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Dear Mr. Metz:

Thank you for your comments of April 25 on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) estimate of the information collection burden of its driver qualification (DQ) file requirements as published in the Federal Register on March 5, 2013 (78 FR 14402).

The FMCSA provided this estimate and the opportunity for public comment in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (Pub.L. No. 104-13, 109 Stat. 163). The FMCSA's estimate was contained in the information collection request (ICR) titled "Driver Qualification Files" and was limited to those components of the DQ file required by part 391 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR part 350-399).

As you point out, other regulations also require the collection and retention of additional information in the DQ file. These regulations may be issued by other Federal agencies that estimate the PRA burden of their regulatory requirements separately. For example, the PRA burden of the various driver and motor carrier responsibilities under the drug and alcohol (D&A) testing rules of the U.S. Department of Transportation (49 CFR part 40) are estimated in the ICR titled "Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs." This ICR estimates the PRA burden of the D&A testing programs of the Federal Aviation Agency, the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration, the U.S. Coast Guard and FMCSA. It includes the PRA burden associated with the various documents and forms that motor carriers must retain in DQ files in order to comply with the D&A testing regulations.

I hope this information is helpful. Should you need additional information, please contact Mr. Thomas Yager, Chief, Driver and Carrier Operations Division, at (202) 366-4325 or by email at tom.yager@dot.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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