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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated February 12, 2026, GCRX petitioned FRA for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 230 (Steam Locomotive Inspection and Maintenance Standards). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2026-0760.

Specifically, GCRX seeks relief from the requirements of § 230.17, *One thousand four hundred seventy-two (1472) service day inspection (SDI)*, for locomotive No. 4960. In its petition, GCRX requests an extension of the deadline for No. 4960's 1,472 SDI until December 31, 2027. GCRX states that the locomotive operated only 10 service days in 2020, and the deadline extension until 2027 will allow the locomotive to accrue about 400 total service days. In addition, GCRX notes that No. 4960 received an annual inspection in February of 2026 and will receive a fifth annual inspection early in 2027.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](https://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 August 10, 2026 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

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**John Karl Alexy,**

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Chief Safety Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA-2026-0959]

**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 the East Broad Top Foundation, Inc. (EBT) petitioned FRA for relief from certain regulations concerning a locomotive's flexible staybolts with caps.

**DATES:** FRA must receive comments on the petition by August 10, 2026. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter received April 28, 2026, EBT petitioned FRA for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 230 (Steam Locomotive Inspection and Maintenance Standards). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2026-0959.

Specifically, EBT seeks relief from the requirements of § 230.41(a), *Flexible staybolts with caps—general*, for locomotive EBT 16. In its petition, EBT requests the deadline for the removal of the flexible staybolts with caps to be extended two years, until April 1, 2029. EBT explains that the staybolt caps were installed in April 2022 as part of a locomotive rebuild, and EBT 16 has operated 265 service days since its last fifth annual inspection. The locomotive is expected to accrue 250 additional service days before the extended deadline on April 1, 2029.

In support of its request, EBT states that EBT 16 is a "large, narrow-gauge engine with limited access to the firebox side sheet due to the position of the cab and running boards." In addition, EBT notes that it has had no broken flexible staybolts, due to its "robust water treatment and maintenance program."

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0252]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for Authority To Close Loans on an Automatic Basis Nonsupervised Lenders

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by July 9, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** To submit comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, please type the following link into your browser: [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain), select "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments", then search the list for the information collection by Title or "OMB Control No. 2900-XXXX."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** VA PRA information: Dorothy Glasgow, 202-461-1084, [VAPRA@va.gov](mailto:VAPRA@va.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Application for Authority to Close Loans on an Automatic Basis Nonsupervised Lenders and Request for Agent Recognition application.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0252  
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.  
*Abstract:* The Application for Authority to Close Loans On an Automatic Basis Nonsupervised Lenders and Request for Agent Recognition applications are used for making acceptability determinations as to lenders who shall be approved for this privilege and for yearly recertifications and agent applications. Application submitted by non-supervised lenders desiring authority to process loans under 38 U.S.C. 3710 on automatic basis. Information collected is essential to VA application of standards required by 38 U.S.C. 3702(d)(3). The Application for Authority to Close Loans on An Automatic Basis

Nonsupervised Lenders and Request for Agent Recognition (formerly VA forms 26-8736 and 26-8736c) Information Collections transitioned to electronic collections. The overall burden increased from 440 to 893 primarily due to a significant rise in respondent count for the Request for Agent Recognition collection, offset by decreases in the respondent counts for the other collections due to streamlined requirements, electronic processing, and reduced lender applications: (1) Application for Authority to Close Loans on an Automatic Basis: The respondent count decreased from 120 to 40, reflecting reduced lender applications for automatic authority during this reporting period; (2) Request for Agent Recognition: The respondent count increased from 4,000 to 10,000, attributable to enhanced system visibility into lender-agent relationships and lenders expanding their business models to include more agents to source more loans and (3) Annual Certification: The respondent count for the Annual Certification decreased from 700 to 520 due to streamlined requirements and improved data accuracy resulting from electronic processing.

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 at: 91 FR 16281, April 1, 2026.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 893 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 35 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One-Time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,560 per annually.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

**Shunda Willis,**

*Alternate, VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Information Technology, Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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