

approval for a new information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on May 11, 2026. The collection involves voluntarily reporting when National Airspace System (NAS) surface weather systems (AWOS and ASOS) experience operational issues, such as erroneous data or full outages. The information to be collected will be used to verify and track these errors and outages, and publish the status onto the FAA's Surface Weather Status Dashboard for user awareness.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by November 5, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joel Siegel by email at: [joel.m.siegel@faa.gov](mailto:joel.m.siegel@faa.gov); phone: 405-954-4341.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-XXXX.

*Title:* Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Surface Weather Status Dashboard.

*Form Numbers:* Report a Problem Webform.

*Type of Review:* New Information Collection.

*Background:* The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on May 11, 2026 (91 FR 25753). The FAA's Air Traffic Organization plans to host the Congressionally mandated Surface Weather Status Dashboard as part of the existing FAA Weather Cameras website. As part of this dashboard, the FAA plans to offer the ability for National Airspace System (NAS) users (e.g., pilots, meteorologists, members of the public) to voluntarily submit information regarding any safety

issues (e.g., outages, erroneous data) with surface weather stations.

It is anticipated that the information collected will be used after verification to create reports that will trigger trouble tickets within the FAA's Remote Monitoring and Logging System (RMLS) for corrective action to be taken by the responsible parties, such as technicians within the FAA, NOAA, and non-federal entities. Once the trouble ticket is logged, the FAA's Aviation Weather Cameras website will capture and display the real-time service status of all automated surface observation systems/automated weather observing systems within 30 minutes.

As the information collected will be system site specific, the FAA may use the information collected from this form to update future policy decisions regarding surface weather infrastructure, for approvals and audits. FAA's NAS Security and Enterprise Operations (NASEO) will retain control over the information collected and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with FAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information.

*Respondents:* Anyone may use the publicly available webform via the FAA Aviation Weather Cameras website. There is no limit on the number of responses.

*Frequency:* N/A.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 1 minute.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* Respondents may submit webforms for multiple sites with issues. The annual burden per respondent per submission is one minute. Estimate around 1,825 responses per year equating to 1,825 minutes of total burden to the public per year.

Issued in Oklahoma City, OK, on October 1, 2026.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2026-2081]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; New Information Collection: Hours of Service of Drivers: Pilot Program To Allow Commercial Drivers To Pause Their 14-Hour Driving Window**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval and invites public comment. This notice invites comments on a proposed information collection titled *Hours of Service of Drivers: Pilot Program to Allow Commercial Drivers to Pause Their 14-Hour Driving Window*. This research study will collect data on commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers to examine if extending the 14-hour "driving window" with up to 3 hours of off duty, sleeper berth, or on-duty/not driving time (provided it is taken at the location of cargo delivery or pickup) improves the working conditions and quality of life of America's truck drivers and result in an equivalent or greater level of safety relative to operations under the current regulations. Approximately 256 CMV drivers will provide data in the study. The study will provide FMCSA with data to examine driver fatigue and driving performance while operating under current hours of service (HOS) regulations and while operating under split duty period (SDP) exemptions.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 7, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA-2026-2081 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58-213, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue SE, W58–213, Washington, DC 20590–0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

• Fax: (202) 493–2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Instructions**

All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the Public Participation heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

**Public Participation and Request for Comments**

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2026–2081), indicate the specific section of this document to which your comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2026-2081/document>, click on this notice, click “Comment,” and type your comment into the text box on the following screen.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

**Privacy Act**

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory process. DOT posts these comments, including

any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14 (Federal Docket Management System (FDMS)), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edits and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

**Background**

HOS is a high-priority topic for FMCSA. Addressing driver fatigue, which is a serious safety concern for our nation’s truck drivers and those who share the road with them, is at the heart of HOS regulations. Previous research has shown that driver fatigue is associated with an increased risk of being involved in a safety-critical event and may be involved in over 30 percent of fatal CMV crashes. As a result, HOS regulations are designed to limit the number of driving hours within a 24-hour period and across a 7- or 8-day window.

Under 49 CFR 395.3(a)(2), a driver of a property-carrying CMV may drive only during a period of 14 consecutive hours after coming on duty following 10 consecutive hours off duty. The driver may not drive after the end of the 14-consecutive-hour period without first taking 10 consecutive hours off duty or in the sleeper berth (including the option to take the “equivalent of at least 10 consecutive hours off-duty” as referenced in § 395.1(g)(1)(i)(E)).

On August 22, 2019, FMCSA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) concerning drivers’ HOS which proposed certain amendments to provide greater flexibility for drivers, without adversely affecting safety (84 FR 44190). As part of that rulemaking, FMCSA proposed that a single off-duty period of between 30 minutes and 3 consecutive hours could be excluded from the 14-hour “driving window,” provided the driver complies with the existing requirement to take 10 consecutive hours off-duty before beginning driving. The Agency explained that a single pause of up to 3 hours would provide significantly more flexibility than was allowed under the current rules. The pause would have allowed drivers to take an off-duty break without concern of exhausting their available hours under the 14-hour “driving window.” This would also have allowed them to get additional rest or avoid traffic congestion.

After reviewing the public comments to the NPRM, the Agency decided not to include the pause to the 14-hour “driving window” in the final rule (85

FR 33396, June 1, 2020). Although FMCSA explained that it continued to believe that an opportunity for a single off-duty pause in the 14-hour “driving window” would provide flexibility for drivers without compromising safety, many commenters believed that drivers would be pressured by carriers, shippers, or receivers to use the break for reasons other than accommodating their own rest or schedule. These comments suggested that the pause could have unintended consequences that were not adequately evaluated in the development of the NPRM.

To further evaluate the outcomes of a split duty period, the Agency later proposed a pilot program which would have examined the level of safety of extending the 14-hour “driving window” after a 30-minute to 3-hour off-duty period (85 FR 55061, Sept. 3, 2020). Due to changes in programmatic priorities over time, FMCSA ultimately did not initiate the pilot program. Since then, drivers have continued to encounter various scenarios in which they might have benefited from the flexibility to extend the 14-hour “driving window,” including encountering unreasonably long periods of “detention time” when waiting to load or unload. The previously proposed pilot program, however, would not have allowed on-duty time of any type to count toward a “pause,” even if that program had been completed.

As such, this study will assess the safety and performance impacts of additional flexibility for CMV drivers to pause their 14-hour driving window. Specifically, the study will collect multiple sources of data to examine driver fatigue and driving performance while operating under current HOS regulations and while operating under SDP exemptions.

The study includes data collection via pre- and post-study surveys, psychomotor vigilance tests, subjective sleepiness ratings, a wrist actigraphy device, drivers’ record of duty status (RODS), and a non-intrusive telematics device. These data will provide information on drivers’ schedules, the use of SDP exemptions, fatigue, and driving performance. This information will allow FMCSA to assess whether additional flexibility in how drivers may pause their 14-hour driving window achieves a level of safety equivalent to that which would be achieved absent the regulatory relief. After agreeing to participate in the study, drivers will participate in the study for 16 weeks.

Eligibility to participate will be based on carrier and driver safety records. A

motor carrier's participation in the pilot program shall be contingent upon the carrier meeting the following eligibility criteria:

1. Must have applicable interstate operating authority and registration;
2. Must have the minimum levels of financial responsibility under 49 CFR part 387, if applicable;
3. Must not be a high or moderate risk carrier, as defined in the Agency's **Federal Register** notice titled "Notification of Changes to the Definition of a High-Risk Motor Carrier and Associated Investigation Procedures" (81 FR 11875, Mar. 7, 2016);
4. Must not have a "Unsatisfactory" safety rating;
5. Must not have any FMCSA enforcement actions within the past 3 years;
6. Must not have a driver out of service (OOS) rate above the National average; and
7. Must not have a vehicle OOS rate above the National average.

In addition, unpaid civil penalties may be grounds for exclusion from participating in the pilot program.

Further, motor carriers participating in the pilot program would be required to:

- Grant permission for drivers to participate in the pilot program;
- Agree to comply with all pilot program procedures;
- Grant permission for the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute to gather RODS information for each participating driver throughout the study duration; and
- Grant permission for drivers participating in the study to operate under the applicable exemption.

A driver would not be eligible for participation in the pilot program if the driver is identified in FMCSA's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, regardless of whether the driver has completed the return-to-duty process, or during the 2-year period immediately preceding the date of participation, the driver had his or her license suspended, revoked, cancelled, or has been disqualified for a conviction of one of the disqualifying offenses listed in § 383.51. In addition, drivers would be required to:

- Possess a valid commercial driver's license;
- Maintain a valid medical certificate from a healthcare professional on the Agency's National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners while participating in the pilot program;
- Be employed by a motor carrier who has been approved for participation in the pilot program and/or certify as an owner-operator;

- Agree to the release of specific information to FMCSA for purposes of the pilot; and
- Agree to comply with all study procedures, including the use of actigraphs and RODS.

FMCSA would also reserve the right to exclude from participation any driver whom the Agency believes has a safety history incompatible with the interests of the pilot programs.

The study will use a convenience sampling approach, where participating carriers and drivers volunteer to participate. This is expected to attract drivers who are likely to use the exemption, which is key to obtaining sufficient data during the exemption period and maximizing statistical power for analyses. However, the sample of drivers will be drawn from carriers who are representative of the overall distribution of carrier sizes in the population of interstate motor carriers utilizing drivers beyond a 100-mile radius. A total of 256 CMV drivers will participate in this study.

The "method of comparison" for the "safety analysis plan" will vary depending on the data, but may include *t*-tests,  $\chi^2$  tests, other inferential/descriptive statistics, and/or qualitative analyses to include case narratives (*e.g.*, for crash events). To make effective comparisons between drivers operating in compliance with the current regulations and drivers operating under the conditions of the exemption, the study has been structured as a within-subjects research design, which will compare data for the same drivers operating under both conditions.

**Title:** Hours of Service of Drivers: Pilot Program to Allow Commercial Drivers to Pause Their 14-hour Driving Window.

**OMB Control Number:** 2126-00XX.

**Type of Request:** New ICR.

**Respondents:** CMV drivers.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 256 CMV drivers.

**Estimated Time per Response:** Varies depending on the task, 16.68 total hours per respondent over 16 weeks.

**Expiration Date:** This is a new ICR.

**Frequency of Response:** Daily.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 4,270.92 hours.

**Public comments invited:** You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without

reducing the quality of the collected information. The Agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this ICR.

Issued under the authority of 49 CFR 1.87.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2025-0060]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Request for Comment; Assessment of Contextual Driver Monitoring Systems (DMS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments on a request for approval of a new information collection.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) summarized below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. This document describes a collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval to assess contextual driver monitoring systems (DMS). A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on June 10, 2026 (with an administrative correction published June 18, 2026).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 5, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, including suggestions for reducing burden, should be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget at [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). To find this particular information collection, select "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comment" or use the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or access to background documents, contact Jeffrey