

treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act, and they will not be placed in the public docket of the notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Evaluation Division, Office of Policy, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001 or via email at brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov. At this time, you need not send a duplicate hardcopy of your electronic CBI submissions to FMCSA headquarters. Any comments FMCSA receives not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this notice.

II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including the applicant's safety analyses. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely maintain a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305(a)). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision(s) from which the applicant will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reason for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

III. Applicant's Request

Daimler has applied for a 5-year exemption for six drivers from 49 CFR 383.23, which requires that drivers operating CMVs in interstate or intrastate commerce hold CDLs issued by a State. Daimler requests the exemption because these drivers are not residents of a U.S. State, and therefore cannot meet the residency requirement for a CDL and are eligible only for non-domiciled CDLs. The Daimler drivers are Christopher Kappes, Andreas Munch, Franz-Alexander Baumgartner, Fabian Schab, Malte Kleindick, and Lucas Jung. These drivers all hold valid German CDLs. Daimler asserts in its

exemption request that the requirements for a German CDL ensure that the same level of safety is met or exceeded as if these drivers had a CDL issued by a U.S. State.

The requested exemption would allow these six drivers to operate CMVs in interstate commerce to support Daimler field tests for developing and optimizing the control software that governs the high-voltage functions of an electric vehicle's powertrain. According to Daimler, these drivers will perform safety testing and validation that is crucial for powertrain controllers in electric trucks, ensuring they can handle high-voltage functions safely and maintain system performance under diverse driving conditions. In all cases, they will be accompanied by a holder of a CDL issued by a State who is familiar with the routes to be traveled. Daimler adds that if this exemption is not granted, future vehicle development and launch of electric trucks could be hindered as these six individuals play a crucial role in directing company resources to the development of new and advanced powertrain solutions.

A copy of Daimler's application for exemption is available for review in the docket for this notice.

IV. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on Daimler's application for an exemption from the requirement in 49 CFR 383.23. All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated at the beginning of this notice will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the Addresses section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2024–0013]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), 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) summarized 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 5, 2024, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICR. FRA received no substantive comments in response to the notice.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 14, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find the particular ICR by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Arlette Mussington, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: arlette.mussington@dot.gov or telephone: (571) 609–1285 or Ms. Joanne Swafford, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: joanne.swafford@dot.gov or telephone: (757) 897–9908.

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 5, 2024, 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 89 FR 63468. FRA has received no substantive comments related to the proposed collection of information.

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. The 30-day notice informs the regulated community of its opportunity to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to consider public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, each respondent should submit their 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: Report of Railroad Trespasser Form.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0635.

Abstract: Trespassing on railroad rights-of-way and other railroad property is the leading cause of fatalities attributable to railroad operations in the United States. To address this serious issue, the railroad industry, governments (Federal, State, and local), and other interested parties must know more about the individuals who trespass and causes. With such knowledge, specific educational programs, materials, and messages regarding the hazards and consequences of trespassing on railroad property can be developed and effectively distributed. Due to the lack of available root cause data, FRA collects data from law enforcement agencies to develop general descriptions of the causes of trespassing. This allows FRA and other interested parties, such as Operation Lifesaver, to target audiences with appropriate education and enforcement campaigns to reduce the resulting annual number of injuries and fatalities.

Completion and submission of form FRA F 6180.178, Report of Railroad

Trespasser Form, is required for law enforcement agency grantees as a condition of FRA's Railroad Trespassing Enforcement Grant Program. Grantees complete the form for each railroad trespasser incident in their jurisdiction, describing the trespasser's ethnicity, gender, and age to the best of their ability. For law enforcement agencies that do not receive FRA's Railroad Trespassing Enforcement grants, completion and submission of this form is voluntary.

FRA provides an electronic option where the respondents can respond via a web-based form. The web-based form also helps FRA maintain the data collected in a more useful and uniform manner, as the dropdown boxes facilitate more standardized responses.

Type of Request: Extension without change (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Public authorities.

Form(s): FRA F 6180.178.

Respondent Universe: Law enforcement agencies.

Frequency of Submission: Monthly.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 2,600.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 350 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$21,196.

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 that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2000–7257, Notice No. 97]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Organizations Eligible To Submit Names for Appointment

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

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeks public comment on potential changes to the list of organizations that are eligible to submit the names of individuals for appointment as Committee members to

the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC), a Federal Advisory Committee that provides advice and recommendations to FRA on railroad safety matters through a consensus process.

DATES: Interested persons must submit any comments to FRA by November 14, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Comments should be submitted to Kenton Kilgore, RSAC Designated Federal Officer/RSAC Coordinator, FRA Office of Railroad Safety, at kenton.kilgore@dot.gov, who can also be reached at (202) 365–3724.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10). RSAC is a Federal Advisory Committee established by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the FRA Administrator on matters relating to railroad safety. RSAC is composed of 51 voting representatives from 26 member organizations, representing various rail industry perspectives. The diversity of RSAC ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities.

Membership selection will be based on materials submitted and in a manner that ensures equal opportunity for all people consistent with all Federal anti-discrimination laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or age. Membership solicitation will be undertaken in a manner that encourages participation by members of underrepresented and underserved communities in accordance with Executive Order 13985.

This Notice seeks comments concerning future changes to the list of organizations that are eligible to submit the names of individuals for appointment as Committee members. A list of current organizations represented on the RSAC is available online at <https://rsac.fra.dot.gov/organizations>. FRA is specifically interested in comments concerning changes to or maintenance of the current composition of organizations eligible to nominate individual members to ensure: (1) diversity of the requisite range of views and expertise necessary for RSAC to discharge its responsibilities; (2) fairly balanced RSAC membership to reflect points of view representative of the railroad community, including those of railroad owners, manufacturers,