

application for exemption is available for review in the docket for this notice.

IV. Public Comments

On June 21, 2018, FMCSA published notice of this application and requested public comment (83 FR 28898). The Agency received four comments. One individual and the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) filed comments in support of the proposed exemption. The Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (Advocates) and the Alliance for Driver Safety & Security (Trucking Alliance) filed joint comments in opposition to the proposed exemption.

NRMCA wrote, "As outlined in ACPA's request, due to the nature of concrete pump operators' schedules and inherent work practices that are closely aligned with the ready mixed concrete industry, NRMCA agrees that increasing the return to work-reporting location threshold from 12 to 14 hours would not diminish safety on our nation's roadways and ready mixed concrete construction sites."

Mr. Jake Ford stated, "I feel the FMCSA should look into expanding the 12-hour short-haul exemption to 14 hours to more than just Concrete Pumps. I work in the oilfield industry as a DOT/Fleet/Compliance Manager. Just like the concrete pump operators my drivers drive very little and spend 85% of their time on an oilfield service location operating equipment."

"The Advocates and the Trucking Alliance oppose the ACPA Application for exemption on the grounds that the Application fails to meet the statutory and regulatory requirements of applications for exemption. The Application is defective in several respects since it does not justify the need for the exemption, does not access the safety impacts of the exemption, and does not explain or document how an equivalent level of safety would be achieved. All of which are statutory requirements of a valid exemption application."

V. FMCSA Decision

FMCSA has evaluated ACPA's application and the public comments and decided to grant the exemption. The Agency believes that the exempted concrete pump drivers will likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than, the level of safety achieved without the exemption [49 CFR 381.305(a)]. The Agency granted similar exemptions to the National Asphalt Paving Association [January 26, 2018, (83 FR 3864)], and the Motion Picture Association of America [January 19, 2018, (83 FR

2869)]. In each of these situations, the driver spends relatively little time driving and is off duty for substantial periods of time during the day, making cumulative fatigue unlikely. In any case, a 14-hour driving window has been allowed for most drivers since early 2004, with no evidence of adverse effects. There is no reason to believe that the experience of drivers of concrete pump vehicles will be different.

VI. Terms and Conditions for the Exemption

(1) Drivers must return to the work reporting location and be released from work within 14 consecutive hours of coming on duty.

(2) Drivers must have a copy of this exemption document in their possession while operating under the terms of the exemption. The exemption document must be presented to law enforcement officials upon request.

(3) All motor carriers operating under this exemption must have a "Satisfactory" safety rating with FMCSA, or be "unrated." Motor carriers with "Conditional" or "Unsatisfactory" FMCSA safety ratings are prohibited from using this exemption.

Extent of the Exemption

This exemption is limited to the provisions of 49 CFR 395.1(e)(1)(ii)(A). These drivers must comply with all other applicable provisions of the FMCSRs.

Preemption

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31313(d), as implemented by 49 CFR 381.600, during the period this exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation applicable to interstate commerce that conflicts with or is inconsistent with this exemption with respect to a firm or person operating under the exemption. States may, but are not required to, adopt the same exemption with respect to operations in intrastate commerce.

Notification to FMCSA

Any motor carrier utilizing this exemption must notify FMCSA within 5 business days of any accident (as defined in 49 CFR 390.5), involving any of the motor carrier's CMVs operating under the terms of this exemption. The notification must include the following information:

- (a) Identity of the exemption: "ACPA"
- (b) Name of operating motor carrier and USDOT number,
- (c) Date of the accident,

(d) City or town, and State, in which the accident occurred, or closest to the accident scene,

(e) Driver's name and license number and State of issuance

(f) Vehicle number and State license plate number,

(g) Number of individuals suffering physical injury,

(h) Number of fatalities,

(i) The police-reported cause of the accident,

(j) Whether the driver was cited for violation of any traffic laws or motor carrier safety regulations, and

(k) The driver's total driving time and total on-duty time period prior to the accident.

Reports filed under this provision shall be emailed to MCPD@DOT.GOV.

Termination

FMCSA does not believe the drivers covered by this exemption will experience any deterioration of their safety record. However, should this occur, FMCSA will take all steps necessary to protect the public interest, including revocation of the exemption. The FMCSA will immediately revoke or restrict the exemption for failure to comply with its terms and conditions.

Issued on: October 25, 2018.

Raymond P. Martinez,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request on Information Collection for Form 13768, Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee Membership Application

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 13768, Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee Membership Application.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 31, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Laurie Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. Please send separate comments for each specific information collection listed below. You must reference the information collection's title, form number, reporting or record-keeping requirement number, and OMB number (if any) in your comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the collection tools should be directed to Alissa Berry, at (901) 707-4988, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at Alissa.A.Berry@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Currently, the IRS is seeking comments concerning the following information collection tools, reporting, and record-keeping requirements:

Title: Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee Membership.

OMB Number: 1545-2231.

Form Numbers: Form 13768.

Abstract: The Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (RRA 98) authorized the creation of the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC). ETAAC has a primary duty of providing input to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on its strategic plan for electronic tax administration. Accordingly, ETAAC's responsibilities involve researching, analyzing and making recommendations on a wide range of electronic tax administration issues.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the information collection.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 750.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal

revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: October 29, 2018.

Laurie Brimmer,
Senior Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Office of the General Counsel; Appointment of Members of the Legal Division to the Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service

Under the authority granted to me as Acting Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service by the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury by General Counsel Directive 15, pursuant to the Civil Service Reform Act, I have appointed the following persons to the Legal Division Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service Panel:

1. Brian Callanan, Deputy General Counsel
 2. David Horton, Commissioner (Tax Exempt and Government Entities), IRS
 3. Mary Beth Murphy, Commissioner (Small Business and Self Employed), IRS
- Alternate—Donna C. Hansberry, Chief (Appeals), IRS

This publication is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

Dated: October 24, 2018.

William M. Paul,
Acting Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Office of the General Counsel; Appointment of Members of the Legal Division to the Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service

Under the authority granted to me as Acting Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service by the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury by General Counsel Directive 15, pursuant to the Civil Service Reform Act, I have appointed the following persons to the Legal Division Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service Panel:

1. Chairperson, Drita Tonuzi, Deputy Chief Counsel (Operations)
 2. Robin Greenhouse, Division Counsel (Large Business & International)
 3. John Moriarty, Deputy Associate Chief Counsel (Income Tax and Accounting)
 4. Marjorie Rollinson, Associate Chief Counsel (International)
 5. Thomas Travers, Associate Chief Counsel (Finance & Management)
- Alternate—Bruce Meneely, Division Counsel (Small Business & Self Employed)

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Dated: October 24, 2018.

William M. Paul,
Acting Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Notice of Performance Review Board Members

AGENCY: Corporate Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** of the appointment of Performance Review Board (PRB) members. This notice announces the appointment of individuals to serve on the PRB of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DATES: The appointments are effective as of October 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Corporate Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Tracey Therit, Acting Executive Director, Corporate Senior Executive Management Office (006D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont