

REAL INTEREST RATES ON TREASURY NOTES AND BONDS OF SPECIFIED MATURITIES—Continued
[in percent]

| 3-Year | 5-Year | 7-Year | 10-Year | 20-Year | 30-Year |
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Analyses of programs with terms different from those presented above may use a linear interpolation. For example, a four-year project can be evaluated with a rate equal to the average of the three-year and five-year rates. Programs with durations longer than 30 years may use the 30-year interest rate.

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MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Meeting of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission

AGENCY: Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meetings and Town Hall Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (Commission) was established by National Defense Authorization Act, FY 2013. Pursuant to the Act, the Commission is holding public hearings and a town hall in order to solicit comments from the general public and select experts on the modernization of the military compensation and retirement systems.

DATES: The hearings and town hall will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The hearings and town hall will be held at the Embassy Suites Fayetteville Fort Bragg, 4760 Lake Valley Drive, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28303.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Nuneviller, Associate Director, Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, PO Box 13170, Arlington VA 22209, telephone 703-692-2080, fax 703-697-8330, email christopher.nuneviller@mcrmc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (Commission) was established by the National Defense Authorization Act FY 2013, Public Law 112-239, § 671, (amended by National Defense Authorization Act FY 2014, Pub. L.

113-66, § 1095). The Commission will conduct public hearings and town halls across the United States and on select military installations internationally in order to solicit comments on the modernization of the military compensation and retirement systems. The Commission seeks the views of service members, retirees, their beneficiaries and other interested parties regarding pay, retirement, health benefits and quality of life programs of the Uniformed Services. The Commission will hear from senior commanders of local military commands and their senior enlisted advisors, unit commanders and their family support groups, local medical and education community representatives, and other quality of life organizations. These meetings sites will be accessible to members of the general public including individuals with disabilities.

On February 25, 2014, the Commission will hold public hearings from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and a public town hall meeting from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

February 25, 2014 Agenda

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Senior Local Military Commanders and Senior Enlisted Advisors

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Local Military/Veteran Transition Service Organizations

3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Department of Defense and Local Schools

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Town Hall
The Panel Testimony heard on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, will consist of:

- a. Brief opening remarks by the Chairman and one or more of the Commissioners,
- b. brief opening remarks by each panelist, and
- c. questions posed by the Chairman and Commissioners to the panelists.

On the evening of Tuesday, February 25, 2014, the Chairman and Commissioners will hear from the public. Attendees will be given an opportunity to address the Chairman and Commissioners and relay to them their experience and comments.

Due to the deliberative, nascent and formative nature of the Commission's work, the Commissioners are unable to discuss their thoughts, plans or intentions for specific recommendations that will ultimately be made to the President and Congress.

The public hearings will be transcribed and placed on the Commission's Web site. In addition to public hearings, and due to the essential need for input from the beneficiaries, the Commission is accepting and strongly encourages comments and other submissions on its Web site (www.mcrmc.gov).

Christopher Nuneviller,
Associate Director, Administration and Operations.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

[Docket No. NTSB-GC-2013-0001]

Plan for Generic Information Collection Activity: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), this notice announces the NTSB is submitting an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for generic approval of witness and passenger questionnaires. This ICR is the second notice, as required by OMB regulations concerning approvals of information collections. This notice again describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and advises the public it may submit comments on this proposed generic information collection to the OMB desk officer for the NTSB.

DATES: Submit written comments regarding this proposed plan for the collection of information by March 20, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Interested members of the public may submit written comments on the collection of information to the OMB Desk Officer for the NTSB at Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, or via fax: 202-395-5806, (this is not a toll-free number), or email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments to the National Transportation Safety Board, ATTN: Office of General Counsel, 490 L'Enfant Plaza East, SW., Washington, DC 20594.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Tochen, NTSB General Counsel, at (202) 314-6080.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with OMB regulations that require this Notice for proposed ICRs, as well as OMB guidance concerning generic approval of plans for information collections, the NTSB herein notifies the public that it may submit comments on this proposed ICR to the Office of Management and Budget. 5 CFR 1320.10.

A. NTSB Witness and Passenger Questionnaires are Appropriate for Generic Approval

On May 28, 2010, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), OMB, issued a memorandum to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, and Independent Regulatory Agencies, providing instructions concerning how agencies can obtain generic OMB clearances for information collections in certain circumstances. *Paperwork Reduction Act—Generic Clearances*, available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/inforeg/PRA_Gen_ICRs_5-28-2010.pdf. The memorandum states as follows concerning the appropriateness of obtaining such clearances:

A generic ICR is a request for OMB approval of a plan for conducting more than one information collection using very similar methods when (1) the need for and the overall practical utility of the data collection can be evaluated in advance, as part of the review of the proposed plan, but (2) the agency cannot determine the details of the specific individual collections until a later time.

The NTSB's need to obtain information immediately following a transportation event it is investigating under 49 U.S.C. 1131 is critical. When numerous witnesses observe a transportation event, the most effective and timely manner in which the NTSB can obtain first-hand observations is via distributing questionnaires to all witnesses the NTSB can locate.

This type of information collection is appropriate for generic approval under the applicable OMB guidance. Based on its investigation of previous transportation events, the NTSB can attest to the utility and value of collecting information via witness questionnaires. By distributing such questionnaires, the NTSB will gather information concerning where the witness was located at the time of the event, whether the witness needed medical attention, and what type of assistance the witness may have received during and immediately following the event. Responses to such questions may help the NTSB in determining the probable cause of the transportation event, and will likely also assist the NTSB in issuing safety recommendations to mitigate the effects of future transportation occurrences. In addition, collection of such questionnaires may help ensure the effectiveness of its family assistance activities.

The NTSB customizes each questionnaire to ensure it requests information specific to the particular event the NTSB is investigating. Consistent with the OMB guidance concerning generic approvals, the NTSB will not be able to finalize draft questionnaires specific to each event until the event has occurred. Often, questionnaires include a diagram of the aircraft, rail car, bus, vessel, or other vehicle involved in the event, and requests the respondent pinpoint his or her location by drawing on the diagram. In addition, the questionnaire may include questions concerning life preservers or other safety devices and equipment or other evacuation aspects specific to over-water events, if the occurrence involved such a circumstance. These types of questions are obviously unique to the specific investigation, and impossible to know prior to the occurrence of the event. Overall, the types of information the NTSB will solicit in its witness questionnaires is appropriate for a generic approval for the information collection.

B. Supporting Statement

The applicable OMB memorandum instructs agencies to provide specific information in the supporting statements describing the information collections. In particular, the supporting statements should include the following:

- The method of collection and, if statistical methods will be used, a discussion of the statistical methodology;
- The category (or categories) of respondents;

- The estimated “burden cap,” i.e., the maximum number of burden hours (per year) for the specific information collections, and against which burden will be charged for each collection actually used;
- The agency's plans for how it will use the information collected;
- The agency's plans to obtain public input regarding the specific information collections (i.e., consultation); and
- The agency's internal procedures to ensure that the specific collections comply with the PRA, applicable regulations, and the terms of the generic clearance.

Id. at 2.

1. Method of Collection

The NTSB will collect the information by transmitting the questionnaire to witnesses of the event, including surviving passengers. Depending on the circumstances, such transmission may occur via hand delivery, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, postal mail, or express mail, or a combination of methods. Respondents will be provided instructions concerning how to return questionnaires to the NTSB investigator who distributed them. The NTSB may create an electronic system on its Web page that provides the agency with the ability to verify whether the respondent was a passenger or a witness to the event. If the NTSB is able to create such a system, the agency may elect to request respondents log in and complete an electronic, web-based questionnaire. While such a system is not available at present, the NTSB nevertheless notes this idea, in case it creates and utilizes such a system in the future.

The NTSB will not use statistical methodology in reaching any conclusions based on the questionnaires. Instead, the NTSB merely will note the total number of respondents in any factual reports for which it uses the questionnaires. Respondents' completion of the questionnaire is voluntary, and the NTSB generally will not contact them more than once to request completion of the questionnaire.

2. Category of Respondents

In its questionnaires, the NTSB will generally seek information from two categories of respondents: eyewitnesses who were not passengers of the conveyance involved in the transportation event; and witnesses who were onboard as passengers of the conveyance involved. In most cases, the NTSB will distribute the questionnaires to passengers, as NTSB investigators often interview eyewitnesses verbally at the site of an event, rather than soliciting information from them on a written instrument. However, in some cases, the NTSB may become aware of

the existence of many people who observed the transportation event, and therefore choose to solicit information from them on a questionnaire, rather than attempting to interview each eyewitness personally. Therefore, the majority of people to whom the NTSB will distribute the questionnaires will be passengers who survived the transportation event.

3. Maximum Burden Hours

In its 2012 Annual Report to Congress, the NTSB stated it launched on eight major accidents and 252 regional or “field” accidents.¹ The NTSB will most likely distribute the questionnaires to passengers involved in, and/or witnesses who observe, major accidents. Some NTSB regional investigations may require use of the questionnaires, but often, fewer passengers and/or witnesses will observe regional events and therefore be able to offer feedback on a questionnaire. As a result, in general, the NTSB estimates it may use a questionnaire for approximately half of its regional transportation event launches, which would total 130 investigations. Of these investigations, the NTSB may request information on the questionnaire from approximately 10 passengers and/or witnesses, to reach a total of 1,300 individuals who may receive a questionnaire.

The NTSB seeks to emphasize these estimations are approximate, as they are depend on the number of transportation events that occur, and how many passengers and/or witnesses may be available to complete the questionnaire. As the NTSB stated in its first **Federal Register** notice regarding this proposed generic information collection, the number of transportation events for which the NTSB launches and investigations vary widely from year to year.

4. Use of the Information Collected

Witnesses’ and passengers’ input concerning their recollections of the events preceding, during, and immediately following the transportation event are extremely important to the NTSB. The NTSB creates discipline-specific “groups” for each investigation, and such groups are tasked with investigating a specific aspect of the occurrence. Often, the NTSB creates a survival factors group, which investigates how the circumstances of an event affected the likelihood of passengers and

crewmembers surviving the event. This group also examines what, if any, changes could occur to improve the likelihood of survival and/or mitigate the effects of the occurrence.

In practical terms, the NTSB uses the information it collects in completed questionnaires by identifying trends in responses to the questions on the questionnaires. For example, if a majority of respondents indicate they experienced hardship in evacuating an aircraft, rail car, bus, vessel, or other vehicle following an event due to problems with the evacuation route or emergency door, the NTSB would note this data in its factual report summarizing the questionnaires. The NTSB may then utilize this identification of the trend to make a safety recommendation to improve evacuation methods and thereby improve transportation safety and likelihood of survival. Similarly, if a majority of respondents who are eyewitnesses to a transportation event report observing a specific unusual aspect immediately prior to the event, this information may assist the NTSB with determining the probable cause of the occurrence. For example, eyewitnesses who complete a questionnaire and state they observed smoke from a train’s engine or from a specific part of an aircraft before a crash can provide information to help the NTSB focus its investigation and determine the probable cause.

Overall, the information the NTSB will receive from completed questionnaires is important to the NTSB. The NTSB will use the information to improve transportation safety by determining the probable cause of the event, mitigating the effects of the event, issuing safety recommendations, fulfilling its family assistance responsibilities, or all of these activities.

5. Public Input Regarding the Information Collected

The NTSB does not generally obtain public input concerning the scope of, or specific questions on, the witness or passenger questionnaires it uses. However, the NTSB utilizes a party process for each investigation.² Through this process, NTSB investigators who seek to use a witness and/or passenger questionnaire to obtain information from witnesses and/or passengers may consult with party participants who are assisting with the investigation, and

gather input to improve the questionnaire. If an NTSB investigator believes a party participant’s feedback would improve the questionnaire concerning a particular question, the investigator may change the questionnaire and recommend this change be retained for future investigations. Overall, the NTSB engages in consultation with party participants, in the interest of improving the questionnaire.

6. Internal Procedures

Lastly, the OMB memorandum describing generic clearances recommends agencies describe the procedures it will undertake to ensure information collections to which the generic clearance applies will comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act, applicable regulations, and the terms provided in the generic clearance. The NTSB Office of General Counsel plans to provide internal guidance to agency personnel, consisting of this publication, as well as the OMB memorandum discussing generic clearances, upon OMB approval of the clearance. The internal guidance will include specific instructions concerning use of witness and passenger questionnaires, and explain the applicable provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act and its implementing regulations. The NTSB will also ensure its modal office directors are aware of the generic clearance, and its terms, and direct investigators to contact the NTSB Office of General Counsel to coordinate the dissemination of witness and/or passenger questionnaires. Given the small size of the NTSB, the agency believes it will be able to communicate the terms of compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act to all investigators who may need to solicit feedback from witnesses and/or passengers via questionnaires.

C. Description of Burden

The NTSB has carefully reviewed questionnaires it has used previously to obtain information from witnesses and passengers. The NTSB assures the public that these questionnaires have used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology in its requests for information. In addition, the questionnaires are not duplicative of other agencies’ collections of information, because in most instances, the NTSB, by statute, maintains priority over other agencies during a transportation accident investigation; therefore, any information collection that another agency might undertake must be approved in advance by the NTSB investigator-in-charge (IIC). The

¹ National Transportation Safety Board 2012 Annual Report to Congress, available at http://www.ntsb.gov/doclib/agency_reports/2012Annual%20Report.pdf.

² See 49 CFR 831.11; see also NTSB Aviation Investigation Manual, Major Team Investigations (Nov. 2002), available at <http://www.ntsb.gov/doclib/manuals/MajorInvestigationsManual.pdf>.

IIC would not approve an information collection that is duplicative of the witness/passenger questionnaire when the NTSB has already sought feedback on the questionnaire.

In general, the NTSB believes the questionnaires will impose a minimal burden on respondents: the NTSB estimates that each respondent will spend approximately 30 to 45 minutes in completing each questionnaire. The NTSB estimates that a maximum of 650 respondents per year would complete a questionnaire. Although the NTSB may distribute questionnaires to perhaps as many as 1,300 people, historic response rates indicate only 50 percent of the questionnaires will be returned completed. However, the NTSB again notes this number will vary, given the unpredictable nature of the frequency of transportation events.

D. Request for Comments

In accordance with 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the NTSB seeks feedback from the public concerning this proposed plan for information collection. In particular, the NTSB asks the public to evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary; to assess the accuracy of the NTSB's burden estimate; to comment on how to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and to comment on how the NTSB might minimize the burden of the collection of information.

The NTSB will carefully consider all feedback it receives in response to this notice. As described above, obtaining the information the NTSB seeks on these questionnaires in a timely manner is important to NTSB investigations; therefore, obtaining approval from OIRA for these collections of information on a generic basis is a priority for the NTSB.

Dated: February 12, 2014.

Deborah A.P. Hersman,

Chairman.

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PEACE CORPS

Information Collection Request: Submission for OMB Review

AGENCY: Peace Corps.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Peace Corps will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public

comment on the new information collection. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before March 20, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB approval number and should be sent via email to: oira_submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to: 202-395-3086. Attention: Desk Officer for Peace Corps.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denora Miller, FOIA/Privacy Act Officer, Peace Corps, 1111 20th Street NW., Washington, DC 20526, (202) 692-1236, or email at pcf@peacecorps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected by the Volunteer Application is used by the Peace Corps to collect essential information from individuals, including technical and language skills, and availability for Peace Corps service. The Peace Corps will be changing its application process to better match applicants to programs based on their skills and interests. Due to this change in the way applicants are processed and an overall agency effort to reduce the burden on applicants by only asking the most essential questions, the agency is developing a new application.

Title: Peace Corps Volunteer Application.

OMB Control Number: 0420-pending.

Type of Review: New.

Affected Public: General public.

Respondents' Obligation To Reply: Voluntary.

Burden to the Public:

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| a. Estimated number of respondents. | 20,000. |
| b. Estimated average burden per response. | 1 hour. |
| c. Frequency of response | one time. |
| d. Annual reporting burden | 20,000. |
| e. Number of applications received electronically (99%). | 19,800. |
| f. Number of application received in hard copy (1%). | 200. |

General Description of Collection: The Volunteer Application is used by Peace Corps in its assessment of an individual's qualifications to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer. It is the document of record for an individual's decision to apply for Peace Corps service.

Request for Comment: Peace Corps invites comments on whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for proper performance of the functions of the Peace Corps, including

whether the information will have practical use; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the information to be collected; and, ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

This notice issued in Washington, DC, on February 11, 2013.

Denora Miller,

FOIA/Privacy Act Officer, Office of Management.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act; Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a meeting on February 26, 2014, 10:00 a.m. at the Board's meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

Portion open to the public:

(1) Executive Committee Reports

The person to contact for more information is Martha P. Rico, Secretary to the Board, Phone No. 312-751-4920.

Dated: February 10, 2014.

Martha P. Rico,

Secretary to the Board.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Spectrum Policy

ACTION: Notice of Request for Information.

SUMMARY: On June 14, 2013, the President issued a Memorandum to the heads of executive departments and agencies on the subject of spectrum policy (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/06/14/presidential-memorandum-expanding-americas-leadership-wireless-innovation>). The Memorandum directs the White House Spectrum Policy Team to make recommendations regarding market-based or other approaches that could give departments and agencies greater incentive to share or relinquish