

the Working Group approved creation of teams to further explore the "base case" issue. Briefing of the full RSAC on the "base case" issue was completed on May 29, 2002, and consultations continued within the working group. The full Working Group met October 22–23, 2002, and again March 4–6, 2003. Resolution of the remaining issues was considered by the Working Group at the July 8–9, 2003, meeting. The Working Group achieved consensus on recommendations for resolution of a portion of the issues in the proceeding. The full Committee considered the Working Group recommendations by mail ballots scheduled for return on August 14, 2003; however, a majority of the members voting did not concur. The final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on March 7, 2005, (70 FR 11051). The RSAC PTC Working Group met on July 14–15, 2005, to discuss implementation guidance and receive a task force report on roadway worker terminals. Contact: Grady Cothen, (202) 493–6302.

*Task 03–01—Passenger Safety.* This Task was accepted on May 20, 2003, and a Working Group was established. Prior to embarking on substantive discussions of a specific task, the Working Group set forth in writing a specific description of the task. The Working Group will report any planned activity to the full Committee at each scheduled full RSAC meeting, including milestones for completion of projects and progress toward completion. At the first meeting held September 9–10, 2003, a consolidated list of issues was completed. At the second meeting held November 6–7, 2003, five task groups were established: Crashworthiness/glazing; emergency preparedness; mechanical-general issues; mechanical-safety appliances; and track/vehicle interaction. The task groups met and reported on activities for Working Group consideration at the third meeting held May 11–12, 2004, and a fourth meeting was held October 26–27, 2004. Initial recommendations on mechanical issues (revisions to 49 CFR part 238) were approved by the full Committee on January 26, 2005. At the Working Group meeting of March 9–10, 2005, the Working Group received and approved the consensus report of the Emergency Preparedness Task Force related to emergency egress and rescue access. These recommendations were presented to and approved by the full Committee on May 18, 2005. An NPRM is now under development. The Working Group met on September 7–8, 2005, and additional, supplementary recommendations were presented to and

accepted by the full RSAC on October 11, 2005. Contact: Charles Bielitz, (202) 493–6314.

*Task 05–01—Review of Roadway Worker Protection issues.* This Task was accepted on January 26, 2005, to review 49 CFR 214, subpart C, Roadway Worker Protection, and related sections of Subpart A; recommend consideration of specific actions to advance the on-track safety of railroad employees and contractors engaged in maintenance-of-way activities throughout the general system of railroad transportation, including clarification of existing requirements. A Working Group has been established and will report to the RSAC any specific actions identified as appropriate. The first meeting of the Working Group was held on April 12–14, 2005. The Working Group will report planned activity to the full Committee at each scheduled Committee meeting, including milestones for completion of projects and progress toward completion. The Working Group met on June 22–24, 2005, August 8–11, 2005, September 20–22, 2005, and November 8–9, 2005. The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for January 10–11, 2006. Contact: Christopher Schulte, (202) 493–6251.

*Task 05–02—Reduce Human Factor-Caused Train Accident/Incidents.* This Task was accepted on May 18, 2005, to reduce the number of human factor-caused train accidents/incidents and related employee injuries. A Working Group has been established. The Working Group will report any planned activity to the full Committee at each scheduled full RSAC meeting, including milestones for completion of projects and progress toward completion. The Working Group met on July 12–13, 2005, August 31–September 1, 2005, September 28–29, 2005, October 25–26, 2005, November 16–17, 2005, and December 6–7, 2005. The Working Group is expected to submit initial recommendations in February of 2006. Contact: Douglas Taylor, (202) 493–6255.

#### Completed Tasks

*Task 96–1—(Completed)* Revising the Freight Power Brake Regulations.

*Task 96–2—(Completed)* Reviewing and recommending revisions to the Track Safety Standards (49 CFR part 213).

*Task 96–3—(Completed)* Reviewing and recommending revisions to the Radio Standards and Procedures (49 CFR part 220).

*Task 96–5—(Completed)* Reviewing and recommending revisions to Steam

Locomotive Inspection Standards (49 CFR part 230).

*Task 96–6—(Completed)* Reviewing and recommending revisions to miscellaneous aspects of the regulations addressing Locomotive Engineer Certification (49 CFR part 240).

*Task 96–7—(Completed)* Developing Roadway Maintenance Machines (On-Track Equipment) Safety Standards.

*Task 96–8—(Completed)* This Planning Task evaluated the need for action responsive to recommendations contained in a report to Congress entitled, *Locomotive Crashworthiness & Working Conditions*.

*Task 97–3—(Completed)* Developing event recorder data survivability standards.

*Task 97–7—(Completed)* Determining damages qualifying an event as a reportable train accident.

*Task 00–1—(Completed—task withdrawn)* Determining the need to amend regulations protecting persons who work on, under, or between rolling equipment and persons applying, removing or inspecting rear end marking devices (Blue Signal Protection).

*Task 01–1—(Completed)* Developing conformity of FRA's regulations for accident/incident reporting (49 CFR part 225) to revised regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor, and to make appropriate revisions to the *FRA Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Reports* (Reporting Guide).

Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996, (61 FR 9740) for more information about the RSAC.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 5, 2005.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information

collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 11, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

**Departmental Office (DO)**

*OMB Number:* 1505-0080.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Post-Contract Award Information.

*Description:* Information requested of contractors is specific to each contract and is required for Treasury to properly evaluate the progress made and/or management controls used by contractors providing supplies or services to the Government, and to determine contractors' compliance with the contracts, in order to protest the Government's interest.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 47,796 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1505-0081.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Solicitation of Proposal Information for Award of Public Contracts.

*Description:* Information requested of offerors is specific to each procurement solicitation and is requested for Treasury to properly evaluate the capabilities and experience of potential contractors who desire to provide the supplies or services to be acquired. Evaluation will be used to determine which proposals most benefit the Government.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 410,988 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1505-0107.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Regulation Agency Protests.

*Description:* Information is requested of contractors so that the Government will be able to evaluate protests effectively and provide prompt resolution of issues in dispute when contractors file protests.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 46 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Jean Carter, (202) 622-6760, Department of Treasury, Office of the Procurement Executive, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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