

Quality Assurance/Quality Control

Under part 10.2.B of the section 327 MOU, CHSRA has agreed to carry out regular QA/QC activities to ensure the assumed responsibilities are conducted in accordance with applicable law and the section 327 MOU. The Audit Team noted that CHSRA has implemented a QA/QC program where environmental staff in the three regions coordinate with the NEPA assignment team within the headquarters office. The NEPA assignment team is responsible for reviewing all NEPA documentation and technical reports to ensure compliance. CHSRA staff also have access to SMEs for various environmental resources and regulations. During interviews, CHSRA staff noted that the NEPA assignment team acts independently to provide unbiased and objective reviews of work products. The Audit Team also found that regional staff understands how to implement the QA/QC process throughout the environmental review process.

During subsequent audits, the FRA Audit Team will require that CHSRA provide FRA with supporting QA/QC documentation associated with project files. This will allow the Audit Team to confirm QA/QC measures are being fully implemented for the projects under review. The Audit Team also recommends that CHSRA review a judgmental or random sampling of projects between FRA's annual audits to check compliance and identify potential improvements that can be made to the QA/QC process.

Training Program

CHSRA committed to implementing training necessary to meet its environmental obligations under the section 327 MOU. CHSRA developed its NEPA Assignment Training Plan to fulfill the requirements of part 12 of the section 327 MOU. The training covers all topics related to CHSRA's responsibilities under NEPA assignment. Based on interviews and a review of training documentation and records, all CHSRA staff received the training in accordance with the training plan after the MOU was executed.

The FRA Audit Team recommends that CHSRA expand its training plan to include additional training opportunities. This training could include formal or informal training with State and Federal resource agencies, in addition to the regularly scheduled agency coordination meetings.

Performance Measures

In accordance with part 10.1.1 of the section 327 MOU, FRA and CHSRA

have established performance measures that CHSRA will seek to attain and that FRA will consider during FRA's audits.

CHSRA is still in the early stages of developing metrics to track attainment of performance measures outlined in the section 327 MOU. However, based on the results of the audit review and interviews, the FRA Audit Team found that CHSRA is implementing the performance measures. CHSRA environmental leadership staff indicated they will continue to implement the performance measures in part 10 of the section 327 MOU.

Legal Sufficiency

CHSRA conducts a legal sufficiency review at various stages of the environmental review process, consistent with existing internal procedures. This review is generally conducted by outside counsel and CHSRA attorneys. CHSRA attorneys are responsible for making the final written determination regarding legal sufficiency of EISs prior to their publication.

Next Steps

FRA provided this draft audit report to CHSRA for a 21-day review and comment period. The FRA Audit Team considered CHSRA comments in developing this draft audit report. This draft audit report is available for public review for a 30-day comment period in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 327(g). No later than 60 days after the close of the comment period, FRA will respond to all comments submitted to finalize this draft audit report pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327(g)(B). FRA will publish the final audit report in the **Federal Register**.

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Director, Office of Infrastructure Investment.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2020-0027-N-42]

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 December 30, 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 May 21, 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. 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.

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 December 30, 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 86644. FRA received no comments related to the proposed collection of information.

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

Title: Conductor Certification.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0596.

Abstract: FRA's conductor certification regulation (49 CFR part 242) requires railroads to have a formal program for certifying conductors. As part of that program, railroads are required to have a formal process for training prospective conductors and determining that all persons are competent before permitting them to serve as a conductor. FRA intended the regulation to ensure that only those persons who meet minimum Federal safety standards serve as conductors. FRA collects information to ensure that railroads and their employees fully comply with all the requirements of part 242, including a conductor certification/recertification program, fitness requirements, initial and periodic testing, and territorial qualifications.

Type of Request: Extension without change (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved collection.¹

Affected Public: Businesses.

Form(s): N/A.

Respondent Universe: 765 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 222,386.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 49,761 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$4,303,437.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2021-0019; Notice 1]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming Model Year 2020-2021 GMC Sierra 2500HD Trucks Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Receipt of petition.

SUMMARY: This document announces the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) receipt of a petition for a decision that model year (MY) 2020-2021 GMC Sierra 2500HD Trucks (TKs) that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS) with a GVWR range of 6,105-6,950 lbs., are eligible for importation into the United States because they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for sale in the United States and that were certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards (the U.S.-certified version of the 2020-2021 GMC Sierra 2500HD TKs) and are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is May 21, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on this petition. Comments must refer to the docket and notice number cited in the title of this notice and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Send comments by mail addressed to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- **Hand Delivery:** Deliver comments by hand to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for Federal Holidays.

- **Electronically:** Submit comments electronically by logging onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Comments may also be faxed to (202) 493-2251.

Comments must be written in the English language, and be no greater than 15 pages in length, although there is no limit to the length of necessary attachments to the comments. If comments are submitted in hard copy form, please ensure that two copies are provided. If you wish to receive confirmation that comments you have submitted by mail were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard along with the comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to https://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

All comments and supporting materials received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be filed in the docket and will be considered. All comments and supporting materials received after the closing date will also be filed and will be considered to the fullest extent possible.

All comments, background documentation, and supporting materials submitted to the docket may be viewed by anyone at the address and times given above. The documents may also be viewed on the internet at https://www.regulations.gov by following the online instructions for accessing the dockets. The docket ID number for this petition is shown in the heading of this notice.

DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement is available for review in a **Federal Register** notice published on April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477-78).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Mazurowski, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-1012).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable FMVSS shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and of the same MY as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared,

¹ In this 30-day notice, FRA corrects its previous characterization of this type of request as an "extension with change (estimates) of a currently approved collection."