

convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Gregory A. VanLue

Mr. VanLue, 45, has a prosthetic left eye due to a traumatic injury sustained as a child. The best corrected visual acuity in his right eye is 20/15. Following an examination in 2007, his ophthalmologist noted, "It is my professional opinion that he be considered for a waiver to continue to drive commercially as requested." Mr. VanLue reported that he has driven straight trucks for 8 years, accumulating 83,200 miles. He holds a Class D operator's license from Florida. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Karl A. Weinert

Mr. Weinert, 48, has loss of vision in his right eye due to acute multifocal plaquoid pigment epitheliopathy in 1993. The best corrected visual acuity in his right eye is 20/100 and in the left, 20/20. Following an examination in 2007, his ophthalmologist noted, "It is my medical opinion that Karl Weinert has sufficient vision to perform driving tasks required to operate any commercial vehicle." Mr. Weinert reported that he has driven straight trucks for 21 years, accumulating 945,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from New York. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violation in a CMV.

Ricky L. Wiginton

Mr. Wiginton, 39, has loss of vision in his right eye due to a traumatic injury sustained as a child. The best corrected visual acuity in his right eye is hand-movement vision and in the left, 20/20. Following an examination in 2006, his ophthalmologist noted, "At this time his visual acuity is stable, and he has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle as long as he meets the criteria that you have set forth for allowing him to do so." Mr. Wiginton reported that he has driven straight trucks for 12 years, accumulating 1.2 million miles, and tractor-trailer combinations for 8 years, accumulating 880,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Texas. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and one conviction for a moving violation, speeding in a CMV. He exceeded the speed limit by 8 mph.

Kevin W. Wunderlin

Mr. Wunderlin, 51, has loss of vision in his left eye due to a retinal detachment sustained in 1977. The best

corrected visual acuity in his right eye is 20/20 and in the left, 20/60.

Following an examination in 2007, his optometrist noted, "In my opinion, Mr. Kevin Wunderlin is able to operate a commercial vehicle (as he has in Ohio the past year with this condition) and as he has done the past 20 years since his retinal detachment in the left eye." Mr. Wunderlin reported that he has driven straight trucks for 5 years, accumulating 125,000 miles, and tractor-trailer combinations for 15 years, accumulating 1.1 million miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Ohio. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. The Agency will consider all comments received before the close of business August 20, 2007. Comments will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The Agency will file comments received after the comment closing date in the public docket, and will consider them to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should monitor the public docket for new material.

Issued on: July 13, 2007,

Pamela M. Pelcovits,

Acting Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking renewal of the following currently approved information collection activities. Before submitting these information collection requirements for

clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than September 18, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Gina Christodoulou, Office of Support Systems Staff, RAD-43, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB control number 2130-0524.

Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6230 or (202) 493-6170, or via e-mail to Mr. Brogan at robert.brogan@dot.gov, or to Ms. Christodoulou at gina.christodoulou@dot.gov. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Ms. Gina Christodoulou, Office of Support Systems Staff, RAD-43, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6139). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13, section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 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 for comment on information collection activities before seeking approval for reinstatement or renewal by OMB. 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). Specifically, FRA invites interested respondents to comment on the following summary of proposed information collection activities regarding (i) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute

its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (ii) 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; (iii) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (iv) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)(I)-(iv); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(I)-(iv). FRA believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with

the collection of information mandated by Federal regulations. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (i) Reduce reporting burdens; (ii) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a "user friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (iii) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

Below is a brief summary of the currently approved information collection activities that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

Title: Radio Communications.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0524.

Abstract: The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) amended its radio standards and procedures to promote

compliance by making the regulations more flexible; to require wireless communications devices, including radios, for specified classifications of railroad operations and roadway workers; and to re-title this part to reflect its coverage of other means of wireless communications such as cellular telephones, data radio terminals, and other forms of wireless communications to convey emergency and need-to-know information. The new rule establishes safe, uniform procedures covering the use of radio and other wireless communications within the railroad industry.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Respondent Universe: 685 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On

occasion; annually.

Reporting Burden:

CFR Section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual burden cost
220.8—Waivers	685 railroads	2 letters	60 minutes	2 hours	\$78
220.25—Instruction of Employees.	685 railroads	70,000 sessions	30 minutes	35,000 hours	1,120,000
—Sub. Yrs.-Instr. ...	685 railroads	12,540 sessions	30 minutes	6,270 hours	200,640
—Operational Testing of Empl.	685 railroads	100,000 tests	15 minutes	25,000 hours	800,000
220.35—Testing Radio/Wireless Communication Eq.	685 railroads	780,000 tests	30 seconds	6,500 hours	208,000
220.61—Transmission of Mandatory Dir.	685 railroads	7,200,000 directives ...	1.5 minutes	180,000 hours	5,760,000
—Marking Man. Dir	685 railroads	624,000 marks	15 seconds	2,600 hours	83,200

Total Responses: 8,786,542.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 255,372 hours.

Status: Regular review.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), 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 unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

Issued in Washington, DC on July 16, 2007.

D.J. Stadler,

Director, Office of Budget, Federal Railroad Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2007 28752]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before September 18, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rodney McFadden, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-2647; or e-mail: Rodney.mcfadden@dot.gov. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Supplementary Training Course Application.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0030.

Form Numbers: MA-823.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Summary of Collection of Information: Section 1305(a) of the Maritime Education and Training Act of 1980 indicates that the Secretary of Transportation may provide maritime-related training to merchant mariners of the United States and to individuals preparing for a career in the merchant marine of the United States. Also, the U.S. Coast Guard requires a fire-fighting certificate for U.S. merchant marine officers. This collection provides the information necessary for the maritime schools to plan their course offerings and for applicants to complete their certificate requirements.

Need and Use of the Information: This information collection is necessary