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Mr. Doug King
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Dear Mr. King:

Thank you for your comments of April 30 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).

You commented that FMCSA's estimate of a total of 28 minutes per DQ file each year underestimated the amount of time a motor carrier requires to complete all its driver qualification duties. You mentioned that the amount of time you expend includes the time you require to satisfy drug and alcohol testing requirements.

The FMCSA's estimate of the information-collection burden of most motor carrier responsibilities under the drug and alcohol testing rules is not part of the DQ file estimates, but a part of the estimate of a separate information collection. The collection, titled "Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs," and its burden estimates are developed by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to reflect the burden of DOT's drug and alcohol testing regulations located in part 40 of volume 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These comprehensive regulations prescribe steps employers must follow in conducting drug and alcohol testing of their employees holding safety-sensitive transportation positions, such as airline pilots, train operators, and truck drivers. The estimate of this collection incorporates the information-collection burdens of the drug-and-alcohol testing programs mandated by the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and the FMCSA.

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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