

Based on information provided by the AAR, it appears that the ECXX cars are owned and operated by ECDC Environmental located in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the DTTX car is owned by Trailer Train Company in Chicago, Illinois.

At this time, FRA is not aware of any derailments attributed to the center sill failures on any of these cars. However, due to the severity and nature of the cracking and breaks in the center sills of these flat cars, and the high density traffic corridors in which the cars operate, FRA feels compelled to advise car owners and operating railroads of the potential for catastrophic failures and/or derailments involving these cars. FRA mechanical field inspectors will be conducting periodic nationwide inspections of this equipment to ascertain the magnitude of the car population and to gather further information regarding any failures. At this time, it appears that many of the above noted cars may have been overloaded or compacted, which may have contributed to center sill cracking and failure. Additional supplements to this Safety Advisory may follow as cause of the cracking and remedial measures are identified.

#### Recommended Action

In recognition of the need to ensure safety, FRA recommends that railroads and car owners carefully inspect the center sills of all flat cars used to carry containers of MSW. FRA further recommends that any such car found with a crack or cracks of any size in the center sill area be immediately bad ordered and sent to an appropriate shop for repairs consistent with quality shop repair.

Failure of car owners and railroads to voluntarily take action consistent with the above recommendation may result in FRA pursuing other corrective measures to enforce public safety under its rail safety authority. FRA may modify Safety Advisory 2006-06, issue additional safety advisories, or take other appropriate action necessary to ensure the highest level of safety on the nation's railroads.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Secretary

#### List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With an International Boycott

In order to comply with the mandate of section 999(a)(93) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986): Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Republic of.

Iraq is not included in this list, but its status with respect to future lists remains under review by the Department of the Treasury.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8610 and Schedule A (Form 8610)

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8610, Annual Low-Income Housing Credit Agencies Report, and Schedule A (Form 8610), Carryover Allocation of Low-Income Housing Credit.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 9, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Carolyn N. Brown, at (202) 622-6688, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at *Carolyn.N.Brown@irs.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Form 8610, Annual Low-Income Housing Credit Agencies Report, and Schedule A (Form 8610), Carryover Allocation of Low-Income Housing Credit.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0990.

*Form Number:* Form 8610 and Schedule A (Form 8610).

*Abstract:* State housing credit agencies (Agencies) are required by Code section 42(l)(3) to report annually the amount of low-income housing credits that they allocated to qualified buildings during the year. Agencies report the amount allocated to the building owners and to the IRS in Part I of Form 8609. Carryover allocations are reported to the Agencies in carryover allocation documents. The Agencies report the carryover allocations to the IRS on Schedule A (Form 8610). Form 8610 is a transmittal and reconciliation document for Forms 8609, Schedule A (Form 8610), binding agreements, and election statements.

*Current Actions:* There were 3 line items deleted on Form 8610 at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* State, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 105 hours, 38 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,599.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will