

Hardcopy is preferred; however, the package also may be transmitted by email to Patricia.Watts@FAA.gov. The submission period begins on May 1, 2014. Submissions must be sent by 11:59 p.m. Pacific daylight time on October 31, 2014. The timeliness of submissions will be determined by the postmark (if sent in hard copy) or time stamp of the recipient (if emailed). Award administrators assume no responsibility for lost or untimely submissions for any reason.

Award:

The winner will be announced by the end of 2014. A trophy with the winner's name and date of award will be displayed at the Department of Transportation and a display copy of the trophy will be sent to the winner's school/college/university. An additional plaque or trophy will be awarded to the individual or team. At the option of the Secretary, the Department will pay for invitational travel expenses to Washington, DC for up to four representatives of the winning teams to present their project to Department officials and receive the award from the Secretary.

Basis Upon Which the Winners Will Be Selected:

All submissions will be initially reviewed by the FAA Centers for Excellence Program Director upon receipt to determine if the submissions meet the eligibility requirements. Registration packages meeting the eligibility requirements will be judged by advisory panels consisting of academic experts, government officials including FAA, the Department, and representatives of the private sector. The advisory panels will select the most highly qualified submissions and present them to the Secretary of the Department, who will select the winning entrant.

Submissions will be judged against other submissions from the same division on the following criteria:

Technical Merit:

- Has the submission presented a clear understanding of the associated problems?
- Has the submission developed a logical and workable solution and approach to solving the problem/s?
- What are the most significant aspects of this concept?
- Has the submission clearly described the breadth of impact of the innovation?

Originality:

- Is this concept new or a variation of an existing idea, and in what way(s)?
- How is this work unique?

- Was the concept developed independently or in cooperation with others?

Impact:

- To what extent will this project make a significant impact and/or contribution to the future of the aviation and aerospace environment?

Practicality:

- Who directly benefits from this work?
- Can this program or activity be implemented in a practical fashion?
- What are the costs anticipated to be incurred and saved by executing this concept?

Measurability:

- How has this individual/group measured the impact on the aviation environment?
- To what extent does the innovation result in measurable improvements?

Applicability:

- Can this effort be scaled?
- Is this work specific to one region, various regions, or to the entire nation?

All factors are important and will be given consideration, but the advisory panels will give the "technical merit" factor the most weight in the screening process. The Secretary retains sole discretion to select the winning entrant.

Additional Information:

Federal grantees may not use Federal funds to develop COMPETES Act challenge applications.

Federal contractors may not use Federal funds from a contract to develop COMPETES Act challenge applications or to fund efforts in support of a COMPETES Act challenge submission.

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Susan L. Kurland,

Assistant Secretary of Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0349]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection Request: Hazardous Materials Safety Permits

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit

the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA requests approval to revise and extend an ICR entitled, "*Hazardous Materials Safety Permits*." This ICR requires companies holding permits to develop communications plans that allow for the periodic tracking of the shipments. A record of the communications that includes the time of the call and location of the shipment may be kept by either the driver (e.g., recorded in the log book) or the company. The motor carrier or driver must maintain a record of the communications for at least six months after the initial acceptance of a shipment of hazardous material for which a safety permit is required.

DATES: Please send your comments by May 7, 2014. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act on the ICR.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA-2013-0349. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul Bomgardner, Hazardous Materials Division, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, West Building 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-493-0027; email paul.bomgardner@dot.gov. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Hazardous Materials Safety Permits.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0030.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents: Motor carriers subject to the Hazardous Materials Safety Permit requirements in 49 CFR Part 385 Subpart E.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,382.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes. The communication between motor carriers and their drivers must take place at least two times per day. It is estimated that it will take 5 minutes to maintain a daily communication record for each driver.

Expiration Date: May 31, 2014.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 967,000 hours [11.6 million trips × 5 minutes/60 minutes per record = 966,666.66 rounded to 967,000].

Background

The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) is responsible for implementing regulations to issue safety permits for transporting certain Hazardous Materials (HM) in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5101 *et seq.* The HM Safety Permit regulations (49 CFR part 385, Subpart E) require carriers to complete a “Combined Motor Carrier Identification Report and HM Permit Application” (Form MCS-150B). The HM Safety Permit regulations also require carriers to have a security program. As part of the HM Safety Permit regulations, carriers are required to develop and maintain route plans so that law enforcement officials can verify the correct location of the HM shipment. The FMCSA requires companies holding permits to develop a communications plan that allows for the periodic tracking of the shipment. This information covers the record of communications that includes the time of the call and location of the shipment. The records must be kept by either the driver (e.g., recorded in the log book) or the company for at least six months after the initial acceptance of a shipment of hazardous material for which a safety permit is required.

Comments From the Public

General Summary

FMCSA received three comments to the 60-day **Federal Register** notice published on December 10, 2013 (78 FR 74222) regarding the Agency’s Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently-Approved Information Collection Request: Hazardous Materials Safety Permits. Comments were received from Boyle Transportation, a business consultant and engineer, and Landstar Transportation Logistics. Comments and responsive considerations are as follows:

Boyle Transportation commented that it is necessary to track shipments more than two times a day; tracking technologies are widely available in the industry and carriers should maintain

fully staffed operations center to monitor shipments. FMCSA responded that the requirements stated in 49 CFR 385.415(c)(1) are a minimum requirement for Hazardous Materials Safety Permits (HMSP) carriers and carriers are encouraged to use state-of-the-art monitoring and tracking devices.

The business consultant and engineer stated that we should start taking a stand against pollution. There was no return address in the comment for FMCSA to send a response, and the comment is beyond the scope of this ICR.

Landstar Transportation Logistics asks that if a carrier is using a satellite tracking system to monitor a hazardous materials load, FMCSA should eliminate the redundant requirement for operators to make specific contact with the carrier at the beginning and end of each duty tour, and at the pickup and delivery of each permitted load. FMCSA responded that the requirement is not viewed as redundant and the requirements stated in 49 CFR 385.415(c)(1) are a basic and minimum requirement for all HMSP carriers and carriers are encouraged to use state-of-the-art tracking devices, but their use is not required.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FMCSA to perform its functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

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G. Kelly Leone,

Associate Administrator, Office of Research and Information Technology and Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0096]

Commercial Driver’s License: Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Motor Vehicles; Application for Exemption

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that it has received an application from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (Virginia DMV) for a limited exemption from the Agency’s commercial driver’s license (CDL) regulation. Section 383.77(b)(1) allows a State to waive the CDL skills test described in 49 CFR 383.113 for applicants regularly employed or previously employed within the last 90 days in a military position requiring operation of a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). Virginia DMV proposes that it be allowed to extend the 90-day timeline to one year following the driver’s separation from military service. Virginia DMV believes the 90-day timeframe is too short to take advantage of the waiver for many of the qualified discharged veterans reentering and settling into civilian life. FMCSA requests public comment on Virginia DMV’s application for exemption. In addition, because the issues concerning the Virginia DMV request could be applicable in each of the States, FMCSA requests public comment whether the exemption, if granted, should cover all State Driver’s Licensing Agencies (SDLAs).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 7, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System Number FMCSA-2014-0096 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the exemption process, see the *Public Participation* heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. Please see the *Privacy Act* heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or