

maximize the effectiveness of the safety features of the technology. The exemption would apply to all CMVs equipped with Netradyne's Driveri® Dash Cam mounted on the windshield. Netradyne believes that mounting the system as described will maintain a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety achieved without the exemption.

#### Comments

FMCSA published a notice announcing receipt of the exemption application in the **Federal Register** on August 20, 2020, and requested public comment on the application (85 FR 51545).

The Agency received no comments addressing the exemption application.

#### FMCSA Decision

FMCSA has evaluated the Netradyne exemption application. The Driveri® Dash Cam, four-camera housing version, is approximately 4.6 inches tall while the two-camera housing version is 2.8 inches tall. Both camera versions are mounted near the top of the center of the windshield, with the bottom of the camera housing located approximately 8 inches below the top of the area swept by the windshield wipers. The Driveri® Dash Cam needs to be mounted in this location for optimal functionality of the advance safety system. The size of the Driveri® Dash Cam precludes mounting it (1) higher in the windshield, and (2) within 4 inches from the top of the area swept by the windshield wipers to comply with § 393.60(e)(1)(ii)(A).

The Agency believes that granting the temporary exemption to allow placement of the Driveri® Dash Cam lower than currently permitted by Agency regulations will provide a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety achieved without the exemption because (1) based on the technical information available, there is no indication that the Driveri® Dash Cam would obstruct drivers' views of the roadway, highway signs and signals surrounding traffic; (2) generally, trucks and buses have an elevated seating position that greatly improves the forward visual field of the driver, and any impairment of available sight lines would be minimal; and (3) the mounting location 8 inches below the upper edge of the windshield and out of the driver's normal sightline will be reasonable and enforceable at roadside. In addition, the Agency believes that use of Driveri® Dash Cam by fleets is likely to improve the overall level of safety for the motoring public. This action is consistent with previous Agency action permitting the placement

of similarly-sized devices on CMVs outside the driver's sight lines to the road, and highway signs and signals. FMCSA is not aware of any evidence showing that installation of other vehicle safety technologies mounted on the interior of the windshield has resulted in any degradation in safety.

**James W. Deck,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2020-0027-N-28]

#### 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) and its implementing regulations, this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the information collection and its expected burden. On July 22, 2020, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICR.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 19, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find the particular ICR by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Hodan Wells, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, Federal Railroad Administration, telephone (202) 493-0440, email: [Hodan.wells@dot.gov](mailto:Hodan.wells@dot.gov).

**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 July 22, 2020, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on the ICR for which it is now seeking OMB approval. See 85 FR 44359. FRA received no comments in response to this notice.

Before OMB decides whether to approve the proposed collection 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 ICR 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 ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

*Title:* Safety Appliance Standards Guidance Checklist Forms.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0565.

*Abstract:* Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 231, *Railroad Safety Appliance Standards*, was supplemented and expanded in 2013 to include the industry standard established by the Association of American Railroads (AAR), *Standard 2044 or S-2044*, which prescribed safety appliance arrangements for 11 new types of cars. As a result of the inclusion, FRA developed Forms FRA F6180.161(a)-(k) as guidance checklist forms to facilitate railroad, rail car owner, and rail equipment manufacturer compliance with S-2044 and 49 CFR part 231.

AAR has since updated S-2044 to include seven new types of cars. In

response, FRA is proposing to add seven new forms, Forms FRA F6180.161(l)–(r), to the safety appliance standards guidance checklists to cover these new types of cars.

Additionally, FRA is updating the existing 11 forms to reflect editorial changes that were made to S–2044.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Form(s):* 11 forms (FRA F6180.161(a)–(k)), plus seven new forms (FRA F6180.161(l)–(r)).

*Respondent Universe:* Car manufacturers/state inspectors.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 142.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 142 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent:* \$8,694.

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 a respondent is not required to respond to, conduct, or sponsor a collection of information that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

**Brett A. Jortland,**

*Deputy Chief Counsel.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket No. FRA–2020–0027–N–33]

**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 Request (ICR) abstracted below. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified in the ICR.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 16, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR to Ms. Hodan Wells, Information Collection Clearance Officer at email: *hodan.wells@dot.gov* or telephone: (202) 493–0440. 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.

**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 ICR 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 may 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) organize 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 summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

*Title:* Occupational Noise Exposure for Railroad Operating Employees.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0571.

*Abstract:* Title 49 CFR part 227 contains requirements for occupational noise exposure. FRA uses the collection of information to ensure that railroads covered by this rule establish and implement noise monitoring, hearing conservation, and audiometric testing programs to protect their employees against the harmful effects of excessive noise in the workplace. Additionally, railroads must maintain testing and training records on noise and hearing conservation. Further, railroads must make exposure measurement records for specific locations available to regional or national labor representatives upon request.

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

*Affected Public:* Businesses (Railroads, railroads equipment manufacturers).

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Respondent Universe:* 512 railroads.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Reporting Burden:*

CFR Section <sup>1</sup>	Respondent universe (railroads)	Total Annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total cost equivalent <sup>2</sup>
227.13—Waivers .....	512 railroads	.3 petition letters .....	1 hour .....	.3	\$23
227.103(a)-(f)—Noise monitoring program—Development and implementation.	512 railroads	5 programs .....	30 hours .....	150	18,000
—(g) Reporting of monitoring results—Notification of employee of monitoring.	512 railroads	5 lists .....	30 minutes .....	3	231
227.107(a)—Hearing Conservation Program (HCP)—Development of programs.	512 railroads	3 HCPs .....	31 hours .....	93	11,160
—Revised hearing conservation programs (HCPs).	512 railroads	3 HCPs .....	1.75 hours .....	5	385
227.109(e)—Audiometric testing program—Baseline audiograms—New and existing employees.	76,244 employees	6,862 records of tests	30 seconds .....	57	4,389