

The number assigned to this disaster for economic injury is 215680.

The states which received an EIDL declaration are Arkansas, Oklahoma.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

**James Stallings,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 424X); Docket No. AB 414 (Sub-No. 9X)]

**Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Polk County, Iowa; Iowa Interstate Railroad—Discontinuance of Lease and Operation Authority—in Polk County, Iowa**

On April 14, 2026, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) and Iowa Interstate Railroad, LLC (IAIS) (collectively, Petitioners), jointly filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for NSR to abandon and for IAIS to discontinue service over an approximately 12.2-mile rail line, extending from milepost DU 340.8 +/- to milepost DU 353.0 +/-, together with the 0.8-mile un-mileposted Clive Spur (collectively, the Line), all in Polk County, Iowa. There are two stations on the Line: Des Moines, Iowa and Grimes, Iowa. The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 50111, 50322, 50324, 50325, 50265, and 50312.

The Petitioners state that NSR seeks authority to abandon the Line and IAIS seeks to discontinue its lease and operation authority because “the traffic and revenues from the remaining shippers on the Line are insufficient to cover the direct costs of providing rail service let alone the costs of normalized maintenance and opportunity costs.” (Pet. 5.) They assert that, given the Line’s declining traffic base, the substantial operating and annual maintenance costs, and the absence of prospective new business, the Line is not economically viable for IAIS, NSR, or any potential new operator. (*Id.*) Petitioners further state that, in recent years, the Line has served very few shippers and that there are transloading opportunities available for the vast majority of the traffic moving over the Line. (*Id.* at 8.)

According to Petitioners, based on the information in their possession, the Line

does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. (*Id.* at 3.) Petitioners state that any documentation in either of their possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. (*Id.*)

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by July 31, 2026.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 120 days after the filing of the petition for exemption, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner. Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer by May 14, 2026, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (*i.e.*, subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(1)(i).

Following abandonment, the Line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use.<sup>1</sup> Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for interim trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than May 22, 2026.<sup>2</sup>

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 424X) or AB 414 (Sub-No. 9X), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board’s website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on NSR’s representative, William A. Mullins, Mullins Law Group PLLC, 2001 L St. NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20036, and IAIS’s representative, Onna B. Houck, Iowa Interstate Railroad, LLC, 203 2nd Street SE, Suite 500, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Replies to the petition are due on or before May 26, 2026.

<sup>1</sup> The Polk County Conservation Board; the Cities of Des Moines, West Des Moines, Windsor Heights, Urbandale, Clive, and Grimes; and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation jointly filed a request for imposition of a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905 and for issuance of a notice of interim trail use or abandonment under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d), for the Line between milepost DU 340.8 and milepost DU 353.0. The Board will address this public use and trail use request, and any others that may be filed, in a subsequent decision.

<sup>2</sup> Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board’s Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245-0294. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

OEA will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary), which will be served upon all parties of record and upon any other agencies or persons who comment during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: April 29, 2026.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

**Regena Smith-Bernard,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA-2026-0203; Notice 1]

**Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of petition.

**SUMMARY:** Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen) has determined that certain model year (MY) 2024–2025 Volkswagen Jetta and MY 2024 Volkswagen Taos motor vehicles do not fully comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 138, *Tire Pressure Monitoring System*. Volkswagen filed a noncompliance report dated September 17, 2025, and subsequently petitioned NHTSA (the “Agency”) on September 30, 2025, for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it

relates to motor vehicle safety. This document announces receipt of Volkswagen's petition.

**DATES:** Send comments on or before June 3, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on this petition. Comments must refer to the docket and notice number cited in the title of this notice and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Send comments by mail addressed to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Deliver comments by hand to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for Federal Holidays.

- *Electronically:* Submit comments electronically by logging onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Comments may also be faxed to (202) 493-2251.

Comments must be written in the English language, and be no greater than 15 pages in length, although there is no limit to the length of necessary attachments to the comments. If comments are submitted in hard copy form, please ensure that two copies are provided. If you wish to receive confirmation that comments you have submitted by mail were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard with the comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to [https://www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov/), including any personal information provided.

All comments and supporting materials received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be filed in the docket and will be considered. All comments and supporting materials received after the closing date will also be filed and will be considered to the fullest extent possible.

When the petition is granted or denied, notice of the decision will also be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated at the end of this notice.

All comments, background documentation, and supporting materials submitted to the docket may

be viewed by anyone at the address and times given above. The documents may also be viewed on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov/> by following the online instructions for accessing the dockets. The docket ID number for this petition is shown in the heading of this notice.

DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement is available for review in a **Federal Register** notice published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kamna Ralhan, General Engineer, NHTSA, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, (202) 366-6443.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

I. *Overview:* Volkswagen determined that certain MY 2024-2025 Volkswagen Jetta and MY 2024 Volkswagen Taos motor vehicles do not fully comply with paragraph S4.4(c)(2) of FMVSS No. 138, *Tire Pressure Monitoring System* (49 CFR 571.138).

Volkswagen filed a noncompliance report dated September 17, 2025, pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports*. Volkswagen petitioned NHTSA on September 30, 2025, for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) and 49 CFR part 556, *Exemption for Inconsequential Defect or Noncompliance*.

This notice of receipt of Volkswagen's petition is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any agency decision or another exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the petition.

II. *Vehicles Involved:* Approximately 81,456 MY 2024-2025 Volkswagen Jetta and MY 2024 Volkswagen Taos, manufactured between February 20, 2024 and October 11, 2024, were reported by the manufacturer.

III. *Rule Requirements:* Paragraph S4.4(c)(2) of FMVSS No. 138 includes the requirements relevant to this petition. Paragraph S4.4(c)(2) requires that the telltale provides a warning to the driver of a tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) malfunction flash for at least sixty seconds and no more than ninety seconds and then remain illuminated when the vehicle experiences either of the conditions outlined in paragraph S4.4(a) and upon every ignition cycle until the malfunction has been corrected.

IV. *Noncompliance:* Volkswagen explains that the telltale to alert the driver to low tire pressure or a TPMS

malfunction in the subject vehicles does not flash for a period of sixty to ninety seconds, followed by continuous illumination as required by FMVSS No. 138. Specifically, upon detecting a malfunction, the telltale illuminates in a steady burning state.

V. *Summary of Volkswagen's Petition:* The following views and arguments presented in this section, "V. Summary of Volkswagen's Petition," are the views and arguments provided by Volkswagen. They have not been evaluated by the Agency and do not reflect the views of the Agency. Volkswagen describes the subject noncompliance and contends that the noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

Volkswagen states that the noncompliance was discovered while testing the MY2024 Volkswagen Jetta and Taos. Testers found that the software controlling the TPMS telltale did not operate as required by paragraph S4.4(c)(2) of FMVSS No. 138 because the telltale was illuminated but did not flash for sixty to ninety seconds as required.

Volkswagen states that the subject vehicles alert the driver of a TPMS malfunction or insufficient pressure in ways that is noncompliant with the standard but are still adequate for the purposes of safety. First: the information cluster displays the message "Error: Tire Pressure Monitoring System" for a few seconds during every ignition cycle. Second: the infotainment screen displays the message "Tire Pressure Monitoring is currently not available" for a few seconds during every ignition cycle.

Volkswagen cites a previous inconsequential noncompliance petition filed by Mercedes-Benz USA (Mercedes) in 2011, which they believe to be similar to this petition (see 79 FR 47718). In this petition, Mercedes found that some of their vehicles did not display a flashing TPMS telltale due to software mis-programing. The vehicles did, however, display additional text messages intended to alert the driver of problems with the tire pressure(s) or with malfunctions in the tire pressure monitoring system. According to Volkswagen, NHTSA agreed with MBUSA that this situation was inconsequential to safety. Quoting from NHTSA's decision (italics and bold used in Volkswagen's petition for emphasis):

*"Regarding the malfunction telltale that does not initially flash for 60-90 seconds, MBUSA has provided the required visual telltale, a combined telltale which is the plan view of the vehicle, although one that does not flash before it remains continuously*

*illuminated, but instead adds several additional text messages that clearly communicate a system malfunction and continue to be displayed until the malfunction has been corrected. NHTSA believes that because the subject vehicles contain this additional information, the failure of the vehicle's malfunction telltale to initially flash has an inconsequential impact on safety."*

Volkswagen concludes by stating its belief that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety and its petition to be exempted from providing notification of the noncompliance, as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118, and a remedy for the noncompliance, as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120, should be granted.

NHTSA notes that the statutory provisions (49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h)) that permit manufacturers to file petitions for a determination of inconsequentiality allow NHTSA to exempt manufacturers only from the duties found in sections 30118 and 30120, respectively, to notify owners, purchasers, and dealers of a defect or noncompliance and to remedy the defect or noncompliance. Therefore, any decision on this petition only applies to the subject vehicles that Volkswagen no longer controlled at the time it determined that the noncompliance existed. However, any decision on this petition does not relieve vehicle distributors and dealers of the prohibitions on the sale, offer for sale, or introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of the noncompliant vehicles under their control after Volkswagen notified them that the subject noncompliance existed.

(Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.8)

**Otto G. Matheke III,**

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2026-1915]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments; Revision of Currently Approved Information Collection(s): U.S. Department of Transportation, Individual Complaint of Employment Discrimination Form

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.

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

**SUMMARY:** DOT invites public comments about its intention to request the Office of Management and Budget approval to renew an information collection used by DOT's Equal Employment Opportunity Complaints and Investigations Division within the Departmental Office of Civil Rights. This collection is a form titled "Individual Complaint of Employment Discrimination" (Complaint Form). The Complaint Form is necessary for employees, former employees, and/or applicants for employment to file formal equal employment opportunity (EEO) discrimination complaints against DOT and, in turn, for DOT to process the complaints. DOT has revised this information collection to include provisions related to the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires DOT to publish this 60-day notice in the **Federal Register**. The OMB last approved this information collection on June 21, 2023, with an expiration date of June 30, 2026.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by June 29, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. DOT-OST-2026-1915] by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sierra Collins, Associate Director, EEO Complaints and Investigations Division (S-34), U.S. Department of Transportation, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, 202-934-3439 (office), [sierra.collins@dot.gov](mailto:sierra.collins@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* 2105-0556.

*Title:* Individual Complaint of Employment Discrimination Form.

*Form Numbers:* DOT-F 1050-8.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a Previously Approved Collection.

*Abstract:* DOT uses the Complaint Form to collect information necessary to process EEO discrimination complaints filed by DOT employees, former employees and/or applicants for employment. DOT uses the Complaint Form to obtain information from the

individual for processing the individual's EEO discrimination complaint and to identify an attorney or other representative, if appropriate. An individual's filing of an EEO discrimination complaint is solely voluntary. DOT processes the complaints in accordance with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's regulations in Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1614, as amended.

*Respondents:* DOT employees, former employees and/or applicants for federal employment.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 244 per year.

*Frequency:* Once.

*Estimated Total Burden on*

*Respondents:* 244 hours per year.

*Estimated Cost Burden:* Zero (there is no cost for obtaining the form and it is submitted electronically).

*Public Comments Are Invited on:* (a) DOT requests comment on any aspect of this information collection, including whether the proposed collection is reasonable for the proper performance of the Department's EEO functions; the accuracy of the estimated burden; methods by which the Department could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and ways the burdens could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. DOT will summarize and include all comments with its request for OMB's renewed approval.

*Authority:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.49.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 29, 2026.

**Sierra Collins,**

*Associate Director, EEO Complaints and Investigations Division, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2003-15623]

#### Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Use and Change of Names of Air Carriers, Foreign Air Carriers, and Commuter Air Carriers

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, OST, Department of Transportation (DOT).

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44