

to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on December 10, 2008 (73 FR 75169).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 19, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292), or Ms. Nakia Jackson, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6073). (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 issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On December 10, 2008, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on ICRs that the agency was seeking OMB approval. 73 FR 75169. FRA received no comments after issuing this 60-day notice. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been re-evaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c).

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30 day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30 day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5

CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The revised requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

**Title:** Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program.

**OMB Control Number:** 2130-0548.

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

**Affected Public:** Railroads, State and Local Governments, Other Interested Eligible Parties.

**Abstract:** Prior to the enactment of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century ("TEA 21"), Title V of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (the "Act"), 45 U.S.C. 821 *et seq.*, authorized FRA to provide railroad financial assistance through the purchase of preference shares (45 U.S.C. 825), and the issuance of loan guarantees (45 U.S.C. 831). The FRA regulations implementing the preference share program were eliminated on February 9, 1996, due to the fact that the authorization for the program expired (28 FR 4937). The FRA regulations implementing the loan guarantee provisions of Title V of the Act are contained in 49 CFR 260. Section 7203 of TEA 21, Public Law 105-178 (June 9, 1998), replaces the existing Title V financing programs. The collection of information is used by FRA staff to determine the eligibility of applicants for a loan regarding eligible projects for the improvement/rehabilitation of rail equipment or facilities, the refinancing of outstanding debt for these purposes, or the development of new intermodal or railroad facilities. The aggregate unpaid principal amounts of obligations can not exceed \$3.5 billion at any one time and not less than \$1 billion is to be available solely for projects benefitting railroads other than Class I carriers.

**Annual Estimated Burden Hours:** 2,163 hours.

**Addresses:** Send comments regarding this information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, **Attention:** FRA Desk Officer. Alternatively, comments may be sent via e-mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget, at the following address:

*oira\_submissions@omb.eop.gov.*

**Comments are invited on the following:** Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the

functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

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

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 10, 2009.

**Kimberly Orben,**

*Director, Office of Financial Management, Federal Railroad Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

#### Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Application for Special Permits

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of special permits from the Department of Transportation Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 19, 2009.

**Address Comments To:** Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-

addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New

Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington DC or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law(49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 9, 2009.

**Delmer F. Billings,**  
*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Special Permits and Approvals.*

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of special permits thereof
<b>NEW SPECIAL PERMITS</b>				
14803-N .....		Beijing China Tank Industry Co., Ltd. Beijing.	49 CFR 173.302a and 180.205.	To authorize the manufacture, marking, sale, and use of non-DOT specification fully wrapped carbon-fiber reinforced aluminum lined cylinders. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
14808-N .....		Amtrol, Inc. West Warwick, RI.	49 CFR 178.51(b),(f)(1) and (2) and (g).	To allow the manufacture, marking, sale and use of a non-DOT specification cylinder, similar to a DOT 4BA. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
14809-N .....		Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. Torrance, CA.	49 CFR 173.159 .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of wet acid batteries with certain other hazardous materials without voiding the exception in 49 CFR 173.159(e). (mode 1).
14810-N .....		Olin Corporation, Chlor Alkali Products Division Cleveland, TN.	49 CFR 173.31(b)(2) and 179.15.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of sodium hydroxide solution and/or potassium hydroxide solution in DOT Specification tank cars that do not have pressure relief devices. (mode 2).

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Ex Parte No. 670 (Sub-No. 1)]

**Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC), pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, beginning at 9 a.m., E.S.T.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Hearing Room on the first floor of the Surface Transportation Board's headquarters at Patriot's Plaza, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott M. Zimmerman (202) 245-0202. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** RETAC arose from a proceeding instituted by the Board, in *Establishment of a Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee*, STB Ex Parte No. 670. RETAC was formed to provide advice and guidance to the Board, and to serve as a forum for discussion of emerging issues regarding the transportation by rail of energy resources, particularly, but not necessarily limited to, coal, ethanol, and other biofuels. The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussions regarding issues such as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, carriers, and users of energy resources. The Committee will hear reports from the four RETAC subcommittees (Best Practices, Capacity Planning, Communication, and Performance Measures), review a draft white paper prepared by the Capacity Planning subcommittee, and discuss the impacts of the economic downturn on the rail, utility and ethanol industries' short term outlook and planning.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be conducted pursuant to RETAC's charter and Board procedures. Further communications about this meeting may be announced through the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 721, 49 U.S.C. 11101; 49 U.S.C. 11121.

Decided: February 10, 2009.

By the Board.

**Anne K. Quinlan,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau**

**Proposed Information Collections; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we invite comments on the proposed or continuing information collections listed below in this notice.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments on or before April 20, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments to Mary A. Wood, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, at any of these addresses:

- P.O. Box 14412, Washington, DC 20044-4412;