

CSX Transportation, Inc.

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2010-0172]

Pursuant to 49 CFR 213.113(a), CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) petitions for a waiver from the accepted practice of start/stop rail testing for Phase III of our nonstop continuous rail test pilot project beginning April 1, 2011, for a period of up to 1 year on the main tracks between Richmond, VA, and Jacksonville, FL. The subdivisions that would be traversed are the North End, South End, Charleston, Savannah, Nahunta, and Jacksonville Terminal.

Based on the results of the previous phases of nonstop continuous rail test, CSX will not perform parallel/redundant start/stop rail testing on track segments being nonstop continuous rail tested under this waiver. Instead, CSX will produce biweekly, nonstop, continuous rail test reports for review by the FRA Rail Integrity managers.

The nonstop continuous high-speed rail test vehicle will be a self-propelled/railbound ultrasound/induction flaw detection vehicle operating at speeds up to 30 mph. This vehicle will make runs every 2 weeks over the assigned territory. Upon completion of each run, data will be analyzed offline by a group of experts with experience in this process. The analysis will categorize and prioritize suspected defective locations for post-test verification. Two or three teams of verifiers will then be sent out with field instruments to check these suspect locations based upon GPS coordinates. All suspect locations will be checked 60 feet on either side of the suspect GPS location. Remedial actions will be applied as per 49 CFR 213.113 for confirmed rail defects.

Nonstop continuous rail testing will provide the capability to test the track more quickly and frequently, and to minimize the risk of rail service failures.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2010-0172) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Page 19477-78), or at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

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Robert C. Lauby,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2010-0111]

Stakeholder Meetings Regarding the U.S.-Flag Great Lakes Fleet Revitalization Study

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce three public listening-session meetings that are being held to gather data and comments to inform the Maritime Administration's U.S.-Flag Great Lakes Fleet Revitalization Study. The three meetings will be identical in

terms of agenda and purpose; they are being held in the different locations to maximize stakeholder participation.

The U.S.-Flag Great Lakes Fleet Revitalization Study will examine the current and potential future role of Great Lakes shipping in supporting the region's economy and as an important component of the greater U.S. Marine Highway system serving the Nation at large. It will also be used to assess the impact of new environmental regulations on the U.S.-Flag Great Lakes Fleet. Of particular interest is the likely impact of the EPA's final emission standards for new marine diesel "Category 3" engines that goes into effect in January 2012.

This study calls for the identification and evaluation of options to recapitalize U.S. vessels and port infrastructure on the Great Lakes, using private and public sector investments, to generate the greatest net benefits for the region and the Nation.

This Maritime Administration study will be a two-phase effort to estimate the costs and options for complying with the new environmental regulations. The first phase will be a data gathering effort. An inventory of current vessel and port assets will be developed. That inventory will be used to determine if the Maritime Administration can assist the U.S. Flag Great Lakes vessel operators in complying with the new regulations.

During the second phase of the study, the Maritime Administration will examine a mix of private and public sector financing options that could be used for vessel or port alterations necessitated by the new environmental regulations. This analysis will be used in developing strategies for how the Maritime Administration might assist the U.S.-Flag Great Lakes Fleet and ports in making those changes.

The Maritime Administration will use the study's findings to develop strategies to promote the U.S.-Flag Great Lakes Fleet and Ports. Stakeholder input is an essential part of the strategy-development process, so the study plan includes three stakeholder listening-sessions where the important issues raised by the study will be discussed. Topics of discussion include the new EPA environmental regulations such as the Control of Emissions from Category 3 Marine Engines and their impact on Great Lakes vessel operators, the state of the Great Lakes shipping markets, and issues facing vessel operators and port operators.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general background information or technical information, contact Stephen

Shafer, Maritime Administration, Office of Policy and Plans, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, or by e-mail: GreatLakesStudy@dot.gov.

Dates and Addresses:

The Cleveland, Ohio, meeting will take place on February 15, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time. The meeting will be held at Hyatt Regency Cleveland at The Arcade, 420 East Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44114.

Persons interested in attending the meeting should register by February 4, 2011.

The Duluth, Minnesota, meeting will take place on February 23, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time. The meeting will be held at the Inn on Lake Superior, 350 Canal Park Drive, Duluth, Minnesota, 55802.

Persons interested in attending the meeting should register by February 11, 2011.

The Chicago, Illinois, meeting will take place on February 25, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 East North Water Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611.

Persons interested in attending the meeting should register by February 11, 2011.

Registration: The meetings are open to the public. Advanced registration is recommended. To register, interested parties should send their name, group affiliation, and which of the three meetings they will attend to GreatLakesStudy@absconsulting.com. The meeting agenda will be sent to registered participants prior to the meeting.

The Public Meeting will be held at a site accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require accommodations such as sign language interpreters should contact ABS Consulting at GreatLakesStudy@absconsulting.com, as soon as possible, but preferably no less than five business days before the scheduled meeting.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator,
Dated: December 23, 2010.

Murray A. Bloom,

Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2010-0373 (Notice No. 10-10)]

Information Collection Activities

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, PHMSA invites comments on certain information collections pertaining to hazardous materials transportation for which PHMSA intends to request renewal from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 28, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the docket number (PHMSA-2010-0373) by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Routing Symbol M-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** To Docket Operations, Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number or Regulation Identification Number (RIN) for this notice. Internet users may access comments received by DOT at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Note that comments received will be posted without change to: <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided.

Requests for a copy of an information collection should be directed to Steven Andrews or T. Glenn Foster, Standards and Rulemaking Division (PHH-12), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., East Building, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone (202) 366-8553.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Andrews or T. Glenn Foster,

Standards and Rulemaking Division (PHH-12), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., East Building, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone (202) 366-8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1320.8(d), Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations requires PHMSA to provide interested members of the public and affected agencies an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping requests. This notice identifies information collection requests that PHMSA will be submitting to OMB for renewal and extension. These information collections are contained in 49 CFR 171.6 and the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR parts 171-180). PHMSA has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on changes in proposed or final rules published since the information collections were last approved. The following information is provided for each information collection: (1) Title of the information collection, including former title if a change is being made; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; (4) description of affected public; (5) estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (6) frequency of collection. PHMSA will request a three-year term of approval for each information collection activity and, when approved by OMB, publish a notice of the approval in the **Federal Register**.

PHMSA requests comments on the following information collections:

Title: Requirements for Cargo Tanks.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0014.

Summary: This information collection consolidates and describes the information collection provisions in parts 178 and 180 of the HMR involving the manufacture, qualification, maintenance and use of all specification cargo tank motor vehicles. It also includes the information collection and recordkeeping requirements for persons who are engaged in the manufacture, assembly, requalification and maintenance of DOT specification cargo tank motor vehicles. The types of information collected include:

(1) **Registration Statements:** Cargo tank manufacturers and repairers, and cargo tank motor vehicle assemblers are required to be registered with DOT by furnishing information relative to their qualifications to perform the functions in accordance with the HMR. The registration statements are used to identify these persons in order for DOT