

2012, Midwest Rail d.b.a. Toledo Lake Erie and Western Railway (TLEW) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 223—Safety Glazing Standards—Locomotives, Passenger Cars and Caboose. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2012–0083.

Specifically, TLEW seeks a waiver of compliance from the requirements of 49 CFR 223.11—*Requirements for existing locomotives* and 49 CFR 223.13—*Requirements for existing cabooses*. TLEW has petitioned FRA for a waiver for one American Locomotive Company Model S–4, 1000-horsepower diesel electric locomotive numbered 5109 (TLEW 5109). This locomotive was built for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad in 1954. The locomotive is equipped with standard window material that is shatter resistant. All windows of TLEW 5109 are in excellent shape with unobstructed visibility. The locomotive will be used for both excursion passenger and freight service.

TLEW also seeks a waiver for Caboose TLEW 475, which is a steel caboose, Association of American Railroads-type M930, built in 1962, and equipped with shatter-resistant glazing. The existing window framing on this caboose is not compatible with the required FRA Type I and II glazing. Other than the glazing, the caboose meets all other FRA safety requirements. The caboose will be used for both excursion passenger and freight trains where reverse movements are required. It will provide a safe platform for crewmembers to ride and protect the movements through the rural and wooded areas of operation.

Midwest Rail is committed to operating freight and tourist/excursion rail service from Waterville, Milepost (MP) 13.2, to Grand Rapids, OH, MP 25.0, and then return; a one-way distance of 11.8 miles. The line is located in a rural area, between the communities of Waterville and Grand Rapids, with a combined population of less than 7,000. There are no overhead bridge structures or areas of elevation along the railroad that would allow objects to be thrown from above. Based on historical information provided from the prior operator of this line, there have been no reports of vandalism, objects thrown, or other acts of malicious destruction to railroad equipment during operation in the last 10 years. The maximum authorized speed for freight and excursion movements will not exceed 15 mph. Locomotive TLEW 5109 is primarily used in yard switching service. TLEW states that the railroad is

private and does not currently operate any trains.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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 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 by January 7, 2013 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

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; Pages 19477–78), or online 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

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2012–0059]

#### Request for Comments on a Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Production Plan Reports

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on June 12, 2012 (77 FR 35110). No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 21, 2012.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth R. Katz, Fuel Economy Division, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs, NVS–132, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Phone: (202) 366–4936.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* 49 CFR Parts 531 and 533 Passenger Car Average Fuel Economy Standards—Model Years 2016–2025; Light Truck Average Fuel Economy Standards—Model Years 2016–2025; Production Plan Data.

*OMB Control Number:* 2127–0655.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a previously approved information collection.

*Abstract:* In this collection of information, NHTSA is requesting updated future product plans from vehicle manufacturers, as well as production data through the recent past, including data about engines and transmissions for model year MY 2012 through MY 2025 passenger cars and light trucks and the assumptions underlying those plans.

NHTSA requests information for MYs 2012–2025 to aid NHTSA in developing a realistic forecast of the MY 2016–2025 vehicle market. Information regarding earlier model years may help the agency to better account for cumulative effects such as volume and time-based

reductions in costs, and also may help to reveal product mix and technology application trends during model years for which the agency is currently receiving actual corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) compliance data. Information regarding later model years helps the agency gain a better understanding of how manufacturers' plans through MY 2025 relate to their longer-term expectations regarding Energy Independence and Security Act requirements, market trends and prospects for more advanced technologies.

NHTSA will also consider information from model years before and after MYs 2016–2025 when reviewing manufacturers' planned schedules for redesigning and freshening their products in order to examine how manufacturers anticipate tying technology introduction to product design schedules. In addition, the agency is requesting information regarding manufacturers' estimates of the future vehicle population, and fuel economy improvements and incremental costs attributed to this notice.

*Affected Public:* Automobile manufacturers.

*Number of Respondents:* 30.

*Number of Responses:* 30.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* Reports are requested from each of the thirty automotive manufacturers. For each manufacturer who supplies product plan reports, NHTSA has made available a product plan template, which can be found at: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Laws+&+Regulations/CAFE+-+Fuel+Economy/Current+and+past+product+plan+requests>.

NHTSA currently has a clearance for 16,000 hours, based on reports being received from 22 manufacturers. Including reports from eight additional manufacturers, most of which produce approximately 500 vehicles per year, results in an additional reporting burden of 500 hours. Adding that burden to the existing burden of 16,000, results in a total reporting burden of 16,500 hours. The information requested in the templates may change from request to request as new fuel economy technologies are implemented, which may increase the amount of information requested, and as older technologies are phased out, which may decrease the amount of information requested. Therefore, the time needed to complete the templates may vary for each product plan request. Although the reporting burden may not be precisely 16,500 hours for each specific product plan request, NHTSA believes that, based on prior experience, that this

burden is representative and accurate for the purposes of this clearance.

*Frequency of Collection:* Manufacturer product plans are requested each time that NHTSA initiates a rulemaking for light-duty fuel economy standards. These standards may be issued for a one to five year time frame; thus, manufacturers would be expected to provide these reports every one to five years. Recent NHTSA rulemakings have typically ranged between three and five years. NHTSA generally requests product plans prior to issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking and prior to the issuance of a final rule. Since the gap between the two rules generally is less than a year, manufacturers would be expected to provide two reports for each rulemaking cycle.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Comments are invited on: 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.

**AUTHORITY:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: November 15, 2012.

**Christopher J. Bonanti,**

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2012–0301; Notice No. 12–10]

#### Assessment of Hazardous Materials Incident Data Collection, Analysis, Reporting, and Use

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is a request for comments and information to be used for an assessment to improve the collection, analysis, reporting, and use of data related to accidents and incidents involving the transportation of hazardous materials. This notice is being conducted in support of the “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century” (MAP–21) Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by December 28, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by identification of the docket number (PHMSA–2012–12–10) 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 for this notice at the beginning of the comment. All comments received will be posted without change to the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS), including any personal information.

*Docket:* For access to the dockets to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or DOT's Docket Operations Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

*Privacy Act:* 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 document (or signing the document, 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; Pages 19477–78).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Lehman or Ms. Yolanda Braxton, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366–1074.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

PHMSA, and its predecessor agency the Research and Special Programs