

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification:

1. 47 CFR 80.413 requires that a licensee of an on-board station must keep equipment records which show: the ship name and identification of the on-board station, the number and type of repeater and mobile units used on-board the vessel, and the date and type of equipment which is added or removed from the on-board station.

These record keeping requirements are necessary to document the number and type of transmitters operating under an on-board station license.

The Commission is seeking an extension of this collection in order to obtain the three-year clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in §§ 4, 303, 307(e), 309, and 332, 48 Stat. 1066, 1082, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 307(e), 309, and 332, unless otherwise noted. Interpret or apply 48 Stat. 1064–1068, 1081–1105, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 151–155, 301–609; 3 UST 3450, 3 UST 4726, 12 UST 2377.

This information collection does not affect individuals or households; thus, there are no impacts under the Privacy Act.

2. The information is used by FCC personnel during inspections and investigations to determine what mobile units and repeaters are associated with on-board stations aboard a particular vessel. If this information were not maintained, no means would be available to determine if this type of radio equipment is authorized or who is responsible for its operation. Enforcement and frequency management programs would be negatively affected.
3. Prior to finalizing rule makings the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau conducts an analysis to ensure that improved information technology cannot be used to reduce the burden on the public. This analysis considers the possibility of obtaining and/or computer-generating the required data from existing data bases in the Commission or other Federal agencies.
4. This agency does not impose a similar information collection on the respondents. There are no similar data available.
5. In conformance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission is making an effort to minimize the burden on all respondents, regardless of size. The Commission has limited the information requirements to those absolutely necessary for evaluating and processing each application and to deter against possible abuses of the processes.
6. If the required information was "collected" less frequently, i.e., not at all, there would be no way for the FCC to determine what mobile units and repeaters are authorized pursuant to a particular on-board station license, nor would the Commission be able to identify who is responsible for their operation.

7. Current data collection is consistent with 5 CFR 1320, with the exception that the subject records (i.e. station records) are required to be retained for 10 years to coincide with the station license term. The retention of these records for 10 years imposes a negligible burden on the licensee while providing valuable information to FCC personnel to aid in enforcement and frequency management programs.
8. The Commission initiated a 60-day public comment period which appeared in the Federal Register Notice on June 16, 2023 at 88 FR 39425. No PRA comments were received as a result of the Notice.
9. Respondents will not receive any payments in association with this collection.
10. There is no need for confidentiality in connection with this collection.
11. There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.
12. There are approximately 1,000 licensees of maritime on-board stations. Based on a review of the subject records, it is estimated that an average of two (2) hours per year per vessel is required to maintain these simple and minimal records.

Total Number of Respondents: 1,000 licensees.

Total Number of Annual Responses: 1,000 records.

Total Annual Burden Hours:

1,000 responses x 2 hours/response = **2,000 total annual burden hours.**

Estimated annual cost to respondents:

In-House Cost: The Commission estimates that respondents' hourly in-house rate is \$17/hour to maintain the records. Therefore, the in-house cost is:

1,000 responses x 2 hours/response x \$17.00 per hour = **\$34,000.**

13. Estimate of cost to respondents: None.
 - a. There are no capital or start-up costs.
 - b. There are no operational or maintenance costs
14. Estimated annual cost to the Federal Government: None.
15. There are no program changes or adjustments to this collection.
16. The data will not be published for statistical use.
17. We do not seek approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection.

18. There were no exceptions to the Certification Statement.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods:

No statistical methods are employed.