

were no longer protected due to dispatcher error, FRA recommends that railroads take the following actions to promote the safety of roadway workers:

1. Increase monitoring of their employees for compliance with existing applicable rules and procedures, particularly those involving the establishment, removal, or verification of track authority, and good faith challenges.

2. Examine their train dispatching systems, rules, and procedures to ensure that appropriate safety redundancies are in place.

3. If a railroad determines that appropriate safety redundancies are not in place, adopt electronic technology that would provide appropriate safety redundancies. At least until such technology is in place, and as an immediate first step to the adoption of such technology, railroads should—

a. Stress the importance of dispatchers being advised of the work plans by the RWIC when securing track occupancy authority;

b. Forbid student dispatchers by general order or bulletin from removing blocking devices until confirmation is received by the dispatcher providing supervision; and

c. Require student dispatchers to secure confirmation from the supervising dispatcher prior to the removal of blocking devices.

d. With regard to inadvertent and unauthorized hi-rail movement outside the limits of authority, instruct roadway workers that prior to passing any absolute signal, a roadway worker should verify the limits of his or her authority as follows:

i. For roadway workers traveling with other occupants in a vehicle, verify the limits with another occupant within the vehicle by verbally reviewing the authority;

ii. For roadway workers acting in the capacity of a lone worker (or otherwise traveling alone in a vehicle that is the first vehicle in the roadway work group to pass the absolute signal), announce over the radio the location and intent to pass the absolute signal; and

iii. In either case, if the roadway worker or roadway work group is relying upon an electronic authority, and the electronic device displaying that authority malfunctions, the roadway worker must either secure a hard copy of the authority or vacate the track until he or she can verify the authority.

FRA encourages railroads to take actions that are consistent with the preceding recommendations and to take other actions to help ensure the safety of the Nation's railroad employees and

the general public. FRA may modify this Safety Advisory 2014–02, issue additional safety advisories, or take other appropriate actions it deems necessary to ensure the highest level of safety on the Nation's railroads, including pursuing other corrective measures under its rail safety authority.

Robert C. Lauby,

Associate Administrator for Safety and Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 CFR 102–3.150, The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces that the following U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (“Academy”) Board of Visitors (BoV) meeting will take place:

1. *Date:* December 8, 2014.

2. *Time:* 1000. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting will need to show photo identification in order to gain access to the meeting location.

3. *Location:* The Crabtree Room of the Library on the Academy campus, Kings Point, New York.

4. *Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of this meeting is to update BoV members on Academy issues, and for the BoV to review the progress of ongoing capital and maintenance improvements.

5. *Public Access to the Meeting:* Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165) and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BoV's Designated Federal Officer or Point of Contact is Brian Blower; 202 366–2765; Brian.Blower@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the Academy BoV. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer at: Brian Blower; 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., W28–313, Washington, DC 20590 or via email at Brian.Blower@dot.gov. Please

contact the Designated Federal Officer for information on submitting comments via fax. Written statements must be received no later than three working days prior to the next meeting in order to provide time for member consideration. By rule, no member of the public attending open meetings will be allowed to present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under consideration by the BoV.

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 51312; 5 U.S.C. app. 552b; 41 CFR parts 102–3.140 through 102–3.165.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: November 20, 2014.

Thomas M. Hudson,

Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2014–0033]

Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

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 has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 26, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or access to background documents, contact Lisa Gavin, Office of Crash Avoidance Standards (NVS–121), U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, West Building, W43–432, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Email address: lisa.gavin@dot.gov. Ms.