

based on feedback. The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as timeliness, appropriateness, information accuracy, courtesy, service delivery efficiency, and issue resolution. FRA will assess responses to plan and inform efforts seeking to improve the quality of service offered to customers and stakeholders, including the public. FRA will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance under the following conditions:

- The information gathered is only used internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for public release;
- The information gathered is not used to inform substantially significant policy decisions;
- The information gathered will yield qualitative information. FRA will not

design the collection or expect it to yield statistically reliable results or use it as though the results are generalizable to the study population;

- Participation in the collection is voluntary;
- The collection is low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden hours per respondent) and is low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
- The collection is directed to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program soon after receiving the collection; and

- With the exception of information needed to provide remuneration for focus group participants and cognitive laboratory studies, personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained by FRA.

In this 60-day notice, FRA made no changes to the previously approved burden hours or responses.

Type of Request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households; Businesses and Organizations; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Form(s): N/A.

Respondent Universe: 5,750.

Frequency of Submission: Once per request.

REPORTING BURDEN

Information collection description	Office	Annual responses (A)	Frequency	Average time per response (minutes) (B)	Total annual burden hours (C = A * B)
Surveys, comment cards, interviews, focus groups, and web-based technologies for Customer Service Satisfaction and Delivery.	Administrator	350	Annual, Periodically	10	59
	Railroad Safety	350	Annual, Periodically	10	59
	Research, Data, and Innovation Railroad Development	350	Annual, Periodically	10	59
	Chief Financial Officer	350	Annual, Periodically	10	59
	Railroad Development	3,500	Annual, Periodically	1	58
Web-based technologies for Customer Service Satisfaction and Delivery related to the improvement of webinar-based stakeholder engagement.	Railroad Development	500	Annual, Periodically	15	125
Surveys, comment cards, interviews, focus groups, and web-based technologies for Customer Service Satisfaction and Delivery related to the improvement of stakeholder capacity building and training resources.					
Totals		5,750			475

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 5,750.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 475 hours.

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 Number FRA–2018–0100]

Notice of Petition for Waiver of Compliance

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public notice that Norfolk Southern

Railway Company (NS) petitioned FRA for relief from certain regulations concerning training requirements.

DATES: FRA must receive comments on the petition by June 22, 2026. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES:

Comments: Comments related to this docket may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information. Please see the Privacy Act heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document for Privacy Act information related to any submitted comments or materials.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Check Kam, Rail Safety Specialist, FRA Motive Power & Equipment Division, telephone: 202-366-2139, email: check.kam@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by undated letter received February 25, 2026, NS petitioned FRA for relief from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 232, Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices. The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2018-0100.

Specifically, NS seeks relief from § 232.203(b)(8), *Training requirements*, to use virtual simulations using web-based or desktop software to satisfy the “hands-on” portion of periodic refresher training for transportation employees. NS states that since the blended training curriculum provides a greater volume of defects than in a real-world scenario, its “employees are able to more accurately identify issues, recognize patterns, and apply corrective actions with greater confidence and consistency.” NS also notes that it is prepared to implement the training “across conductor and supervisor crafts.”

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

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 and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

Communications received by June 22, 2026 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of FRA’s dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2020-0086]

Notice of Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public notice that St. Mary’s Railroad (SM) petitioned FRA for an extension of relief from certain regulations concerning stenciling of rail cars.

DATES: FRA must receive comments on the petition by June 22, 2026. FRA will

consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES:

Comments: Comments related to this docket may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information. Please see the Privacy Act heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document for Privacy Act information related to any submitted comments or materials.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caleb Rogers, Railroad Safety Specialist, FRA Motive Power & Equipment Division, telephone: 202-493-6322, email: caleb.rogers@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter received February 18, 2026, SM petitioned FRA for an extension of a special approval pursuant to 49 CFR part 215 (Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards), and a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained in part 215. The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2020-0086.

Specifically, SM requests to extend the previous special approval pursuant to § 215.203, *Restricted cars*, in this docket for 3 cars (SM 1001, SM 1002, and SM 1003) and 2 cabooses (SM 0616 and SM X395) that are more than 50 years from the date of original construction. SM also seeks extended relief from § 215.303, *Stenciling of restricted cars*. SM states that the cars will not interchange with any other railroads and will be used in passenger service. SM adds that the stenciling relief is requested because SM “strives to have [its] equipment represent original appearances.”

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

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