

Ms. Chandana Achanta
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Ms. Achanta:

Pursuant to Office of Management and Budget procedures established at 5 CFR Part 1320, Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public, I ask that the following collection of information, "Rear Visibility Testing Questionnaire" be processed pursuant to section 1320.13 Emergency processing.

I have determined that this information must be collected prior to the expiration of time periods established under Part 1320, and that this information is essential to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) mission to establish an amendment to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 111 that would expand the required field of view for passenger cars, trucks, multipurpose passenger vehicles, buses, and low-speed vehicles pursuant to the Cameron Gulbransen Kid Transportation Safety Act (K.T. Safety Act). As discussed in detail in the agency's supporting statement for this collection of information, the rear visibility testing questionnaire is essential in identifying participants for a study that would further the agency's research regarding drivers' use of backing aid technologies.

The K.T. Safety Act established a statutory deadline for prescribing final requirements by February 28, 2011. NHTSA has already missed this deadline. While the Secretary has established (pursuant to the K.T. Safety Act) a new deadline of December 31, 2012, the agency cannot reasonably comply with the normal ICR clearance procedures without further delaying the schedule to prescribe final requirements by the end of the year and the benefits to safety.

Please approve or disapprove the collection of information by May 19, 2012.

As you are aware, NHTSA has taken all practicable steps to consult with other agencies and members of the public in order to minimize the burden of this collection of information. These efforts are described in detail in the Supporting Statement Part A under A8.

Sincerely yours,



Christopher J. Bonanti
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Rulemaking