

Wisconsin. The project's Web site is at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/dresbachbridge/index.html>. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for this project was signed by FHWA on August 27, 2012.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General*: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321–4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109]
2. *Land*: Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303]
3. *Wildlife*: Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531–1544 and Section 1536]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [15 U.S.C. 661–667(d)]; Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703–712].
4. *Historic and Cultural Resources*: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) et seq.]; Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469–469(c)]
5. *Executive Orders*: E.O. 11990, Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988, Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593, Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007, Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287, Preserve America; E.O. 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514, Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112, Invasive Species

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA 2012–0006–N–13]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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 (ICRs) 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 November 23, 2012.

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 25, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Kimberly Toone, 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 2130–_____.” Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493–6216 or (202) 493–6497, or via email to Mr. Brogan at Robert.Brogan@dot.gov, or to Ms. Toone at Kimberly.Toone@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 25, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493–6292) or Ms. Kimberly Toone,

Office of Information Technology, RAD–20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493–6132). (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 is a brief summary of the currently approved ICRs that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

Title: State Safety Participation Regulations and Remedial Actions.
OMB Control Number: 2130–0509.

Abstract: The collection of information is set forth under 49 CFR

part 212, and requires qualified state inspectors to provide various reports to FRA for monitoring and enforcement purposes concerning state investigative, inspection, and surveillance activities regarding railroad compliance with Federal railroad safety laws and

regulations. Additionally, railroads are required to report to FRA actions taken to remedy certain alleged violations of law.

Form Number(s): FRA F 6180.33/61/67/96/96A/109/110/111/112.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Respondent Universe: States and Railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

REPORTING BURDEN

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
Application For Participation	15 States	15 updates	2.5 hours	38
Training Funding Agreement	30 States	30 agreements	1 hour	30
Inspector Training Reimbursement	30 States	300 vouchers	1 hour	300
Annual Work Plan	30 States	30 reports	15 hours	450
Inspection Form (Form FRA F 6180.96)	30 States	16,000 forms	15 minutes	4,000
Violation Report—Motive, Power, and Equipment Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.109).	17 States	550 reports	4 hours	2,200
Violation Report—Operating Practices Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.67).	16 States	140 reports	4 hours	560
Violation Report—Hazardous Materials Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.110).	15 States	170 reports	4 hours	680
Violation Report—Hours of Service Law (F 6180.33).	16 States	35 reports	4 hours	140
Violation Report—Accident/Incident Reporting Rules (Form FRA F 6180.61).	16 States	30 reports	4 hours	120
Violation Report—Track Safety Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.111).	25 States	100 reports	4 hours	400
Violation Report—Signal and Train Control Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.112).	14 States	20 reports	4 hours	80
Remedial Actions Reports	563 Railroads	3,500 reports	15 minutes	875
Violation Report Challenge	563 Railroads	700 challenges	1 hours	700
Delayed Reports	573 Railroads	350 reports	30 minutes	175

Total Responses: 21,970.
Estimated Total Annual Burden: 10,748 hours.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0560.

Abstract: Under Title 49 Part 222 of the Code of Federal Regulations, FRA seeks to collect information from

railroads and public authorities in order to increase safety at highway-rail grade crossings nationwide by requiring that locomotive horns be sounded when trains approach and pass through these crossings or by ensuring that a safety level at least equivalent to that provided by blowing locomotive horns exists for corridors in which horns are silenced. FRA reviews applications by public

authorities intending to establish new or, in some cases, continue pre-rule quiet zones to ensure the necessary level of safety is achieved.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Respondent Universe: 728 railroads/340 Public Authorities.

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
222.11—Penalties—Falsified Report	728 Railroads/340 Public Authorities.	1 report/record	2 hours	2
222.15—Waiver Petitions	728 Railroads/340 Public Authorities.	5 petitions	4 hours	20
222.17—Application to Become Recognized State Agency.	68 State Agencies	1 application	8 hours	8
222.39—Applications to Establish Quiet Zone	340 Public Authorities ..	10 applications	80 hours	800
—Diagnostic Team Rev.	340 Public Authorities ..	2 team reviews	16 hours	32
—Updated Crossing Inventory Forms	340 Public Authorities ..	50 updated forms	1 hour	50
—Copies of Quiet Zone Application	340 Public Authorities ..	60 copies	10 minutes	10
—Comments to FRA on Quiet Zone Application.	715 Railroads/State Agencies.	20 comments	2.5 hours	30
222.43—Written Notice of Public Authority Intent to Create New Quiet Zone and Notification to Required Parties.	216 Communities/Public Authorities.	30 notices + 90 notifications.	40 hours + 10 minutes	1,215
—Updated Crossing Inventory Forms	216 Communities	150 updated forms	1 hour	150
Comments on proposed Quiet Zone	715 Railroads/State Agencies.	60 comments	4 hours	240
—Notice of Quiet Zone Establishment + Notification to Required Parties.	316 Public Authorities ..	30 notices + 180 notifications.	40 hours + 10 minutes	1,230
—Updated Crossing Inventory Forms	316 Public Authorities ..	150 updated forms	1 hour	150

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
—Certification by CEO of Public Authority Regarding Accuracy of Information.	216 Public Authorities ..	30 certifications	5 minutes	3
222.47—Periodic Updates: Written Affirmation that Supplementary Safety Measures Implemented w/in Quiet Zone Conform to Rule or Terms of Approval.	200 Public Authorities ..	70 written affirmations + 420 copies (to required parties).	30 minutes + 2 minutes	70
—Updated Crossing Inventory Forms	200 Public Authorities ..	350 updated forms	1 hour	350
222.51—Written Commitment to Lower Risk to Traveling Public in Quiet Zones Exceeding Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold.	9 Public Authorities	5 written commitments	5 hours	25
—Comments Upon FRA Review of Quiet Zone Status.	3 Public Authorities	4 comments	30 minutes	2
222.55—Request for FRA Approval of New Supplementary Safety Measures or Alternative Safety Measures (ASMs) for Quiet Zone.	265 Interested Parties ..	1 letter	30 minutes	1
—Comments on New SSMs or ASMs	265 Interested Parties/ General Public.	5 comments	30 minutes	3
—Request for SSM/ASM Approval—Demo	265 Interested Parties ..	1 letter	30 minutes	1
222.57—Petition for FRA Review of Decision Granting or Denying a New SSM or ASM; Petition Copies to Relevant Parties.	265 Public Authorities/ Interested Parties.	5 petitions + 5 petition copies.	60 minutes + 2 minutes	1
—Request for FRA Reconsideration of Disapproval of Quiet Zone + Party Copies.	200 Public Authorities ..	1 letter + 6 letter copies	5 hours + 2 minutes	5
—Additional Documents to FRA as Follow-up to Petition for Reconsideration.	200 Public Authorities ..	1 additional document/ set of materials.	2 hours	2
—Letter Requesting FRA Informal Hearing	200 Public Authorities ..	1 letter	30 minutes	1
222.59—Written Notice of Use of Wayside Horn at Grade Crossing within Quiet Zone + Party Copies.	200 Public Authorities ..	5 notices + 30 notice copies.	2.5 hours + 10 minutes	18
—Notice of Wayside Horn Outside Q. Zone	200 Public Authorities ..	5 notices + 30 notice copies.	2.5 hours + 10 minutes	18
Appendix B—Public Authority Record Relating to Monitoring and Sampling Efforts at Grade Crossing in Quiet Zone with Programmed Enforcement.	200 Public Authorities ..	1 record	500 hours	500
—Public Authority Record Relating to Monitoring and Sampling Efforts at Grade Crossing in Quiet Zone with Photo Enforcement.	200 Public Authorities ..	1 record	9 hours	9
222.129—Written Reports/Records of Locomotive Horn Testing.	728 Railroads	650 reports/records	60 minutes	650

Total Estimated Responses: 2,466.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 5,596 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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 336X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—In Lake County, Ind., and Cook County, Ill.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for NSR to abandon approximately 6.30 miles of rail line (the Eastern Line Segment) located in Lake County, Ind., and Cook County, Ill., and to discontinue service over a contiguous line segment of approximately 1.2 miles (the Western Line Segment) located in Cook County, Ill.¹ The roughly 6.30-mile Eastern Line

Segment extends from milepost JH 12.80 (near the Eastern Line Segment's crossing of Eagle Ridge Drive) in Schererville, Ind., to milepost JH 19.10 (near the Eastern Line Segment's crossing of Cottage Grove Avenue) in Ford Heights, Ill. The roughly 1.2-mile Western Line Segment extends from milepost JH 19.10 (near Cottage Grove Avenue) in Ford Heights, Ill., to milepost JH 20.30 (near State Street) in Chicago Heights, Ill.

The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 46375, 46311 and 60411. NSR states that it has filed this notice of exemption to facilitate the construction by Canadian National Railway Company (CN) and Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway (EJ&E) of a grade separation over U.S. Route 30, a project upon which the Surface Transportation Board (Board) conditioned its approval

¹ The Eastern Line Segment and the Western Line Segment, which are commonly known as the

Hartsdale Industrial Track, will be referred to collectively as the Line.