

There are safety advocates who maintain that *any* unintentional release, large enough to be reportable, is a flag indicating safety risks or flaws in operating and handling procedures. Minimizing these releases, many experts argue, should be the goal of the regulatory agencies. Looking at all reported hazardous materials incidents—serious and non-serious—there has been an overall decline since the high of 16,000 in 1983, with the numbers fluctuating between fewer than 10,000 in 1990 to under 14,000 last year. Assessing changes in the total number of incidents to be used as a measure of effectiveness in conjunction with close integration of the incident reporting system in the entire process of hazardous materials intervention—from training, inspection, and enforcement—could be used by DOT to identify the underlying causes of many incidents.

In Focus Group Meeting #3, we are interested in gauging DOT's success and in developing appropriate measures or candidate measures. Questions related to this issue include:

- Are serious incidents the best measure of our success in reducing risk in hazardous materials transportation?
- Is the goal of reducing the number of serious incidents by a targeted amount the best alternative?
- Would trends in all unintentional releases of hazardous materials be a better indicator of how well we have succeeded in controlling the risk of hazardous materials in transportation?
- How can we best measure the success of the hazardous materials program? How would you evaluate the overall effectiveness of the hazardous materials intervention program in addressing the level of risk hazardous materials pose in transportation?

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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 extension of currently approved collections. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on April 7, 1999. 64 FR 17055-17056.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 6, 1999. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judy Street on (202) 267-9895.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

*Title:* Special Federal Aviation regulation (SFAR) 36, Department of Major Repair Data.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0507.

*Forms(s):* N/A.

*Affected Public:* Aircraft maintenance, Commercial Aviation, Aircraft Repair Stations, Air Carriers, Air Taxi, and Commercial Operators.

*Abstract:* SFAR 36 allows authorized certificate holders to approve aircraft product and articles for return to service after accomplishing major repairs using data developed by the holder that have not been directly approved by the FAA.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 530 burden hours annually.

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

#### Comments Are Invited On

Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### RTCA, Special Committee 186; Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B)

Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee (SC)-186 meeting to be held July 26-30, 1999, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at National Lucht- & Ruimtevaartlaboratorium (National Aerospace Laboratory), 1059 CM Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The agenda will include: July 26: Working Group (WG)-1, Conflict Detection and Resolution. July 27-28: WG-1, Conflict Detection and Resolution; WG-4, Application Technical Requirements.

Joint RTCA SC-186/EUROCAE WG-51 Plenary Session, July 29-30, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Review of the Meeting Agenda; (3) Review and Approval of the Relevant Meeting Minutes; (4) Status of Actions; (5) SC-186 Activity Report and Committee Roadmap; (6) WG-51 Report; (7) 1090 Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS) Development; (8) VDL4 MOPS Development; (9) SC-186/WG-1 Report; (10) SC-186/WG-4 Report; (11) Automatic Dependent Surveillance Minimum Aviation System Performance Standard—Status and Plans (12) WG-51/SC-186 Applications Templates; (13) Safe Flight 21 Update; (14) EUROCONTROL ADS Programme; (15) Future Work Programme; (16) Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting; (17) Closing.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statement at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www/rtca/org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**Janice L. Peters,**

*Designated Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

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

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration, 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 (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on April 30, 1999 (64 FR 23385).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 6, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., N.W., Mail Stop 17, Washington, D.C. 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Dian Deal, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., N.W., Mail Stop 35, Washington, D.C. 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6133). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. No. 104-13, § 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 C.F.R. Part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 C.F.R. 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On April 30, 1999, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on ICRs that the agency was seeking OMB approval. 64 FR 23385. FRA received no comments after issuing this

notice. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been reevaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c).

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). 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 that 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. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); see also 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The revised requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

**Title:** Supplemental Qualifications Statement for Railroad Safety Inspector Applicants.

**OMB Control Number:** 2130-0517.

**Type of Request:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Form(s):** FRA-F-120.

**Abstract:** The Supplemental Qualifications Statement for Railroad Safety Inspector Applicants is an information collection instrument used by FRA to gather additional background data so that FRA can evaluate the qualifications of applicants for the position of Railroad Safety Inspector. The questions cover a wide range of general and specialized skills, abilities, and knowledge of the five types of railroad safety inspector positions.

**Annual Estimated Burden Hours:** 6,000 hours.

**Addressee:** Send comments regarding this information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC, 20503, Attention: FRA Desk Officer.

**Comments are invited on the following:** Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have

practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

**Marie S. Savoy,**

*Director, Office of Information Technology and Support Systems, Federal Railroad Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-1999-5920]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before September 7, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Crawford Ellerbe, Office of Maritime Labor, Training and Safety, Maritime Administration, MAR-250, Room 7302, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Telephone 202-366-5755 or FAX 202-493-2288. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title of Collection:** U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Application for Admission.

**Type of Request:** Extension of currently approved information collection.

**OMB Control Number:** 2133-0010

**Form Number:** KP 2-65.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** 12-31-2000

**Summary of Collection of Information:** The collection consists of Parts I, II, and III of Form KP 2-65 (U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Application