1FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION 1Accident/Incident Reporting and Recordkeeping

(Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 225) SUPPORTING JUSTIFICATION OMB Control No. 2130-0500

Summary of Submission

- This submission is a request for an extension without change (with changes in estimates) of the last three-year approval granted by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on November 29, 2021, which expires July 31, 2023.
- The Federal Railroad Administration (hereafter "FRA" or "the Agency") published the required 60-day <u>Federal Register</u> on April 21, 2023. <u>See 88 FR 24657</u>. FRA received three comments in response to this Notice. See question number 8 for response to the comments.
- Overall, the adjustments decreased the burden by 5,562 hours and decreased responses by 881 after a thorough review of the data.
- The answer to question 12 itemizes all information collection requirements.
- The answer to question 15 itemizes all adjustments.

1. <u>Circumstances that make collection of the information necessary.</u>

Since 1966, when the Department of Transportation Act transferred the responsibility for prescribing regulations to carry out the Accident Reports Act, as amended, from the ICC to the Secretary of Transportation, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has taken the responsibility of both amending those regulations as needed and enforcing them. FRA has made amendments to include the expansion of the Act's applicability from common carriers engaged in interstate commerce by railroad to include all railroads, at the repeal of the Accident Reports Act and the revision to positive law which was recodified without substantive change at 49 U.S.C. 20901-20903, Accidents and Incidents, and periodic revisions to increase the accuracy, completeness, and utility of FRA's accident database and to clarify certain definitions and regulatory requirements. FRA's most recent amendment came in 2011, when FRA amended its accident/incident reporting regulations to, most pertinently, revise its accident/incident recording and reporting forms to capture essential additional data and amended the FRA

¹ Sec. 6(e)(1)(K) of Pub. L. 89-670 (October 15, 1966), 80 Stat. 939.

² 49 CFR 1.49(c)(11).

³ Section 15 of Pub. L. 100-342 (June 22, 1988), 102 Stat. 633.

⁴ Pub. L. 103-272, 108 Stat. 745 (July 5, 1994).

Accident/Incident Guide to provide clear information to railroads on the completion of regulatory required forms.

FRA is making the current change in response to the mandate in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Section 22421. FRA intends to utilize Form FRA F 6180.54, Special Study Blocks 49a and 49b, to collect the following information for a projected four-year period: (1) the length of the involved trains, in feet, and (2) the number of crew members who were aboard a controlling locomotive involved in an accident at the time of such accident. This information will assist FRA in determining comparative trends of railroad safety and to develop hazard elimination and risk reduction programs that focus on preventing railroad injuries and accidents.

2. How, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used.

The information collected is essential to the FRA's mission and to the fulfillment of its regulatory responsibilities mandated under the various Federal railroad safety laws. It enables FRA to establish and maintain an extensive database that the agency utilizes to develop and implement appropriate safety programs. For instance:

- O FRA uses this information to assess the risks that exist on the Nation's railroads. The information allows FRA to track the nature, number, type, severity, and cause(s) of railroad-related accidents and incidents, and to develop strategies and programs to reduce the occurrence of such accident/incidents.
- O FRA uses the information collected under § 225.6, *Consolidated Reporting*, to determine whether the parent corporation of an integrated system of railroads should be permitted to report the accidents and incidents of its subsidiary railroads. By treating all components of an integrated system as a single railroad, FRA seeks to gather more meaningful and accurate accident/incident data.
- o FRA uses telephonic reports mandated under § 225.9, *Telephonic reports of certain accidents/incidents and other events*, to promptly respond to and investigate the following accidents/incidents caused by an event or exposure arising from the operation of a railroad.
- o Per § 225.11, *Reporting of accidents/incidents*, railroads subject to this part submit monthly reports of all highway-rail grade, rail equipment, and death, injury, and occupational illness accidents/incidents. FRA provides this information on its website on the first of each month. All data is on a 3-month delay railroads have up to 59 days to report their data and it takes 30 days to process and release. For example, data available through April 2023 will be made available on July 1.
- o FRA uses the information collected under § 225.11, Reporting of accidents/incidents, to monitor, on a continuing (monthly) basis, all accident/incidents described in § 225.19, Primary groups of accidents/incidents. For reporting purposes, reportable accident/incidents are divided into three groups: (i) Highway-Rail Grade Crossing; (ii) Rail Equipment; and (iii) Death,

- Injury, and Occupational Illness. This information enables the agency to take necessary steps to eliminate the likelihood/cause(s) of similarly caused accidents/incidents in the future. Specifically, FRA uses the Form's Special Study Blocks 49a and 49b to collect the following information regarding trains involved in FRA reportable accidents: (1) the number of cars and length of the involved trains, and (2) the number of crew members who were aboard a controlling locomotive involved in an accident at the time of such accident.
- O FRA uses the information collected under § 225.12, *Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Reports alleging employee human factor as cause; Employee Human Factor Attachment; notice to employee; employee supplement,* to track the number of rail equipment accidents/incidents where railroads cite employee human factor(s), such as an employee's act/omission/physical condition, as a primary or contributing cause of the accident. FRA safety specialists use this data to spot dangerous practices by railroad employees, individually and system-wide, and to develop and institute appropriate remedial safety measures to save lives and protect railroad property from similar future occurrences.
- O FRA reviews late and amended reports submitted to the agency under § 225.13, *Late reports*, to gather the most accurate and complete data that it can obtain involving railroad accidents/incidents that are reported to the agency on a monthly basis.
- O FRA carefully examines the information submitted by railroads under § 225.18, *Alcohol or drug involvement*, to assess whether alcohol or drug use by railroad employees played a primary or contributing role in the occurrence of a rail equipment accident/incident. Any information developed concerning possible drug or alcohol use must be reported by the railroads to FRA. All submitted information enables FRA to make a thorough evaluation of each specific case and to determine whether appropriate action(s) have been taken or need to be taken by the railroad and/or FRA to ensure that employees in safety-sensitive positions do not abuse alcohol and drugs while on duty.
- O FRA uses the information collected under § 225.19 to keep close watch on the causes, extent, number, and frequency of highway-rail grade crossing accidents, rail equipment accident/incidents, and railroad related casualties that occur throughout the country.
- O Section § 225.21(k), *Forms*, addresses Form FRA F 6180.150, "Highway User Statement." These forms must be sent out by railroads to individuals whenever there is a highway-rail grade accident/incident. FRA uses the information collected under § 225.21(k) (Form FRA F 6180.150, "Highway User Statement") to ascertain the nature and extent of any injuries/illnesses, to discover problematic highway-rail grade crossings across the country, and to design programs to reduce and eliminate these types of accidents/incidents from happening in the future.
- O FRA uses the records that are required under § 225.25, *Recordkeeping*, to ensure that the Nation's railroads are complying with applicable Federal safety regulations. FRA requires railroads to complete records for all reportable, and certain non-reportable, accidents/incidents involving rail equipment and

accidents/incidents resulting in death, injury, or occupational illness.

Additionally, the information collected is used by a wide array of organizations and individuals, including railroads, labor organizations, news outlets, States and their law enforcement agencies, and universities. It provides context to all users examining rail operations and rail safety in the United States. Accident and Incident reporting information is entered into FRA's database, and information in the database is made publicly available on FRA's website for anyone wishing to see it.

FRA notes that the collection of suicide data also aids the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in its collection and analysis of commuter railroad accidents since FRA provides certain commuter railroad safety data to FTA. FTA relies on FRA to provide data on the types of accidents occurring on commuter rail, their primary causes, and the consequences, in terms of fatalities (which for FTA includes suicides under 49 CFR 659), injuries, and property damage.

Furthermore, the information is used by FRA to discern and monitor existing safety problems and emerging trends that may adversely affect the operational safety of a large number of the Nation's rail carriers, as well as the health and well-being of railroad employees. FRA is especially concerned with reducing, to the greatest extent possible, rail occupational injuries and deaths. The information collected helps facilitate prompt agency corrective action, where necessary.

3. Extent of automated information collection.

FRA highly encourages and strongly endorses the use of advanced information technology, wherever possible, to reduce the paperwork burden on respondents. Additionally, FRA has long championed the use of electronic recordkeeping by railroads to reduce their paperwork time and cost burdens. In keeping with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) and the Government Paperwork Elimination Act, FRA allows railroads to submit accident/incident reports, updates, and amendments to FRA through optical media transfer.

In 2018, FRA made two changes regarding Form FRA F 6180.55 that it believes reduced railroad burden related to completing and/or submitting this form. FRA replaced the oath and notarization requirement for this form with a requirement that the signature be signed under penalty of perjury in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746. Additionally, FRA allowed railroads to make their monthly submission of this form via optical media or electronically via the Internet in .pdf or .jpg file format, or email to

Rsisaireports@dot.gov. However, because these documents are signed by the railroad reporting officer under penalty of perjury, FRA is required to ensure that the original copies of the documents are available in the event of litigation. Railroads must retain a duplicate of their original hard copy of Form FRA F 6180.55 report submissions for a

period of two years under § 225.27(b).

The other forms required by this collection of information are either kept on the premises by railroad and are not filed with FRA, sent by railroads to employees, or are completed/collected by FRA and not the railroads. Records required to be retained by the railroads under § 225.27 (a) and (b) may be kept electronically or on paper by the railroads. Under § 225.27(c), railroads that choose to take advantage of FRA's electronic submission options and file their Form FRA F 6180.55 reports through optical media transfer must retain the original completed and signed submission for a period of five (5) years; railroads that choose to file their Form FRA F 6180.55 reports with FRA electronically via the Internet must retain the original completed and signed submission, as well as a hard copy print out of FRA's acknowledgment receipt, for a period of five (5) years.

FRA provides all its forms, including the accident/incident forms, and the <u>Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Reports</u>, on its Website for convenient downloading. Additionally, FRA provides free software called the Accident/Incident Report Generator (AIRG) to railroads to allow them to do their Federally required accident/incident recordkeeping on a personal computer.

FRA estimates railroads will submit approximately 54% of their responses electronically for this information collection request.

4. <u>Efforts to identify duplication</u>.

The information collection requirements, to our knowledge, are not duplicated anywhere. Similar data are not available from any other source. Although other Federal agencies use this information, no other agency collects the same information. In areas where there are mutual concerns, arrangements have been made to exchange information rather than impose new requirements. For instance, FRA collects and reports worker on-duty injuries and illnesses to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). FRA and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) conduct investigations of major accidents. These represent a very small percentage of the accidents/incidents that occur annually. While the amount of information obtained in these investigations is extensive, the limited number of accidents investigated would be insufficient to provide any understanding of railroads operating environment if FRA did not collect additional data.

5. Efforts to minimize the burden on small businesses.

"Small entity" is defined in 5 U.S.C. § 601 as including a small business concern that is independently owned and operated and is not dominant in its field of operation. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has authority to regulate issues related to small businesses, and stipulates in its size standards that a "small entity" in the railroad industry is a for profit "line-haul railroad" that has fewer than 1,500 employees, a "short line

railroad" with fewer than 500 employees, or a "commuter rail system" with annual receipts of less than seven million dollars.⁵

SBA's "size standards" may be defined by Federal agencies, in consultation with SBA and in conjunction with public comment. Pursuant to that authority, FRA has published a final statement of agency policy that formally establishes "small entities" or "small businesses" as being railroads, contractors and hazardous materials shippers that meet the revenue requirements of a Class III railroad as set forth in 49 CFR § 1201.1-1, which is \$20 million or less in inflation-adjusted annual revenues, and commuter railroads or small governmental jurisdictions that serve populations of 50,000 or less. The \$20 million limit is based on the Surface Transportation Board's revenue threshold for a Class III railroad carrier. Railroad revenue is adjusted for inflation by applying a revenue deflator formula in accordance with 49 CFR § 1201.1-1.

There are approximately 714 small railroads that could potentially be affected. FRA anticipates that most of the recording and reporting burdens imposed by this regulation will be borne by railroads that are not considered small, due to the decreased likelihood that a small railroad will experience an accident/incident necessitating such recording and/or reporting.

FRA anticipates that the computer-related burdens will be borne by the larger railroads because the large railroads have chosen to retain their accident/incident records and reports electronically in their own systems. Large railroads also submit their accident/incident reports to FRA electronically via their own systems. Most small railroads complete their federally required accident/incident recordkeeping and reporting on a personal computer using FRA supplied AIRG software. This software allows railroads to send reports to FRA electronically. FRA will send a free updated or new version of the AIRG software to any railroad that requests it.

Recordkeeping burdens for this collection have been reduced by simplifying the method used to count employee absences and work restrictions and by reducing the requirement to keep track of lengthy employee absences. Also, "Train Accident Cause Codes" and Probable Reason for Injury/Illness Circumstances Codes" have been added so that accident and injury data will be more precise and the need for some narratives eliminated, thus reducing the time and effort necessary to complete reporting forms. These changes help both large and small railroads.

6. Impact of less frequent collection of information.

If this information were not collected or collected less frequently, railroad safety in the United States could be significantly impeded. Without this collection of information, FRA would be less able to fulfill a variety of Congressionally mandated responsibilities

⁵ <u>See</u> "Size Eligibility Provisions and Standards," 13 CFR part 121 subpart A.

⁶ See 68 FR 24891, May 9, 2003, codified at Appendix C to 49 CFR part 209.

and would be hindered in its ability to carry out its mission of promoting and enhancing national rail safety.

Without the consolidated reporting information collected under § 225.6, FRA would not be able to obtain accurate and necessary data. Because merged railroads may operate as independent entities, or as a single larger commonly controlled integrated railroad system, compliance with and enforcement of part 225 is increasingly difficult, because the operations of merged railroads often become so integrated that parent railroad corporations (as well as FRA) cannot simply disaggregate their operations, especially in terms of identifying which subsidiary railroad employs a worker or owns the equipment or trackage involved in an accident/incident. As a result, accident and incident recording and reporting inaccuracies are more likely to occur, and remain undiscovered by FRA, which undermines the integrity of FRA's accident and incident data.

If FRA did not receive immediate telephonic reports by railroads of certain accidents/incidents and other events, the agency and other first responders to these rail emergencies could not act as quickly and appropriately as they need to during such occurrences.

Without this collection of information, rail employees alleged to have caused or contributed to an accident/incident or other event would not have a forum to respond on the record (or confidentially) to give their version of events to FRA and their employer so that the true sequence of events and the true cause(s) of that particular accident/incident could be determined and any recurrences prevented.

Without this collection of information, FRA would not have necessary information about the possible use of alcohol or drugs by employees in an accident/incident. It is essential for FRA and the railroads to know whether or not drugs or alcohol played any role in a collision, derailment, fire, explosion, or some other adverse rail event where railroad employees, contractors, or members of the public are injured or killed, or where there is substantial damage to rail property or the surrounding community.

Without this collection of information, FRA would be unable to get a clear idea of injuries and illnesses affecting the nation's railroad employees. Review of railroad Injury and Illness Summary reports each month allows FRA to get the big picture of the nation's rail environment and facilitates the ability to quickly spot actual or potential problems that might indicate increased operational dangers or heightened risk to the health and welfare of railroad employees and the traveling public. If data indicate a trend is emerging, FRA and the railroads can institute immediate corrective measures to reduce any risk/dangers and thus avert the potentially high human and economic costs that might otherwise result.

7. Special circumstances.

This information collection does not have any special circumstances.

8. <u>Compliance with 5 CFR 1320.8.</u>

As required by the PRA and its implementing regulations, FRA published a notice in the *Federal Register* on April 21, 2023⁷, soliciting comment from the public, railroads, and other interested parties on these information collection requirements. FRA received three comments in response to this notice.

In a letter dated June 20, 2023, The President of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), expressed strong support for this ICR. TTD noted that FRA's proposed collection of information concerning train lengths, in feet, and number of crew members aboard a controlling locomotive involved in an accident at the time of such accident would bring FRA into compliance with the mandate in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). TTD requests that FRA amend Form FRA F 6180.54 by adding this information on a permanent basis and by incorporating it into a location on the form. Additionally, TTD recommends that FRA take the additional step of collecting information about train weight distribution, number of buffer cars between cars containing hazardous materials, crew member locations, presence of distributed power units, and synchronous or asynchronous operating modes.

FRA is taking TTD's suggestions under advisement and may incorporate some or all of the suggested information at a future date. Additionally, FRA is reviewing and considering updates to the data collected on the Form FRA F 6180.54, and TTD's suggestions will be considered for inclusion in a future version of the form.

In a comment letter dated June 20, 2023, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) raised several concerns. AAR asserts that FRA uses an artificially low monetary reporting threshold and its failure to incorporate the latest data decreases the utility of the reporting process. While FRA appreciates AAR's concern, this comment does not fall within the scope of the current ICR concerning the proposed paperwork burdens associated with accident/incident reporting and recordkeeping and thus, will not be addressed here.

AAR also asserts that FRA underestimates the amount of time required to gather information on crew size and train length because railroads, at a minimum, need to run separate reports and conduct searches to find this information. In response to AAR's feedback, FRA reviewed the estimate for the average time each railroad will need to provide information on crew size and train length in Special Study Blocks 49a and 49b. FRA disagrees with AAR's conclusion that railroads need more time to collect this information because the reporting data is readily available to railroads at the onset of the accident. Accordingly, FRA's estimate for the average time per response and the resulting estimated paperwork burden will remain unchanged.

AAR also notes that the IIJA limits the time period for the information collection to four years as opposed to FRA's proposed five years. After further consideration, FRA is

⁷ 88 FR 24657.

revising its collection plan and proposes to collect this information for a projected four-year period in conformance with the time period set out by the IIJA. However, as FRA noted in response to TTD's suggestion of a permanent collection, FRA is reviewing and considering updates to the data collected on the FRA F 6180.54 form.

AAR also requests that FRA clarify reporting requirements for Special Study Blocks 49a and 49b and notes that in the *FRA Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Reports*, Special Study Block 49a is currently used to report the type of track an accident occurred on and in Special Study Block 49b, FRA has instructed railroads to provide information related to the number of cars carrying crude oil. In response to this feedback, FRA will modify the instructions for the Special Study Blocks on its website. Additionally, updates to the *FRA Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Reports* are in progress.

AAR's final assertion is that FRA's delayed action undermines its existing train crew size rulemaking activities. While FRA appreciates this feedback, it does not fall within the scope of the current ICR concerning the paperwork burdens associated with accident/incident reporting and recordkeeping and thus, will not be addressed here.

The Chief Economist of the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) sent an electronic letter dated May 30, 2023, expressing BEA's strong support for FRA's continued collection of data on the Accident/Incident Reporting and Recordkeeping forms. The Chief Economist noted that the data collected on these forms are crucial to key components of BEA's economic analyses and requested that FRA keep BEA informed of any modifications to these forms.

Consultations with representatives of the affected population:

As a part of FRA's oversight and enforcement, individuals from the railroad industry are generally in direct contact with FRA's inspectors at the time of site inspections and can provide any comments or concerns to them.

9. Payments or gifts to respondents.

There are no monetary payments or gifts made to respondents associated with the information collection requirements contained in this information collection request.

10. <u>Assurance of confidentiality</u>.

The information contained on the accident/incident reporting forms submitted to FRA is a matter of public record and, therefore, confidentiality is not promised to any respondent. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 20903, monthly reports filed by railroads under the accident/incident reporting requirements may not be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any action for damages growing out of any matters mentioned in these monthly reports. Injury/illness reports submitted to FRA do not have names, social

security numbers, or similar information.

State agencies participating in investigative activities under 49 CFR part 212 could obtain records and reports from the railroads and FRA regarding suicide or suicide attempts. All reports that the States may access, with two exceptions, contain no personally identifying information (PII). State agencies participating in investigative activities under Part 212 will have access to relevant claims and medical records, in addition to Federal records and reports pursuant to § 225.35(b), which do contain Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Once the State agencies obtain these documents, their disclosure will be subject to State privacy laws, rather than FOIA requests. While FRA wants to limit the general public's access to these documents and their dissemination due to their sensitive nature, FRA believes that States will be able to use this information to improve safety.

FRA emphasizes that it will not report suicide data cases to OSHA and that it will not include suicide data in its periodic summaries of data on the number of injuries and illnesses associated with railroad operations. Suicide data will not be available on FRA's website for individual reports or downloads but rather in aggregate format on FRA's website and via requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

11. <u>Justification for any questions of a sensitive nature.</u>

Except as noted above in the response to question number 10, there are no questions or information of a sensitive nature, or data that would normally be considered private contained in this collection of information.

12. Estimate of burden hours for information collected.

The estimates for the respondent universe, annual responses, and average time per response are based on the experience and expertise of FRA's Office of Railroad Safety. FRA is including the dollar equivalent cost for each of the itemized hours below using the Surface Transportation Board's full-year wage A&B data series as the basis for each cost calculation. For professional and administrative staff, the hourly wage is \$77.91 per hour (\$44.52 x 1.75).

| CFR Section | Respondent universe | Total annual responses (A) | Average time per response (B) | Total annual burden hours (C =A*B) | Total cost equivalent in U.S. dollar (D = C* wage rates) ⁸ | PRA Analyses and Estimates |
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| 225.6(a)—Consolidated reporting—Request to FRA by parent corporation to treat its commonly controlled carriers as a single railroad carrier for purposes of this part | 784 railroads | 0.33 requests | 40.00 hours | 13.20 hours | \$1,028.41 | A parent corporation may request in writing that FRA treat its commonly controlled railroad carriers, which operate as a single, seamless, integrated United States rail system, as a single railroad carrier for purposes of this part. FRA anticipates, after careful review, that |
| —(b) Written agreement by parent corporation with FRA on specific subsidiaries included in its railroad system | The burden f | or this requiren | nent is inclu | ded in § 225 | 5.6(a). | it will take 40 hours for each request. |
| —(c) Notification by parent corporation regarding any change in the subsidiaries making up its railroad system and amended written agreement with FRA | The burden f | or this requiren | nent is inclu | ded in § 225 | 5.6(a). | |
| 225.9—Telephonic reports of certain accidents/incidents and other events | 784 railroads | 2,589.00 phone reports | 15.00 minutes | 647.25 hours | \$50,427.25 | Each railroad must report immediately, as prescribed in <u>paragraphs (b)</u> through (d) of this section, whenever it learns of the |

⁸ The dollar equivalent cost is derived from the 2021 Surface Transportation Board Full Year Wage A&B data series using the appropriate employee group hourly wage rage that includes a 75 percent overhead charge.

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| 225.11—Reporting of accidents/incidents—Form FRA F 6180.54 (IIJA created an additional burden of 2 minutes to what is already being reported.) | 784 railroads | 1,699.00 forms | 2 hours + 2 minutes | 3,454.63 hours | \$269,150.22 | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 15 minutes for each report. Each railroad subject to this part shall submit to FRA a monthly report of all railroad accidents/incidents. FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 2 hours plus 2 minutes for each form. |
| 225.12(a)—Rail equipment accident/incident reports alleging human factor as cause—Form FRA F 6180.81 | 784 railroads | 732.00 forms | 15.00 minutes | 183.00 hours | \$14,257.53 | If, in reporting a rail equipment accident/incident to FRA, a railroad cites an employee human factor as the primary cause or a contributing cause of the accident; then the railroad that cited such employee human factor must complete, in accordance with instructions on the form and in the current "FRA Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Reports," an Employee Human Factor Attachment form on the accident. |
| —(b) Part I Form FRA F 6180.78 (Notices) | 784 railroads | 800 notices + 800 notice copies + 3,200 copies + 10 copies | 10 minutes + 3 minutes | 333.83 hours | \$26,008.70 | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 15 minutes for each form. Except as provided in paragraphs (e) and (f) of this section, for each employee whose act, omission, or physical condition was alleged by the railroad as the employee human factor that was the primary cause or a contributing cause of a rail equipment accident/incident and |
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whose name was listed in the Employee Human Factor Attachment for the accident and for each such railroad employee of whose identity the railroad has actual knowledge, the alleging railroad shall—

- (1) Complete part I, "Notice to Railroad Employee Involved in Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Attributed to Employee Human Factor," of Form FRA F 6180.78 with information regarding the accident, in accordance with instructions on the form and in the current "FRA Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Reports"; and
- (2). Hand deliver or send by first class mail (postage prepaid) to that employee, within 45 days after the end of the month in which the rail equipment accident/incident occurred—

A copy of Form FRA F 6180.78, "Notice to Railroad Employee Involved in Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Attributed to Employee Human Factor; Employee Statement Supplementing Railroad Accident Report," with part I completed as to the applicable employee and accident;

- (ii) A copy of the railroad's Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Report and Employee Human Factor Attachment on the rail equipment accident/incident involved; and
- (iii) If the accident was also reportable as a highway-rail grade crossing

| —(c) Joint operations | 784 railroads | 73.00 reports | 20.00 minutes | 24.00 hours | \$1,869.84 |
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| —(d) Late identification | 784 railroads | 20 attachments + 20 notices | 10.00 minutes | 6.67 hours | \$519.66 |

accident/incident, a copy of the railroad's Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Accident/Incident Report on that accident.

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 10 minutes plus 3 minutes for each report.

If a reporting railroad makes allegations under <u>paragraph</u> (a) of this section concerning the employee of another railroad, the employing railroad must promptly provide the name, job title, address, and medical status of any employee reasonably identified by the alleging railroad, if requested by the alleging railroad.

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 20 minutes for each report.

Except as provided in paragraphs (e) and (f) of this section, if a railroad is initially unable to identify a particular railroad employee whose act, omission, or physical condition was cited by the railroad as a primary or contributing cause of the accident, but subsequently makes such identification, the railroad shall submit a revised Employee Human Factor Attachment to FRA immediately, and shall submit the Notice described in paragraph (b) of this section to that employee within 15 days of when the revised report is to be submitted.

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 10 minutes for

—(g) Employee statement Railroad 60.00 1.50 90.00 \$7,011.90 supplementing railroad accident employees statements hours report (Part II Form FRA 6180.78)

each report.

- (1). Employee Statements Supplementing Railroad Accident Reports are voluntary, not mandatory; nonsubmission of a Supplement does not imply that the employee admits or endorses the railroad's conclusions as to cause or any other allegations.
- (2). Although a Supplement is completely optional and not required, if an employee wishes to submit a Supplement and assure that, after receipt, it will be properly placed by FRA in a file with the railroad's Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Report and that it will be required to be reviewed by the railroad that issued the Notice, the Supplement must be made on part II of Form FRA F 6180.78 (entitled "Notice to Railroad Employee Involved in Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Attributed to Employee Human Factor; Employee Statement Supplementing Railroad Accident Report"), following the instructions printed on the form. These instructions require that, within 35 days of the date that the Notice was hand delivered or sent by first class mail (postage prepaid) to the employee (except for good cause shown), the original of the Supplement be filed with FRA and a copy be hand delivered or sent by first class mail (postage prepaid) to the railroad that issued the Notice so that the railroad will have an opportunity to reassess its reports to FRA

concerning the accident.

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 1.50 hours for each statement.

—(g)(3) Employee confidential Railroad 5.00 letters 2.00 10.00 \$779.10 letter employees hours

(3). Information that the employee wishes to withhold from the railroad must not be included in this Supplement. If an employee wishes to provide confidential information to FRA, the employee should not use the Supplement form (part II of Form FRA F 6180.78, "Notice to Railroad Employee Involved in Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Attributed to Employee Human Factor; Employee Statement Supplementing Railroad Accident Report"), but rather provide such confidential information by other means, such as a letter to the employee's collective bargaining representative, or to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, Office of Safety Analysis, RRS–22, Mail Stop 25 West Building 3rd Floor, Room W 33-306, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. The letter should include the name of the railroad making the allegations, the date and place of the accident, and the rail equipment accident/incident number.

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 2 hours for each letter.

| discovery of improperly omitted report of accident/incident | railroads | reports | hours | hours | \$7,701100 |
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| —(B) RR late/amended report of accident/incident based on employee statement supplementing RR accident report | 784 railroads | 20 amended reports + 30 copies | 1 hour + 3 minutes | 21.50 hours | \$1,675.07 |

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225.13(A) —Late reports—RR

Whenever a railroad discovers that a report of an accident/incident, through mistake or otherwise, has been improperly omitted from or improperly reported on its regular monthly accident/incident report, a report covering this accident/incident together with a letter of explanation must be submitted immediately.

\$7,791.00

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 2 hours for each report.

Whenever a railroad receives a partially or fully completed Employee Statement Supplementing Railroad Accident Report (part II of Form FRA F 6180.78), in response to a Notice to Railroad Employee (part I of Form FRA F 6180.78) issued by the railroad and mailed or hand delivered to the employee, the railroad must promptly review that Supplement; based on that review, reassess the accuracy and validity of the railroad's Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Report and of any other reports and records required by this part concerning the same accident, including the Employee Human Factor Attachment; make all justified revisions to each of those reports and records; submit any amended reports to FRA; and submit a copy of any amended Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Report, Employee Human Factor Attachment, and Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Accident/Incident Report on the accident to the employee. A second notice under § 225.12 is not required for the employee. If an employee who was never sent a notice under §

225.18(a) —RR narrative report of 784 12.00 15.00 3.00 \$233.73 possible alcohol/drug involvement railroads reports minutes hours in accident/incident

225.12 for that accident is implicated in the revised Employee Human Factor Attachment, the railroad must follow the procedures of § 225.12(d).

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 1 hour plus 3 minutes for each copy.

In preparing Form FRA F 6180.54, "Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Report," under this part, the railroad shall make such specific inquiry as may be reasonable under the circumstances into the possible involvement of alcohol or drug use or impairment in such accident or incident. If the railroad comes into possession of any information whatsoever, whether or not confirmed, concerning alleged alcohol or drug use or impairment by an employee who was involved in, or arguably could be said to have been involved in, the accident/incident, the railroad shall report such alleged use or impairment as provided in the current FRA Guide. If the railroad is in possession of such information but does not believe that alcohol or drug impairment was the primary or contributing cause of the accident/incident, then the railroad shall include in the narrative statement of such report a brief explanation of the basis of such determination.

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 15 minutes for

| —(b) Reports required by § 219.209(b) appended to rail equipment accident/incident report | 784 railroads | 5.00 reports | 30.00 minutes | 2.50 hours | \$194.78 | each report For any train accident within the requirement for post-accident testing under § 219.201 of this chapter, the railroad shall append to the Form FRA F 6180.54, "Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Report," any report required by 49 CFR 219.209(b) (pertaining to failure to obtain samples for post-accident toxicological testing). |
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| | | | | | | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 30 minutes for each report |
| 225.19(a) —Rail-highway grade crossing accident/incident report—Form FRA F 6180.57 | 784 railroads | 2,161.50 forms | 2.00 hours | 4,323.00 hours | \$336,804.93 | For reporting purposes reportable railroad accidents/incidents are divided into three groups: |
| | | | | | | Group I—Highway-Rail Grade Crossing. |
| | | | | | | Group II—Rail Equipment. |
| | | | | | | Group III—Death, Injury and Occupational Illness. |
| —(d) Death, injury, or occupational illness (Form FRA F 6180.55a) | 784 railroads | 7,040.00 forms | 1.00 hour | 7,040.00 hours | \$548,486.40 | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 2 hours for each report Each death, injury, or occupational illness that is a new case and meets the general reporting criteria listed in paragraphs (d) (1) through (6) of this section shall be reported to FRA on Form FRA F 6180.55a, "Railroad Injury and Illness Summary (Continuation Sheet)" if an event or exposure arising from the operation of a railroad is a discernable |

| | | | | | | cause of the resulting condition or a discernable cause of a significant aggravation to a pre-existing injury or illness. The event or exposure arising from the operation of a railroad need only be one of the discernable causes; it need not be the sole or predominant cause. |
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| 225.21—Railroad injury and illness summary—Form FRA F 6180.55 | 784 railroads | 9,408.00 forms | 10.00 minutes | 1,568.00 hours | \$122,162.88 | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 1 hour for each report. Form FRA 6180.55a—Railroad Injury and Illness (Continuation Sheet). Form FRA 6180.55a shall be used to report all reportable fatalities, injuries and occupational illnesses that occurred during the preceding month. |
| | | | | | | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 10 minutes for each form. |
| 225.21—Annual railroad report of employee hours and casualties, by state—Form FRA F 6180.56 | 784 railroads | 784.00 forms | 15.00 minutes | 196.00 hours | \$15,270.36 | Form FRA 6180.56—Annual Railroad Report of Manhours by State. Form FRA 6180.56 shall be submitted as part of the monthly Railroad Injury and Illness Summary (Form FRA F 6180.55) for the month of December of each year. |
| | | | | | | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 15 minutes for each form. |
| 225.21/25—Railroad employee injury and/or illness record—Form FRA F 6180.98 | 784 railroads | 4,000.00 forms | 1.00 hour | 4,000.00 hours | \$311,640.00 | Form FRA F 6180.98—Railroad Employee Injury and/or Illness Record. Form FRA F 6180.98 or an alternative railroad-designed record shall be used by the railroads to |

| | | | | | | record all reportable and accountable injuries and illnesses to railroad employees for each establishment. This record shall be completed and maintained in accordance with the requirements set forth in § 225.25. |
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| —Copies of forms to employees | 784 railroads | 3.60 form copies | 2.00 minutes | 0.12 hours | \$9.35 | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 1 hour for each form. The following forms and copies of the "FRA Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Reports" may be obtained from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, Office of Safety Analysis, RRS–22, Mail Stop 25 West Building 3rd Floor, Room W33–107, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590 or downloaded from FRA's Office of Safety Analysis Web site at http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/officeofsafety/ , and click on "Click Here for Changes in Railroad Accident/Incident Recordkeeping and Reporting." |
| 225.21—Initial rail equipment accident/incident record—Form FRA F 6180.97 | 784 railroads | 10,194.00 forms | 30.00 minutes | 5,097.00 hours | \$397,107.27 | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 2 minutes for copies of each copy. Form FRA F 6180.97—Initial Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Record. Form FRA F 6180.97 or an alternative railroad-designed record shall be used by the railroads to record all reportable and accountable rail equipment accidents/incidents for each establishment. |

This record shall be completed and maintained in accordance with the requirements set forth in § 225.25.

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 30 minutes for each form.

| —Alternative record for illnesses 784 150.00 75.00 187.50 \$14,608.13 For claimed to be work related—Form railroads forms minutes hours Robber FRA F 6180.107 | —Completion of Form FRA F 6180.97 because of rail equipment involvement | FRA anticipa | ates zero railro | ad submissio | ons during th | is 3-year ICR per | ea iod. |
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| | —Alternative record for illnesses claimed to be work related—Form | | | | | \$14,608.13 | Ro Ro al be F ar |

Form FRA F 6180.107—Alternative Record for Illnesses Claimed to be Work-Related. Form FRA F 6180.107 or an alternative railroad-designed record may be used by a railroad in lieu of Form FRA F 6180.98, "Railroad Employee Injury and/or Illness Record" (described in paragraph (h) of this section), to record each illness claimed by an employee to be work-related that is reported to the railroad for which there is insufficient information for the railroad to determine whether the illness is work-related. This record shall be completed and retained in accordance with the requirements set forth in § 225.25 and § 225.27.

—Highway User Statement—RR cover letter and Form FRA F 6180.150 sent out to potentially injured travelers involved in a highway-rail grade crossing accident/incident

784 721.00 50.00 600.83 \$46,810.67 railroads letters/forms minutes hours

Form FRA F 6180.150—Highway User Injury Inquiry Form. —Form FRA F 6180.150 shall be sent to every potentially injured highway user, or their representative, involved in a highway-rail grade crossing accident/incident.

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 75 minutes for

each form.

| —Form FRA F 6180.150 completed by highway user and sent back to railroad | 117 injured individuals | 117.00 forms | 45.00 minutes | 87.75 hours | \$6,836.60 |
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| 225.25(h)—Posting of monthly summary | 784 railroads | 9,408.00 lists | 5.00 minutes | 784.00 hours | \$61,081.44 |

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 50 minutes for each form.

If a highway user died as a result of the highway-rail grade crossing accident/incident, a railroad must not send this form to any person. The railroad shall hand deliver or send by first class mail the letter within a reasonable time period following the date of the highway-rail grade crossing accident/incident. The form shall be sent along with a cover letter and a prepaid preaddressed return envelope. The form and cover letter shall be completed in accordance with instructions contained in the current "FRA Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Reports." Any response from a highway user is voluntary and not mandatory. A railroad shall use any response from a highway user to comply with part 225's accident/incident reporting and recording requirements.

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 45 minutes for each form.

Except as provided in paragraph (h)(15) of this section, a listing of all injuries and occupational illnesses reported to FRA as having occurred at an establishment shall be posted in a conspicuous location at that establishment, within 30 days after the expiration of the month during which the injuries and illnesses occurred, if the establishment has been in continual operation for a minimum of 90 calendar

days. If the establishment has not been in continual operation for a minimum of 90 calendar days, the listing of all injuries and occupational illnesses reported to FRA as having occurred at the establishment shall be posted, within 30 days after the expiration of the month during which the injuries and illnesses occurred, in a conspicuous location at the next higher organizational level establishment, such as one of the following: an operating division headquarters; a major classification yard or terminal headquarters; a major equipment maintenance or repair installation, e.g., a locomotive or rail car repair or construction facility; a railroad signal and maintenance-of-way division headquarters; or a central location where track or signal maintenance employees are assigned as a headquarters or receive work assignments. These examples include facilities that are generally major facilities of a permanent nature where the railroad generally posts or disseminates company informational notices and policies, *e.g.*, the policy statement in the internal control plan required by § 225.33 concerning harassment and intimidation. At a minimum, "establishment" posting is required and shall include locations where a railroad reasonably expects its employees to report during a 12-month period and to have the opportunity to observe the posted list containing any reportable injuries or illnesses they have

| | | | | | | listing shall be posted and shall remain continuously displayed for the next twelve consecutive months. Incidents reported for employees at that establishment shall be displayed in date sequence. The listing shall contain, at a minimum, the information specified in paragraphs (h)(1) through (14) of this section. |
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| 225.27(a)(1)—Retention of records | 784 railroads | 7,500.00 records | 2.00 minutes | 250.00 hours | \$19,477.50 | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 5 minutes for each list. Five-year retention period. Each railroad shall retain the following forms for at least five years after the end of the calendar year to which they relate: |
| —Record of Form FRA F | | | ırden for this | s requirement | is included in 22 | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 2 minutes for each record. 5.21 (Alternative record for illnesses claimed |
| 6180.107s —Record of Monthly Lists | to be work rela 784 | 9,408.00 | 2.00 | 313.60 | \$24,432.58 | Monthly List of Injuries and Illnesses |
| • | railroads | records | minutes | hours | | required by <u>§ 225,25;</u> |
| | | | | | | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 2 minutes for each record. |
| (a)(2)—Record of Form FRA F 6180.97 | 784 railroads | 10,194.00 records | 2.00 minutes | 339.80 hours | \$26,473.82 | Form FRA F 6180.97, "Initial Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Record," required by § 225.25; |
| | | | | | | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 2 minutes for each record. |
| —Record of employee human | 784 | 1,464.00 | 2.00 | 48.80 | \$3,802.01 | The Employee Human Factor Attachments |
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suffered during the applicable period. This

| factor attachments | railroads | records | minutes | hours | | (Form FRA F Factor Attach that have been |
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| 225.33—Internal Control Plans—Amendments | 784 railroads | 10.00 amendments | 6.00 hours | 60.00 hours | \$4,674.60 | FRA anticipatit will take appeach record. Each railroad a written Intermaintained at railroad's reporter official bustonecessary, to changes to the procedures. |
| 225.35—Access to records and reports | 784 railroads | 784.00 lists | 20.00 minutes | 261.33 hours | \$20,360.22 | FRA anticipate it will take apparendment. Each railroad at least one location, the Federal Ray State agency pand surveillant of this chapter representative copy of any reunder this parphotocopying during normal |
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(Form FRA F 6180.81, "Employee Human Factor Attachment") required by § 225.12, that have been received by the railroad;

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 2 minutes for each record.

Each railroad shall adopt and comply with a written Internal Control Plan that shall be maintained at the office where the railroad's reporting officer conducts his or her official business. Each railroad shall amend its Internal Control Plan, as necessary, to reflect any significant changes to the railroad's internal reporting procedures.

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 6 hours for each amendment.

Each railroad subject to this part shall have at least one location, and shall identify each location, where any representative of the Federal Railroad Administration or of a State agency participating in investigative and surveillance activities under part 212 of this chapter or any other authorized representative, has centralized *access* to a copy of any record and report required under this part, for examination and photocopying in a reasonable manner during normal business hours.

FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 20 minutes for each record.

| 225.37(a)—Optical media transfer of reports, updates, and amendments | FRA anticipa | ates zero submis | ssions durin _s | g this 3-year | ICR period | |
|--|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---|
| (c)(2)—Electronic submission of reports, updates, and amendments | 784 railroads | 4,704.00 submissions | 3.00 minutes | 235.20 hours | \$18,324.43 | FRA will provide to the railroad an electronic notice acknowledging receipt of submissions filed electronically via the Internet. |
| | | | | | | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that it will take approximately 3 minutes for each submission. |
| Totals ⁹ | 784 railroads | 88,176 responses 10 | N/A | 30,284 hours | \$2,359,310 | |

⁹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Due to an error in calculation, FRA has made corrections to the total number of responses and burden hours in the 60-day Notice, 88 FR 24657, published in the *Federal Register* on April 21, 2023, and the 30-day Notice, 88 FR 42999, published in the *Federal Register* on July 5, 2023. The total number of responses was updated from 85,570 to 88,176, and the total numbers of burden hours updated from 30,283 to 30,284 hours. This update to the burden is due to the automated rounding of burden hours in ROCIS.

13. Estimate of total annual costs to respondents.

No costs to respondents are anticipated.

14. Estimate of Cost to Federal Government.

FRA's estimated total cost is \$14,634 over the three- year information collection period.¹¹ FRA has completed the AIRG software updates and do not currently have any staff testing the software. Additionally, FRA utilizes one GS-13 employee to manage the software, which is one part of their regularly assigned duties. FRA estimates that the employee spends approximately 50 hours managing and maintaining the software.

15. Explanation of program changes and adjustments.

This is an extension without change (with changes in estimates) to a current collection of information. The current OMB inventory for this information collection shows a total burden of 35,846 hours and 89,057 responses, while the requesting inventory estimates a total burden of 30,284 hours and 88,176 responses. Overall, the burden for this submission has decreased by 5,562 hours, and the number of responses has decreased by 881. There is no change in the method of the collection. The decrease in burden is solely the result of adjustments in the estimates.

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| | response) | response) | | | | | |
| 225.9— Telephonic reports of | 3,123.00 | 2,589.00 | -534.00 | 780.75 hours | 647.25 hours | -133.50 | FRA anticipates, after |
| certain accidents/incidents | phone reports | phone | phone | | | hours | careful review, that the |
| and other events | (15 minutes) | reports | reports | | | | number of expected |
| | | (15 minutes) | | | | | submissions will decrease |

¹¹ FRA uses a burdened wage rate of \$97.56 (\$55.75 x 1.75 overhead) FRA estimates a total annual cost of approximately \$4,878 (97.56 x 50 hours).

| | | | | | | | during this 3-year ICR period. |
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| 225.11—Reporting of accidents/incidents—Form FRA F 6180.54 (IIJA create at a minimal additional burden of 2 minutes to what is already being reported.) | 1,970.00 forms (2 hours) | 1,699.00 forms (2 hours + 2 minutes) | -271.00 forms | 3,940.00 hours | 3,454.63 hours | -485.37 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will decrease during this 3-year ICR period. |
| 225.12(a)—Rail equipment accident/incident reports alleging human factor as cause—Form FRA F 6180.81 | 772.00 reports/forms (15 minutes) | 732.00 forms (15 minutes) | -40.00 forms | 193.00 hours | 183.00 hours | -10.00 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will decrease during this 3-year ICR period. |
| —(c) Joint operations | 77.00 requests (20 minutes) | 73.00 reports (20 minutes) | -4.00 reports | 25.67 hours | 24.00 hours | -1.67 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will decrease during this 3-year ICR period. |
| 225.13(A) —Late reports— RR discovery of improperly omitted report of accident/incident | 25.00 late reports (2 hours) | 50.00 late reports (2 hours) | 25.00 late reports | 50.00 hours | 100.00 hours | 50.00 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will increase during this 3-year ICR period. |
| 225.19(a) —Rail-highway grade crossing accident/incident report— Form FRA F 6180.57 | 2,231.00 forms (2 hours) | 2,161.50 forms (2 hours) | -69.50 forms | 4,462.00 hours | 4,323.00 hours | -139.00 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will decrease during this 3-year ICR period. |
| —(d) Death, injury, or occupational illness (Form FRA F 6180.55a) | 10,301.00 forms (1 hour + 2 hours + 2 hours) | 7,040.00 forms (1 hour) | -3,261.00 forms | 11,636.00 hours | 7,040.00 hours | -4,596.00 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will decrease during this 3-year ICR |

| 225.21—Railroad injury and illness summary—Form FRA F 6180.55 | 9,180.00 forms (10 minutes) | 9,408.00 forms (10 minutes) | 228.00 forms | 1,530.00 hours | 1,568.00 hours | 38.00 hours | period. Additionally, FRA updated its average time per response by 2 hours due to the trespasser and suicidal rate. FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will increase during this 3-year ICR period. |
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| 225.21—Annual railroad report of employee hours and casualties, by state—Form FRA F 6180.56 | 765.00 forms (15 minutes) | 784.00 forms (15 minutes) | 19.00 forms | 191.25 hours | 196.00 hours | 4.75 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will increase during this 3-year ICR period. |
| —Copies of forms to employees | 120.00 form copies (2 minutes) | 3.60 form copies (2 minutes) | -116.40 form copies | 4.00 hours | 0.12 hours | -3.88 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will decrease during this 3-year ICR period. |
| 225.21—Initial rail equipment accident/incident record—Form FRA F 6180.97 | 10,518.00 forms (30 minutes) | 10,194.00 forms (30 minutes) | -324.00 forms | 5,259.00 hours | 5,097.00 hours | -162.00 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will decrease during this 3-year ICR period. |
| —Highway User Statement— RR cover letter and Form FRA F 6180.150 sent out to potentially injured travelers involved in a highway-rail grade crossing accident/incident | 836.00 letters/forms (50 minutes) | 721.00 letters/forms (50 minutes) | -115.00 letters/forms | 696.67 hours | 600.83 hours | -95.84 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will decrease during this 3-year ICR period. |

| —Form FRA F 6180.150 completed by highway user and sent back to railroad | 585.00 forms (45 minutes) | 117.00 forms (45 minutes) | -468.00 forms | 438.75 hours | 87.75 hours | -351.00 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will decrease during this 3-year ICR period. |
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| 225.25(h)—Posting of monthly summary | 9,180.00 lists (5 minutes) | 9,408.00 lists (5 minutes) | 228.00 lists | 765.00 hours | 784.00 hours | 19.00 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will increase during this 3-year ICR period. |
| 225.27(a)(1)—Retention of records | 4,000.00 records (2 minutes) | 7,500.00 records (2 minutes) | 3,500.00 records | 133.33 hours | 250.00 hours | 116.67 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will increase during this 3-year ICR period. |
| —Record of Form FRA F 6180.107s | 100.00 records (2 minutes) | 0.00 records | -100.00 records | 3.33 hours | 0.00 hours | -3.33 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will decrease during this 3-year ICR period. |
| —Record of Monthly Lists | 9,180.00 records (2 minutes) | 9,408.00 records (2 minutes) | 228.00 records | 306.00 hours | 313.60 hours | 7.60 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will increase during this 3-year ICR period. |
| (a)(2)—Record of Form FRA F 6180.97 | 10,518.00 records (2 minutes) | 10,194.00 records (2 minutes) | -324.00 records | 350.60 hours | 339.80 hours | -10.80 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will decrease during this 3-year ICR period. |
| —Record of employee human | 1,632.00 | 1,464.00 | -168.00 | 54.40 hours | 48.80 hours | -5.60 | FRA anticipates, after |

| factor attachments | records (2 minutes) | records (2 minutes) | records | | | hours | careful review, that the number of expected submissions will decrease during this 3-year ICR period. |
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| 225.35—Access to records and reports | 200.00 lists (20 minutes) | 784.00 lists (20 minutes) | 584.00 lists | 66.67 hours | 261.33 hours | 194.66 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will increase during this 3-year ICR period. |
| 225.37(a)—Optical media transfer of reports, updates, and amendments | 12.00 transfers (3 minutes) | .00 transfers | -12.00 transfers | 0.60 hour | .00 hour | -0.60 hour | FRA anticipate a zero submission during this 3-year ICR period. |
| (c)(2)—Electronic submission of reports, updates, and amendments | 4,590.00 submissions (3 minutes) | 4,704.00 submissions (3 minutes) | 114.00 submissions | 229.50 hours | 235.20 hours | 5.70 hours | FRA anticipates, after careful review, that the number of expected submissions will increase during this 3-year ICR period. |

16. Publication of results of data collection.

Certain data from this information collection is available on FRA's website. ¹²

17. Approval for not displaying the expiration date for OMB approval.

FRA is not seeking approval to not display the expiration date.

18. Exception to certification statement.

No exceptions are taken at this time.

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¹² The electronic report and dashboard can be found at https://railroads.dot.gov/accident-and-incident-reporting/overview-reports/overview-reports.