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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).

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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: State Safety Participation Regulations and Reporting of Remedial Actions.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0509.

Abstract: Title 49 CFR part 212 requires qualified State inspectors to provide various reports to FRA for monitoring and enforcement purposes concerning State investigative, inspection, and surveillance activities related to railroad compliance with Federal railroad safety laws and regulations. Additionally, under 49 CFR part 209, subpart E, railroads are required to report to FRA actions taken to remedy certain alleged violations of law.

In this 60-day notice, FRA shows updated burden estimates for each information collection requirement under part 212. FRA previously combined the burden estimates for several sections and reported the combined burden under 49 U.S.C. 20105, the statute that authorizes part 212. Updated estimates are now provided on a section-by-section basis.

In addition, § 212.109 has been removed from this ICR because it was recently repealed by FRA.¹ Because it was obsolete, removing § 212.109 from

this ICR does not affect the overall PRA burden under part 212. It required no actual information collection even before it was repealed.

Estimated burden hours under this ICR have been reduced from 11,958 to 9,851 hours, and the number of responses from 24,066 to 23,225. This decrease, after a thorough review, is the result of the changes described in the following sections summarized below:

- FRA reduced the estimated number of annual violation reports submitted by State inspectors in various disciplines from 1,154 to 690 violation reports. Accordingly, the estimated burden hours for these reports were decreased by 1,856.

- Under § 209.405(b), FRA adjusted the estimated number of violation report challenges from 240 to 50 annually. This adjustment more accurately reflects the estimated number of burden hours, decreasing the burden by 143.

- Under § 209.407, FRA decreased the estimated number of delayed reports from 240 to 50 annually, reducing the reported burden by 143 hours.

These revised estimates contributed to an overall reduction of 2,107 burden hours.

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

Affected Public: Businesses.

Form(s): FRA F 6180.33/61/67/96/96A/109/110/111/112.

Respondent Universe: States and railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

REPORTING BURDEN

Title 49, CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Avg. time per response	Total annual burden hours	Wage rate ²	Total cost equivalent U.S.D.
		(A)	(B)	(A * B = C)	(D)	(E = C * D)
212.105 Agreements						
—Railroad Safety State Participation Agreement (SPA) Annual updates, technical training plans and revised schedules to existing agreements.	34 States	34 updates	1 hour	34	\$88.36	\$3,004.24
—New State Participation Agreement, including opinion of counsel and schedule of current participation.	15 States	1 agreement	32 hours	32	88.36	2,827.52
—State Inspector travel planning and reimbursement ..	34 States	600 vouchers ...	1.5 hours	900	88.36	79,524.00
212.107 Certification						
—State to file annual certification in the event that FRA and the State agency do not agree on terms for the participation under §212.105.	FRA anticipates zero submissions for this paperwork requirement over the next three-year period.					

¹ 90 FR 28130 (July 1, 2025).

² For State respondents, the dollar equivalent cost is derived from the May 2024 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data for management occupations, NAICS 999100—State Government, excluding schools and hospitals. <https://data.bls.gov/oes/#/>

industry/999200. To calculate the hourly wage of \$88.36 for this category of workers, FRA included a 75-percent charge for overhead costs (50.49 × 1.75 = 88.36). The dollar equivalent cost for railroad respondents is derived from the Surface Transportation Board's 2024 Full Year Wage A&B

data series using employee group 200 (Professional & Administrative) hourly wage rate \$50.93. The total burden wage rate (straight time plus 75 percent) used in the table is \$89.13 (\$50.93 × 1.75 = \$89.13).

³ Totals may not add up due to rounding.

REPORTING BURDEN—Continued

Title 49, CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Avg. time per response (B)	Total annual burden hours (A * B = C)	Wage rate ² (D)	Total cost equivalent U.S.D. (E = C * D)
212.113 Program termination						
—30-day notice provided by State agency of its intent to terminate its participation.	FRA anticipates zero submissions for this paperwork requirement over the next three-year period.					
—FRA F 6180.96 Inspection Report—All disciplines submitted by State inspectors.	34 States	19,400 forms ...	15 minutes	4,850	88.36	428,546.00
—FRA F 6180.33 Hours of Service Law Violation Report.	19 States	2 reports	4 hours	8	88.36	706.88
—FRA F 6180.61 Accident/Incident Reporting Rules Violation Report.	19 States	2 reports	4 hours	8	88.36	706.88
—FRA F 6180.67 Operating Practices Regulations Violation Report.	19 States	194 reports	4 hours	776	88.36	68,567.36
—FRA F 6180.109 Motive Power and Equipment Regulations Violation Report.	19 States	215 reports	4 hours	1,440	88.36	75,989.60
—FRA F 6180.110 Hazardous Materials Regulations Violation Report.	17 States	171 reports	4 hours	1,680	88.36	60,438.24
—FRA F 6180.111 Track Safety Regulations Violation Report.	26 States	66 reports	4 hours	440	88.36	23,327.04
—FRA F 6180.112 Signal and Train Control Regulations Violation Report.	14 States	40 reports	4 hours	320	88.36	14,137.60
209.405 Reporting of remedial actions						
—(a) Completion of remedial actions report on FRA F 6180.96 after receipt of written notification from an FRA or State Safety Inspector.	745 railroads ...	2,400 reports ...	30 minutes	1,200	89.13	106,956.00
—(b) Violation report challenge by the railroads—Remedial action reports.	745 railroads ...	50 challenges ..	45 minutes	37.50	89.13	3,342.38
209.407 Delayed Reports						
—Delayed reports	745 railroads ...	50 reports	45 minutes	37.50	89.13	3,342.88
Total ³	34 States 745 Railroads.	23,225 responses.	N/A	9,851		871,416.12

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 23,225.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 9,851 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$871,416.12.

FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2025–0007]

**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, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection Request (ICR) summarized 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 October 7, 2025

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be submitted on www.regulations.gov to the docket, Docket No. FRA–2025–0007. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket, including any personal information provided. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number (2130–0560) in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice, made available to the public, and include them in its information

collection submission to OMB for approval.

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

Title: Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0560.

Abstract: FRA’s locomotive horn use regulations (49 CFR part 222) prescribe standards for sounding locomotive horns when locomotives approach and pass through public highway-rail grade crossings. FRA collects information from railroads and public authorities to increase safety at public highway-rail grade crossings nationwide by requiring that locomotive horns be sounded when trains approach and pass through these crossings or by ensuring that a safety level, at least equivalent to that provided by routine locomotive horn

sounding, exists for quiet zone corridors in which such routine horn sounding is silenced. FRA reviews applications by public authorities intending to establish new quiet zones by implementing alternative safety measures and approves the effectiveness rate assigned to them.

In this 60-day notice, FRA has made program changes and adjustments that decreased the previously approved burden hours from 7,253 to 7,232 hours and decreased the number of responses from 3,620 to 3,536. This decrease in burden, after a thorough review, is the result of the changes described in the sections summarized below:

- FRA published a final rule on July 1, 2025, titled Administrative Updates to the Use of Locomotive Horns at Public Highway-Rail Grade Crossings Regulations.¹ FRA removed certified mail notification requirements and allows electronic submittal of applications and notifications to other parties and to FRA’s Grade Crossing and Trespasser Outreach Division. The estimated burdens for §§ 222.39, 222.43, 222.47 and 222.51 have been updated accordingly, decreasing burdens by 72 hours.

- Under § 222.51(c), which describes the process for reviewing the status of any quiet zone, FRA determined that the burden previously reported for public comments should be excluded because the submission of public comments in response to a **Federal Register** notice falls outside the PRA’s definition of information under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(4). Accordingly, FRA is removing the burden previously attributed to public comments from interested parties during FRA’s review of the status of any quiet zone.

- Under § 222.55(b) and (d), which describes how interested parties may apply for approval from the Associate Administrator to demonstrate proposed new supplementary or alternative safety measures (SSMs/ASMs), FRA adjusted the burden estimates to reflect the number of hours and estimated average time required to compose the written request, increasing the burden by 40 hours. The increased burden hours reflect additional time needed, after the demonstration of proposed SSMs or ASMs, to gather all the necessary documentation and prepare the written application with the required information that must be included pursuant to § 222.55(d)(1) through (5).

- Lastly, under § 222.57(c), which establishes procedures for how parties can seek reconsideration of an Associate Administrator decision to terminate a quiet zone, and § 222.57(d), which establishes procedures for railroads to request reconsideration of an Associate Administrator decision to approve an application for approval of a proposed quiet zone, FRA determined that the estimated burden hours were not included in the previously reported burden. FRA has corrected the oversight by adding 9 burden hours.

Overall, program changes and adjustments decreased the total burden hours for this submission by 21 hours.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Form(s): N/A.

Respondent Universe: 754 railroads/ 645 public authorities.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Reporting Burden:

CFR Section (49 CFR part 222)	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Wage ² rate	Total cost equivalent
		(A)	(B)	(C) = A * B	(D)	(E) = C * D
222.15 How does one obtain a waiver of a provision of this regulation?						
—Petition for waiver	754 railroads 645 public authorities.	2 petitions	4 hours	8	\$89.13	\$713.04
222.17 How can a State agency become a recognized State agency?						
—Any State agency responsible for highway-rail grade crossing safety and/or highway and road safety may become a recognized State agency by submitting an application to the Associate Administrator.	FRA anticipates zero submissions over the next three-year period.					

¹ 90 FR 28150.