

performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0569.

Title: Same title as above.

Form Numbers: FAA Forms 5100-100, 5100-101, 5100-108, 5100-110, 5100-126, 5100-127, 5100-128, 5100-129, 5100-130, 5100-131, 5100-132, 5100-133, 5100-134, 5100-135, 5100-136, 5100-137, 5100-138, 5100-139, 5100-140, 5100-141, 5100-142, 5370-1.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on March 11, 2019 (84 FR 8779) and this is the 30-day notice. Codification of certain U.S. Transportation laws at 49 U.S.C., repealed the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, as amended, and the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979, as amended, and re-codified them without substantive change at Title 49 U.S.C., which is referred to as the "Act." The Act provides funding for airport planning and development projects at airports included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). The Act also authorizes funds for noise compatibility planning and to carry out noise compatibility programs. The information required by this program is necessary to protect the Federal interest in safety, efficiency, and utility of the airport. Data is collected to meet report requirements of 2 CFR part 200 for certifications and representations, financial management and performance measurement.

Respondents: Approximately 13,000 applications.

Frequency: Information is collected on occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 9 Hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: Approximately 118,000 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 24, 2019.

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Acting Deputy Director, Federal Aviation Administration/Office of Airport Planning & Programming/APP-2.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2019-0004-N-5]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below. Before submitting these ICRs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 29, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the ICRs activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; or Ms. Kim Toone, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Information Technology, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, 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-XXXX," (the relevant OMB control number for each ICR is listed below) and should also include the title of the ICR. Alternatively, comments may be faxed to (202) 493-6216 or (202) 493-6497, or emailed to Mr. Brogan at robert.brogan@dot.gov, or Ms. Toone at kim.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, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or

Ms. Kim Toone, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Information Technology, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6132).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 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 to allow comment on information collection activities before seeking OMB approval of the activities. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. Specifically, FRA invites interested parties to comment on the following ICRs regarding: (1) Whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

FRA believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information that Federal regulations mandate. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (1) Reduce reporting burdens; (2) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a "user-friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3501.

The summaries below describe the ICRs that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Designation of Qualified Persons.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0511.

Abstract: The collection of information is used to prevent the unsafe movement of defective freight cars. Railroads are required to inspect freight cars for compliance and to determine restrictions on the movements of defective cars; qualified inspectors are necessary to perform this task.

Type of Request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses.
Form(s): N/A.
Respondent Universe: 692 Railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.
Reporting Burden:

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response (minutes)	Total annual burden hours	Total annual dollar cost equivalent ¹
215.11—Designation of Inspectors—Written Records.	692 railroads	1,200 records	2	40	\$3,080

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 1,200.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 40 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$3,080.

Title: Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0533.

Abstract: Section 4 of the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 1988 (RSIA), Public Law 100-342, 102 Stat. 624 (June 22, 1988), later amended and re-codified by

Public Law 103-272, 108 Stat. 874 (July 5, 1994), required FRA to issue regulations to establish any necessary program for certifying or licensing locomotive engineers. The collection of information is used by FRA to ensure that railroads employ and properly train qualified individuals as locomotive engineers and designated supervisors of locomotive engineers. The collection of information is also used by FRA to verify that railroads have established required certification programs for

locomotive engineers and that these programs fully conform to the standards specified in the regulation.

Type of Request: Extension with change (revised estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Form(s): N/A.

Respondent Universe: 741 Railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion; annually; triennially.

Reporting Burden:

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual dollar cost equivalent
240.9—Waivers	741 railroads	3 waiver petitions	90 minutes	5	\$385
240.101/103—Cert. Prog: Amendments	741 railroads	50 amendments	1 hour	50	\$3,850
— Cert. Prog.—New	5 railroads	5 programs	40 hours	200	15,400
— Final Review	5 railroads	5 reviews	1 hour	5	385
— Material Modification to Program	741 railroads	30 modified programs ..	45 minutes	23	1,771
240.105(b)—(c) Written Reports/Determinations of DSLE Performance Skills.	10 railroads	10 reports	1 hour	10	1,160
240.109/App. C—Prior Safety Conduct Data	17,667 candidates	25 responses	60 minutes	25	1,900
240.111/App C—Driver's License Data	17,667 candidates	17,667 requests	15 minutes	4,417	335,692
—NDR Match—notifications and requests for data	741 railroads	177 notices + 177 re-quests.	15 min. + 15 min.	89	7,254
—Written response from candidate on driver's li-cense data.	741 railroads	20 cases/comments	30 minutes	10	760
240.111(g)—Notice to RR of Absence of License	53,000 candidates	4 letters	15 minutes	1	76
240.111(h)—Duty to furnish data on prior safety conduct as motor vehicle op..	741 railroads	200 phone calls	10 minutes	33	2,508
240.113—Notice to RR Furnishing Data on Prior Safety Conduct—Diff. RR.	17,667 candidates	353 requests + 353 re-sponses.	15 min./30 min.	265	20,298
240.119—Self-referral to EAP re: active sub-stance abuse disorder.	53,000 locomotive engi-neers.	150 self-referrals	5 minutes	13	988
240.121—Criteria—Vision/Hearing Acuity Data—New Railroads.	5 railroads	5 copies	15 minutes	1	77
240.121—Criteria—Vision/Hearing Acuity Data—Cond. Certification.	741 railroads	5 reports	1 hour	5	385
240.121—Criteria—Vision/Hearing Acuity Data—Not Meeting Standards—Notice by Employee.	741 railroads	10 notifications	15 minutes	3	228
240.127—Criteria for Examining Skill Perform-ance—Modification to Certification Program to Include Scoring System.	741 railroads	11 amended programs + 180 amended pro-grams.	48 hours + 8 hours	1,968	151,536
240.201/221—List of Qualified DSLEs	741 railroads	741 updates	30 minutes	371	28,567
240.201/221—List of Qualified Loco. Engineers ...	741 railroads	741 updated lists	60 minutes	741	57,057
240.201/223/301—Loco. Engineers Certificate	53,000 candidates	17,667 certificates	5 minutes	1,472	113,344
—False entry on certificates	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
240.205—Data to EAP Counselor	741 railroads	177 records	5 minutes	15	1,155
240.207—Medical certificate showing hearing/vi-sion standards are met.	53,000 candidates	17,667 certificates	70 minutes	20,612	1,587,124
written determinations waiving use of corrective device.	741 railroads	30 determinations	2 hours	60	4,620

¹ Throughout the tables in this document, the dollar equivalent cost is derived from the 2018 Association of American Railroads publication

titled *Railroad Facts (Employment and Annual Wages by Class)* (p. 57) using the appropriate employee group to calculate the average hourly

wage rate that includes 75 percent overhead charges.

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual dollar cost equivalent
240.219—Denial of Certification;	17,667 candidates	30 letters + 30 re-sponses.	1 hour	60	4,590
Notification to employee of adverse decision	741 railroads	30 notifications	1 hour	30	2,310
240.227—Canadian Certification Data	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
240.229—Joint Operations—Notice—not qualified	321 railroads	184 employee calls	5 minutes	15	1,140
240.309—RR Oversight Resp.: Detected poor safety conduct—annotation.	15 railroads	6 annotations	15 minutes	2	152
Testing Requirements:					
240.209/213—Written Tests Records	53,000 candidates	17,667 test records	5 minutes	1,472	111,872
240.211/213—Performance Test Records	53,000 candidates	17,667 test records	5 minutes	1,472	111,872
240.303—Annual operational monitor observation records.	53,000 candidates	53,000 test records	5 minutes	4,417	335,692
240.303—Annual operating rules compliance test records.	53,000 candidates	53,000 test records	5 minutes	4,417	335,692
Recordkeeping:					
240.215—Retaining info. supporting determination	741 railroads	17,667 records	30 minutes	8,834	671,384
240.305—Engineer's notice of non-qualification to RR.	53,000 engineers or candidates.	100 notifications	5 minutes	8	608
—Relaying certification denial or revocation Status to other certifying railroad.	1,060 engineers	2 letters	30 minutes	1	76
240.307—Notice to engineer of disqualification	741 railroads	1,100 letters	1 hour	1,100	84,700
240.309—Railroad annual review	51 railroads	51 reviews	40 hours	2,040	157,080
—Report of findings	51 railroads	12 reports	1 hour	12	924
Total	741 railroads	217,059 responses	N/A	54,684	4,158,412

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 217,059.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 54,684 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$4,158,412.

Title: Roadway Worker Protection.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0539.

Abstract: On June 10, 2016, FRA amended its Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) regulation (see 81 FR 37840) to resolve interpretative issues that had arisen since the original 1996 promulgation of that rule. In particular, this final rule adopted certain terms, resolved miscellaneous interpretive issues, codified certain FRA Technical Bulletins, adopted new requirements governing redundant signal protections and the movement of roadway maintenance machinery over signalized non-controlled track, and amended certain qualification requirements for roadway workers. This final rule also deleted three outdated incorporations by reference of industry standards in FRA's Bridge Worker Safety Standards, and cross referenced the Occupational

Safety and Health Administration's regulations on the same point.

Under the information collection associated with the RWP rule (49 CFR part 214), FRA collects a variety of information. To ensure compliance with the rule's requirements, FRA collects data on affected railroads' on-track safety programs to determine that railroads have policies, procedures, and practices in place that protect roadway workers as they go about doing their daily jobs in a dangerous environment. Railroads are required to provide on-track safety manuals to all roadway workers that they can readily consult as a guide when an issue arises as to how to complete a work assignment while maintaining complete safety. Under the regulation, railroads are required to provide initial and recurrent training to roadway workers on their on-track safety program and the procedures to be followed to perform their daily work assignments. This includes training for roadway workers who work on adjacent track and the appropriate practices and procedures they must follow. FRA

collects data from railroads on training through the records that they are required to keep. Additionally, FRA collects information on violations of workplace safety on Form FRA F 6180.119. FRA uses violation information to make changes that endanger railroad workers. Overall, FRA uses the information that it collects under this regulation to monitor and enforce requirements relating to the safety of roadway workers and ensure that railroads fulfill their responsibilities to make roadway workers environment secure and free from unnecessary and avoidable hazards.

Type of Request: Extension with change (revised estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses/50,000 Roadway Workers/State Safety Inspectors.

Form(s): FRA F 6180.1119.

Respondent Universe: 741 Railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Reporting Burden:

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual dollar cost equivalent
Form FRA F 6180.119—Part 214 Railroad Workplace Safety Violation Report.	350 Safety Inspectors ...	129 forms	4 hours	516	\$31,579
214.307—Railroad On-Track Safety Programs—RR Programs that comply with this Part + copies at System/Division Headquarters.	741 Railroads	276 programs + 325 copies.	2 hours + 2 minutes	563	43,351
—RR Notification to FRA not less than one month before on-track safety program takes effect.	741 Railroads	276 notices	20 minutes	92	7,084
—RR Amended on-track safety programs after FRA disapproval.	741 Railroads	1 program	4	4 hours	308

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual dollar cost equivalent
—RR Written response in support of disapproved program.	741 Railroads	1 written response	40 hours	40	3,080
214.309—On-Track Safety Manual:					
—RR Provisions for alternative access to information in on-track safety manual.	741 Railroads	741 provisions	60 minutes	741	57,057
—RR Publication of bulletins/notices reflecting changes in on-track safety manual.	60 Railroads	100 bulletins/notices	60 minutes	100	7,700
214.311—RR Written procedure to achieve prompt and equitable resolution of good faith employee challenges.	5 new railroads	5 developed procedures	30 minutes	3	231
214.313—Good faith challenges to on-track safety rules.	20 railroads	80 challenges	8 hours per challenge	640	42,880
214.317—On-Track Procedures for Snow Removal.	5 Railroads	5 operating procedures	60 minutes	5	385
—On-track procedures for weed spray equipment	741 Railroads	741 operating procedures	60 minutes	741	57,057
—Roadway Worker in Charge (RWIC) Designation of alternative place of safety other than tunnel niche or clearing bay.	741 Railroads	25 place of safety designations	5 minutes	2	134
214.318—Procedures established by railroads for workers to perform duties incidental to those of inspecting, testing, servicing, or repairing rolling equipment.	741 Railroads	741 rules/procedures	3 hours	2,223	171,171
214.320—Roadway Maintenance Machines Movement over signalized non-controlled track—RR request to FRA for equivalent level of protection to that provided by limiting all train and locomotive movements to restricted speed.	741 Railroads	5 requests	4 hours	20	1,540
214.322—Exclusive Track Occupancy, Electronic Display—Written Authorities/Printed Authority Copy If Electronic Display Fails or Malfunctions.	3 Class I Railroads	1,000 written authorities	10 minutes	167	11,189
—Data File Records Relating to Electronic Display Device Involved in Part 225 Reportable Accident/Incident.	3 Class I Railroads	25 data file records	2 hours	50	3,850
—Request to FRA for NIST Publication 800–63–2, “Electronic Authentication Guideline”.	741 Railroads	3 requests + 3 copies	30 minutes + 2 minutes	2	154
214.329—Train Approach Warning—Written Designation of Watchmen/Lookouts.	741 Railroads	26,250 designations	30 Seconds	219	16,863
214.336—Procedures for adjacent track movements over 25 mph: notifications/watchmen/lookout warnings.	100 Railroads	10,000 notices	5 seconds	14	938
—Procedures for adjacent track movements 25 mph or less: Notifications/watchmen/lookout warnings.	100 Railroads	3,000 notices	15 seconds	13	804
214.337—On-track safety procedures for lone workers: statements by lone workers.	741 Railroads	2,080,000 statements	30 seconds	17,333	1,161,311
Statement of on-track safety using individual train detection on track outside manual interlocking, a controlled point, or a remotely controlled hump yard facility.	741 Railroads	200 on-track safety statements	30 seconds	2	134
214.339—Audible warning from trains: written procedures that prescribe effective requirements for audible warning by horn and/or bell for trains.	44 Railroads	44 written procedures	13	572 hours	44,044
214.343/345/347/349/351/353/355—Annual training for all roadway workers (RWs)—Records of training.	50,000 roadway workers	50,000 records	2 minutes	1,667	128,359
214.503—Notifications for Non-Compliant Roadway Maintenance Machines or Unsafe Condition.	50,000 roadway workers	125 notices	10 minutes	21	1,407
—Resolution Procedures	692 Railroads/200 contractors.	5 procedures	2 hours	10	770
214.505—Required environmental control and protection systems for new on-track roadway maintenance machines with enclosed cabs.	741 Railroads/200 contractors.	500 lists	1 hour	500	38,500
—Designations/additions to list	692 Railroads/200 contractors.	150 additions/designations	5 minutes	13	1,001
214.507—A-Built Light Weight on New Roadway Maintenance Machines.	692 Railroads/200 contractors.	1,000 stickers/stencils	5 minutes	83	5,063
214.511—Required Audible Warning Devices for New On-Track Roadway Maintenance Machines.	692 Railroads/200 contractors.	3,700 identified mechanisms	5 minutes	308	18,788
214.515—Overhead covers for existing on-track roadway maintenance machines.	692 railroads/200 contractors.	500 requests + 500 responses	10 minutes; 20 minutes	250	18,420
214.517—Retrofitting of Existing On-Track Roadway Maintenance Machines Manufactured On or After Jan. 1, 1991.	692 Railroads/200 contractors.	500 stencils/displays	5 minutes	42	2,562
214.523—Hi-Rail Vehicles	692 railroads/200 contractors.	5,000 records	60 minutes	5,000	305,000

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual dollar cost equivalent
—Non-complying conditions	692 railroads/200 contractors.	500 tags + 500 reports	10 minutes + 15 minutes.	208	13,936
214.527—Inspection for compliance; Repair schedules.	692 railroads/200 contractors.	550 tags + 550 reports	5 minutes + 15 minutes	183	12,261
214.533—Schedule of repairs; Subject to availability of parts.	692 railroads/200 contractors.	250 records	15 minutes	63	4,851
Total	741 railroads	2,188,306 responses	N/A	32,410	1,207,732

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 2,188,306.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 32,410 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$1,207,732.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 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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Acting Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2019–0004–N–7]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describe the information collections and their expected burden. On February 22, 2019, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICRs.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 1, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the ICRs to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of

Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FRA Desk Officer. Comments may also be sent via email to OMB at the following address: *oira_submissions@omb.eop.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W33–497, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493–6292); or Ms. Kim Toone, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Administration, Office of Information Technology, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W34–212, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493–6132).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. See 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. On February 22, 2019, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on the ICRs for which it is now seeking OMB approval. See 84 FR 5807. FRA received no comments in response to this notice.

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)–(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); see also 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect.

Comments are invited on the following ICRs regarding: (1) Whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The summaries below describe the ICRs that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Safety Appliance Standards Guidance Checklist Forms.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0565.

Abstract: Sample car/locomotive inspections are performed upon request as a courtesy to the car manufacturers to ensure that the equipment is built in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Car manufacturers that desire to have FRA review their equipment for compliance with the CFR may submit their request to FRA for review at least 60 days prior to initial construction. Although a sample car inspection is not required, most car manufacturers today request the inspection. By helping ensure that rolling stock equipment is built compliant with the CFR, the sample car inspection program reduces the safety risk to railroad employees, passengers, and the general public.

In an ongoing effort to conduct more thorough and effective inspections of freight railroad equipment and to further enhance safe rail operations, FRA has developed a group of guidance checklist forms that facilitate railroad, rail car owner, and rail equipment manufacturer compliance with 49 CFR part 231, Railroad Safety Appliance Standards. Because 49 CFR part 231 was supplemented and expanded several