

**Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range
Railway Company (Waiver Petition
Docket Number FRA-2000-7297)**

The Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company (DMIR) seeks a two-year extension of a previously granted waiver of compliance (formerly handled under Docket Number F-90-3B) from the provisions of the Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards, 49 CFR Section 215.115(b)(1)(ii), regarding inspection of roller bearings involved in a derailment. This waiver applies to DMIR cars which may be derailed at taconite pellet load out pockets at Minntac, Minorca, EVTAC, and Fairlane. These cars have been prone to derailments during the unloading process and are directed back onto the rails by being pulled over permanently mounted automatic rerailers.

DMIR states that no mainline derailments due to bearing related failures have occurred during the period of the current waiver. Bearings that have been involved in derailments have been visually inspected for external damage and allowed to return to unrestricted service when none was found.

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 party desires an opportunity for oral comment, 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 (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number 2000-7297) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Lake Superior Railroad Museum

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1999-6072]

Lake Superior Railroad Museum of Duluth, Minnesota, is requesting a waiver from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 223, Safety Glazing Standards, for Great Northern locomotive #192 which was built in 1946. This locomotive has FRA Type II glazing in all side facing locations and is partially equipped with FRA Type I glazing in end facing locations. The remainder of the end facing glazing is identified as "shatterproof."

This locomotive is primarily used on 26 miles of the North Shore Scenic Railroad between Duluth and Two Harbors, Minnesota.

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 party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

**Announcing the Second Quarterly
Meeting of the Crash Injury Research
and Engineering Network**

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Meeting announcement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Second Quarterly Meeting of members of the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network. CIREN is a collaborative effort to conduct research on crashes and injuries at nine Level 1 Trauma Centers which are linked by a computer network. Researchers can review data and share expertise, which could lead to a better understanding of crash injury mechanisms and the design of safer vehicles.

DATE AND TIME: The meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 6200-04 of the U.S. Department of Transportation Building, which is located at 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CIREN System has been established and crash cases have been entered into the database by each Center. NHTSA has held three Annual Conferences (two in Detroit and one in conjunction with STAPP in San Diego) where CIREN research results were presented. Further information about the three previous CIREN conferences is available through the NHTSA website at: http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/bio_and_trauma/ciren-final.htm. NHTSA held the first quarterly meeting on May 5, 2000, with a topic of lower extremity injuries in motor vehicle crashes. Information from

the May 5 meeting is also available through the NHTSA website.

NHTSA plans to continue holding quarterly meetings on a regular basis to disseminate CIREN information to interested parties. This is the second such meeting. The topic for this meeting is motor vehicle side impact crashes. Subsequent meetings have tentatively been scheduled for October 2000 and January 2001. These quarterly meetings will be in lieu of an annual CIREN conference.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Donna Stenski, Office of Human-Centered Research, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 6206, Washington, DC 20590, telephone: (202) 366-5662.

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Raymond P. Owings,

Associate Administrator for Research and Development, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Announcement of the Fall Unsolicited Grant Competition Grant Program

AGENCY: United States Institute of Peace.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agency announces its Upcoming Fall Unsolicited Grant Deadline, which offers support for research, education and training, and the dissemination of information on international peace and conflict resolution.

Deadline: October 1, 2000.

DATES: Application Material Available on Request. Receipt Date for Return of Application: October 1, 2000. Notification of Awards: February 2001.

ADDRESSES: For Application Package: United States Institute of Peace, Grant Program, Unsolicited Grants, 1200 17th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036-3011, (202) 429-3842 (phone), (202) 429-6063 (fax), (202) 457-1719 (TTY), Email: grant_program@usip.org.

Applications also available on-line at our web site: www.usip.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Grant Program, Phone (202)-429-3842.

Dated: June 22, 2000.

Bernice J. Carney,

Director, Office of Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0180]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 28, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB" Control No. 2900-0180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Compliance Report of Proprietary Institutions, VA Form 27-4274.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0180.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: VA Form 27-4274 is used to determine whether or not proprietary educational institutions receiving Federal financial assistance are in compliance with applicable civil rights statute and regulations. The collected information is used to identify areas that may indicate, statistically, disparate treatment of minority group members.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on April 11, 2000, at pages 19434-19435.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 124 hours.
Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 60 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 124.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0180" in any correspondence.

Dated: June 14, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sandra McIntyre,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards will be held on Thursday and Friday, July 27-28, 2000, VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 430, Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on both days.

The purpose of the meeting is to review information relating to the health effects of exposure to ionizing radiation. The major items on the agenda for both days will be discussions and analyses of medical and scientific papers concerning the health effects of exposure to ionizing radiation. On the basis of their analyses and discussions, the Committee may make recommendations to the Secretary concerning diseases that are the result of exposure to ionizing radiation. The agenda for the second day will include planning future Committee activities and assignment of tasks among the members.

The meeting is open to the public on both days. Those who wish to attend should contact Ms. Ersie Farber-Collins of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Compensation and Pension Service, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, prior to July 27, 2000. Ms. Farber-Collins may also be reached at 202-273-7268.

Members of the public may submit written questions or prepared statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting. Submitted material must be received at least five