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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

49 CFR Part 246

[Docket No. FRA-2022-0020, Notice No. 3]

RIN 2130-AC92

Certification of Signal Employees

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

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On May 31, 2023, FRA published an NPRM proposing to require railroads to develop written programs for certifying signal employees and to submit those written certification programs to FRA for approval prior to implementation. On July 5, 2023, FRA published a notice extending the comment period by 30 days. By this notice, FRA is extending the NPRM's comment period by an additional 15 days.

DATES: The comment period for the NPRM, scheduled to close on August 30, 2023, is extended until September 14, 2023.

ADDRESSES:

Comments: Comments related to Docket No. FRA-2022-0020, Notice No. 1, may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name, docket name, and docket number or Regulatory Identification Number (RIN) for this rulemaking (2130-AC92). Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document for Privacy Act information related to any submitted comments or materials.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 28, 2023, FRA provided information in the rulemaking docket about the accidents that were analyzed by FRA in the regulatory impact analysis.¹ In an August 5, 2023, petition, the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) requested a 30-day extension of the NPRM's² comment period to analyze the information and its impact on ASLRRA's member railroads.

The comment period for this NPRM is scheduled to close on August 30, 2023.³ As FRA is partially granting ASLRRA's request, the comment period is now extended 15 days to September 14, 2023.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, to <https://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, we encourage commenters 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.

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¹ <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2022-0020-0010>.

² 88 FR 35632 (May 31, 2023).

³ 88 FR 42907 (July 5, 2023).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

[Docket No. TSA-2023-0001]

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49 CFR Parts 1500, 1530, 1570, 1572, 1580, 1582, 1584

Vetting of Certain Surface Transportation Employees

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On May 23, 2023, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) proposing security vetting of certain public transportation, railroad, and over-the-road-bus (OTRB) employees. Through this notice, TSA is extending the comment period to October 1, 2023, to provide additional time for the public to submit comments.

DATES: The comment period for the NPRM published at 88 FR 33472 (May 23, 2023), is extended from August 21, 2023, to October 1, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the TSA docket number to this rulemaking, to the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS), a government-wide, electronic docket management system. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

- *Electronic Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001. The Department of Transportation (DOT), which maintains and processes TSA's official regulatory dockets, will scan the submission and post it to FDMS. Comments must be postmarked by the date indicated above.
- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for format and other information about comment submissions.

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