municipal Airport submitted by the Punxsutawney Municipal Airport Authority (Authority) met the procedural requirements.

*The following is a brief overview of the request:*

The Punxsutawney Municipal Airport Authority requests the release of 30.4248 acres of non-aeronautical airport property to Frank M. Amundson and Mary Ann Amundson. The property was acquired without Federal participation and is currently vacant. The property is located on the Easterly corner of Ridgmont Road and Clawson Street. The purpose of this release is to allow the Punxsutawney Municipal Airport Authority (Authority) to exchange the subject land that does not