

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 to obtain the three-year clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in the Communications Act §§ 4, 303, 307(e), 309, and 332, 48 Stat. 1064, 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 the Commission or an entity designated by the Commission during inspections and investigations to determine what mobile units and repeaters are associated with 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 rulemakings 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 databases in the Commission or other Federal agencies. Although the Commission does not require electronic means to be used with this collection of information, respondents may utilize electronic means if they choose to do so.
4. This agency does not impose a similar information collection on the respondents. There are no similar data available.
5. There is not a significant economic impact on small businesses or entities as a result of this collection of information. The Commission has limited the required information to those absolutely necessary for evaluating and processing each application and for deterring against possible abuses of the processes.
6. If the required information were "collected" less frequently or not at all, the FCC would neither be able to determine what mobile units and repeaters are authorized pursuant to a particular

on-board station license, nor identify who is responsible for the operation of that equipment.

7. Current data collection is consistent with 5 CFR part 1320, except that the subject 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 the Commission or an entity designated by the Commission to ensure compliance with applicable rules and treaties.
8. The Commission published a 60-day public comment period which appeared in the Federal Register Notice (Notice) on April 30, 2026 (91 FR 23267) seeking comment from the public on the information collection requirements contained in this collection. No public 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 are no requests of a sensitive nature considered or those considered a private matter being sought from the respondents on this collection.
12. There are approximately 1,000 licensees of maritime onboard 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 respondent's hourly in-house clerical wage rate to maintain records is equivalent to a GS-5 level, step 5 at \$19/hour (rounded up). Therefore, the in-house cost is:

1,000 responses x 2 hours/response x \$19.00 per hour = **\$38,000.**

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. The updated annual "in-house" cost above reflects an updated pay scale for 2026.
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.