

12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000, and Delegation of Authority No. 523 of December 22, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12061]

Notice of the Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and Eurasia (Title VIII) Advisory Committee Open Virtual Meeting

ACTION: Notice of an advisory committee open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given to announce a public virtual meeting of the Title VIII Advisory Committee on Friday, June 30, 2023.

DATES: The meeting will begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Friday, June 30, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Designated Federal Officer, Mr. Robert Zimmerman, telephone number 202–258–8024, Title VIII Program Officer, Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, *TitleVIII@state.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All meeting participants are being asked to RSVP by Wednesday, June 28, 2023, via email to *TitleVIII@state.gov*, subject line “Title VIII Advisory Committee Public Meeting 2023.” Members of the public requesting reasonable accommodation should make such requests when they register. Upon receipt of the RSVP, attendees will be registered, and will receive instructions for accessing the meeting, including the meeting number and any password. It is anticipated that the meeting will be held either via Google Meet or Zoom for Government. Members of the public who will participate are encouraged to logon 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

Purpose of Meeting and Topics To Be Discussed: The Advisory Committee will announce its recommendations for grant recipients for the 2023 funding

opportunity for the Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, in accordance with the Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union Act of 1983, Public Law 98–164, as amended. The agenda will include opening statements by the Committee chair and Committee members. The Committee will provide an overview and discussion of eligible grant proposals submitted from U.S. organizations with an interest and expertise in conducting research and foreign language training concerning the countries and languages of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, based on the guidelines set forth in the March 25, 2023, request for proposals published on *Grants.gov* and SAMS Domestic (*mygrants.service-now.com*). Following Committee deliberation, interested members of the public may make oral statements concerning the Title VIII program. This meeting will be open to the public; however, attendees must register in advance.

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Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee for the Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2023–0011]

Request for Information Regarding Uses for Used Creosote-Treated Railroad Ties

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

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The Federal Railroad Administration is seeking information on potential uses and options for disposal or repurposing used creosote-treated railroad ties (CTRTs), which are the wooden rail cross-ties that support the rail track. Every year, approximately 23 million CTRTs are replaced along the nation’s rail network. Because a number of FRA’s grant programs fund rail infrastructure projects, which may include the replacement of worn CTRTs, understanding the options to dispose of CTRTs will assist FRA and its grantees from the implementation of FRA’s grant

programs and assessing the impacts of such disposition (*e.g.*, life-cycle maintenance impacts). Depending on the responses, FRA may develop a best practices document for rail tie disposal.

DATES: Written comments on this RFI must be received on or before June 26, 2023. FRA will consider comments filed after this date to the extent practicable in the development of any potential best practices.

ADDRESSES: Comments: Comments should refer to docket number FRA–2023–0011 and be submitted at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search by using the docket number and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number (FRA–2023–0011) for this RFI. Please note that comments submitted online via www.regulations.gov are not immediately posted to the docket. Several business days may elapse after a comment has been submitted online before it is posted to the docket.

Privacy Act: DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL–14 FDMS, accessible through www.dot.gov/privacy. To facilitate comment tracking and response, commenters are encouraged to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

Docket: For access to the docket to read comments received, please visit <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information related to this RFI, please contact Michael Johnsen, Senior Advisor for Climate and Sustainability, Office of Environmental Program Management, at telephone: 202–450–8540, email: Michael.johnsen@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Cross-ties support the metal rails upon which trains run and the majority of them are made of creosote-treated wood. Creosote is an oil-based preservative allowing the ties to maintain a lifespan of about 30 years. There are approximately 207,000 miles of rail track in the U.S. requiring about 620 million cross-ties. About 23 million cross-ties are replaced every