

approval. 68 FR 37890. FRA received no comments in response to this notice.

Before OMB decides whether to approve this proposed collection 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: Hours of Service Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0005.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: The collection of information is due to the railroad Hours of Service Regulations set forth in 49 CFR part 228 which require railroads to collect the Hours of Duty for covered employees, and records of train movements. Railroads whose employees have exceeded maximum duty limitations must report the circumstances. Also, a railroad that has developed plans for construction or reconstruction of sleeping quarters (subpart C of 49 CFR part 228) must obtain approval of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) by filing a petition conforming to the requirements of §§ 228.101, 228.103, and 228.105.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 3,294,736.

Addressee: Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; Attention: FRA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on the following: Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of FRA, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the

burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections 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.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 03–15651; Notice 2]

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment

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

ACTION: Extension of comment period for a notice of draft interpretations.

SUMMARY: This document extends the comment period on a notice setting forth two draft interpretations concerning how our standard on lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment applies to replacement equipment. In response to a petition from the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), the agency is granting the petition and extending the comment period 30 days, from September 2, 2003, to October 2, 2003. The reason for the extension is to give SEMA sufficient time to “craft coordinated responses on behalf of the many SEMA members that produce aftermarket lighting equipment.” SEMA requested that the comment period be extended by 30 days.

DATES: You should submit comments early enough to ensure that Docket Management receives them not later than October 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by the docket number set forth above) by any of the following methods:

- Web Site: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting

comments on the DOT electronic docket site. Please note, if you are submitting petitions electronically as a PDF (Adobe) file, we ask that the documents submitted be scanned using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) process, thus allowing the agency to search and copy certain portions of your submissions.¹

- Fax: 1–202–493–2251.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–001.

- Hand Delivery: Room PL–401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the Submission of Comments heading of the Supplementary Information section of this document. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading under Regulatory Notices.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL–401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Taylor Vinson, Office of Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, Telephone: (202) 366–5263, Fax: (202) 366–3820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 17, 2003, the agency published a notice requesting comments on two draft interpretations in response to questions whether replacement lamps for the rear of a vehicle may have the reflex reflectors in a location that is inboard from that in the original lamps, and whether light source modifications are permissible for aftermarket lamps (68 FR 42454). The draft letters would be interpretations of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, *Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment*. We provided a comment period of 45 days, until the close of business on September 2, 2003.

¹ Optical character recognition (OCR) is the process of converting an image of text, such as a scanned paper document or electronic fax file, into computer-editable text.

On August 15, 2003, the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) petitioned the agency to extend the comment period for an additional 30 days. SEMA explained that it had been "attempting to craft coordinated responses on behalf of the many AEMA members that produce aftermarket lighting equipment." This undertaking "has been complicated by the fact that most of the comment period falls in August, a time when many of these SEMA members are away from their businesses." In addition, the comment deadline "falls on September 2nd, the day after Labor Day." SEMA considers the interpretations to be of great importance "to the ability of SEMA members to manufacture, market and sell replacement lighting equipment in the U.S."

After considering the arguments raised by SEMA, we have decided that it is in the public interest to extend the comment period for 30 days, to October 2, 2003, pursuant to the petitioner's request.

Privacy Act

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, *etc.*). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30111; 49 CFR 501.8(d)(5).

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Jacqueline Glassman,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4470]

Pipeline Safety: Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committees; Vacancies

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) seeks

applications for membership on the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC). The TPSSC and the THLPSSC review and report on proposed standards relating to the transportation of gas or hazardous liquids through pipelines or of the operation of gas or hazardous liquid pipeline facilities.

DATES: Application forms should reach RSPA/OPS on or before October 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Research and Special Programs Administration, Office of Pipeline Safety (DPS-12), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; by calling 202-493-0967; or by faxing 202-366-4566; or by e-mailing Jean.Milam@rspa.dot.gov. Send your application in written form to the above street address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> under docket number 4470.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Whetsel, OPS, (202) 366-4431 or Richard Huriaux, OPS, (202) 366-4565, regarding the subject matter of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC) are statutorily mandated Federal advisory committees that advise RSPA/OPS on proposed safety standards for gas and liquid pipelines. Federal law requires that RSPA/OPS submit cost-benefit analyses and risk assessment information on proposed safety standards to the advisory committees. The TPSSC and the THLPSSC evaluate the merits of the data provided and the methods used within the analyses to provide recommendations relating to the cost-benefit analyses. Both of the committees are tasked with determining reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability of RSPA/OPS proposed pipeline safety regulations. Each member must be experienced in the safety regulation of transporting natural gas or hazardous liquids or operating a hazardous liquid pipeline facility or, must be technically qualified, by training experience or knowledge, in at least one field of engineering applicable to transporting gas or hazardous liquids or operating a hazardous liquid pipeline facility.

Each Committee consists of 15 members. Five members each are

selected from Federal, State, or local governmental agencies. Two of these are State Commissioners selected after consultation with representatives of the national organization of State Commissions. Five members are selected from the natural gas or hazardous liquids pipeline industry, after consultation with industry representatives. Three must be currently engaged in the active operation of pipelines and at least one of the three must have education background or experience in risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis. Five members are to be selected from the general public. Individuals selected as public members may not have a significant financial interest in the pipeline, petroleum, or natural gas industry. Two of the public members must have education, background, or experience in environmental protection or public safety, and at least one of these will have education, background or experience in risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis.

The Committees meet at least twice during each calendar year. In addition, Committee members may be polled or asked for comments on notices of proposed rulemaking or other matters at any time without formally assembling at one place.

We will consider applications for 11 positions that expire or become vacant in mid-2003 in the following categories: (a) Federal, state, or local government (1 liquid vacancy; 3 gas vacancies—one must be a Commissioner); (b) Natural Gas/Hazardous Liquid Industry (No vacancies at this time); (c) General Public (5 liquid vacancies and 2 gas vacancies).

Each member serves a 3-year term, but may be reappointed. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary from the Federal Government, although travel reimbursement and per diem are provided.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

We may not release a completed application or the information in it to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115.

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Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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