

related to the insurance plan as the consular officer deems necessary. PP 9945 does not suspend or limit the entry of applicants if they do not have coverage, but possess financial resources to pay for reasonably foreseeable medical expenses. Reasonably foreseeable medical expenses are those expenses related to existing medical conditions, relating to health issues existing at the time of visa adjudication.

PP 9945 does not apply to holders of valid immigrant visas issued before the effective date of the proclamation; aliens seeking to enter the United States pursuant to a Special Immigrant Visa, in either the SI or SQ classification; any alien who is seeking to enter the United States pursuant to an IR-2, CR-2, IR-3, IR-4, IH-3, or IH-4 visa; aliens seeking to enter pursuant to an IR-5 visa, provided the alien or alien's sponsor demonstrates to the satisfaction of consular officers that they will not impose a substantial burden on the United States healthcare system; aliens seeking to enter the United States pursuant to a SB-1 visa; any alien under the age of 18, except for any alien accompanying a parent who is also immigrating to the United States and subject to PP 9945; any alien whose entry would further important United States law enforcement objectives, as determined by the Secretary of State or his designee based on a recommendation from the Attorney General or his designee; or aliens whose entry would be in the national interest, as determined by the Secretary of State or his designee on a case-by-case basis.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2019-0087]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on October 16, 2019, the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (Metra) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR 236.566, *Locomotive of each train*

operating in train stop, train control or cab signal territory; equipped. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2019-0087.

Specifically, Metra requests to operate positive train control (PTC) equipped controlling locomotives with the automatic cab signals (ACS) cut-out. The relief is to be within a PTC revenue service demonstration (RSD) area on the Rock Island District, on which a PTC system (Interoperable Electronic Train Management System) is installed and operative; the PTC system is successfully initialized; and a locomotive engineer trained and qualified in the operation of PTC is present for the operation of the train with the ACS cut-out.

Locations of the requested relief on the Rock Island District are:

- Track No. 1, Westward—MP 14.5 to MP 39.9; Eastward—MP 39.9 to MP 14.5
- Track No. 2, Westward—MP 14.5 to MP 39.9; Eastward—MP 39.9 to MP 14.5
- Main Track, MP 39.9 to 40.2.

If the PTC system fails and/or is cut-out en route, the train crew will cut-in the ACS onboard system, perform a departure test, and if successful, continue the trip through the project limits under ACS operation. If the ACS onboard system cut-in and/or departure test are not completed successfully, the train will continue to operate under the provisions of § 236.567, *Restrictions imposed when device fails and/or is cut out en route.*

Metra notes that the ACS and PTC systems are not integrated on the locomotive, and their concurrent use would be potentially confusing and distracting to the train crew due to differences in the content of their displays, audible and visual alerts provided, and required acknowledgement protocols.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. 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 parties desire

an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, 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:

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

Communications received by December 16, 2019 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can 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 document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.transportation.gov/privacy. See also <http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2019-0004-N-19]

**Proposed Agency Information
Collection Activities; Comment
Request**

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the information collection and its expected burden. On August 30, 2019, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICR.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 29, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the ICR to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FRA Desk Officer. Comments may also be sent via email to OMB at the following address: oir_a_submissions@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Hodan Wells, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-0440) or Ms. Kim Toone, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Information Technology, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6132).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 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. See 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. On August 30, 2019, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting public comment on the ICR for which it is now seeking OMB approval. See 84 FR 45824. To date, FRA has received no comments in response to this notice and any comments received will be considered.

Before OMB decides whether to approve this proposed collection of information, it must provide 30-days' notice for public comment. 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 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.

Comments are invited on the following ICR regarding: (1) Whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Control of Alcohol and Drug Use in Railroad Operations.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0526.

Abstract: The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the railroad industry will use the information collected to determine the extent of alcohol and drug abuse on railroad property, curtail alcohol and drug use, and ensure compliance with all 49 CFR part 219 requirements covering regulated employees. For example, FRA will use the information collected to ensure that regulated employees are subject to random alcohol and drug testing. This information collection also covers foreign-railroads' foreign-based employees who perform train or dispatching service in the United States.

Type of Request: Extension with change (revised estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Form(s): FRA F 6180.73, 6180.74, 6180.75.

Respondent Universe: 713 railroads (includes 2 foreign-based railroads), 44,797 Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) employees, and 146,000 total regulated employees.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 427,661.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 3,132 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$238,032.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2019-0148]

Notice of Rights and Protections Available Under the Federal Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: No FEAR Act notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice implements Title II of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act of 2002). It is the annual obligation for Federal agencies to notify all employees, former employees, and applicants for Federal employment of the rights and protections available to them under the Federal Anti-discrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvette Rivera, Associate Director of the Equity and Access Division (S-32), Departmental Office of Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W78-306, Washington, DC 20590, 202-366-5131 or by email at Yvette.Rivera@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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No FEAR Act Notice

On May 15, 2002, Congress enacted the "Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002," now recognized as the No FEAR Act (Pub. L. 107-174). One purpose of the Act is to "require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and