

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Average time per response (B)	Total annual burden hours (C = A * B)	Wage rate ¹	Total cost equivalent U.S.D. (D = C * wage rates)
213.238 Qualified operator: —Qualified operators—Written or electronic of qualification.	3 railroads + 5 testing entities.	250 records	5 minutes	20.83	94.50	1,968.44
213.240 Continuous rail testing: —(b) Procedures for conducting continuous testing.	12 railroads	4 procedures	8 hours	32	94.50	3,024.00
—(c) Type of rail test (continuous or stop-and-verify)—Record.	12 railroads	25,000 documents/records.	2 seconds	13.89	94.50	1,312.61
—(c) Type of rail test (continuous or stop-and-verify)—Documented changes.	12 railroads	100 documents	1 minute	1.67	94.50	157.82
—(g) Annual reports to FRA	12 railroads	12 reports	4 hours	48	94.50	4,536.00
213.241 Inspection records: —Inspection records	773 railroads	1,375,000 records	10 minutes	229,166.67	94.50	21,656,250.32
Subpart G Train operations at track classes 6 and higher:						
213.303 Responsibility for compliance: —(b) Notification of assignment to FRA	4 railroads	5 notices	30 minutes	2.50	94.50	236.25
213.305 Designation of qualified individuals; general qualifications: —(c)(4) Written authorization for remedial actions.	4 railroads	20 written documents.	30 minutes	10	94.50	945.00
—(e) Designation records	4 railroads	200 records	10 minutes	33.33	94.50	3,149.69
213.317 Waivers: —(a) and (b) Waivers	4 railroads	2 petitions	8 hours	16	94.50	1,512.00
213.329 Curves; elevation and speed limitations: —FRA approval of qualified vehicle types based on results of testing.	4 railroads	6 (2 cover letters + 2 technical reports + 2 diagrams).	16.75	33.50	94.50	3,165.75
—(f) Written notification to FRA 30 days prior to implementation of higher curving speeds.	4 railroads	2 notices	2 hours	4	94.50	378.00
—(g) Written consent of other affected track owners by railroad.	4 railroads	2 written consents	45 minutes	1.50	94.50	141.75
213.333 Automated vehicle-based inspection systems: —(d) Track Geometry Measurement System (TGMS) output/exception reports.	4 railroads	48 reports	5 minutes	4	94.50	378.00
213.341 Initial inspection of new rail and welds: —(b) and (d) Inspection records	4 railroads	800 records	2 minutes	26.67	94.50	2,520.32
213.343 Continuous welded rail (CWR): —(a) through (e) Procedures for installations and adjustments of CWR.	4 railroads	4 plans	4 hours	16	94.50	1,512.00
—(h) Recordkeeping requirements	4 railroads	8,000 records	2 minutes	266.67	94.50	24,050.97
213.345 Vehicle/track system qualification: —(a) through (c) Vehicle qualification program for all vehicle types operating at track Class 6 speeds or above.	4 railroads	2 program plans ..	120 hours	240	94.50	25,200.32
—(d) Previously qualified vehicle types. Qualification programs.	4 railroads	2 program plans ..	8 hours	16	94.50	1,512.00
—(h) Written consent of other affected track owners by railroad.	4 railroads	4 written consents	30 minutes	2	127.05	254.10
213.369 Inspection records: —(d) Record of inspection of track	4 railroads	15,000 record sets	10 minutes	2,500	94.50	236,250.00
Total ²	773 railroads	1,432,204 responses.		234,274		22,136,497.69

¹ The dollar equivalent cost is derived from the 2024 Surface Transportation Board Full Year Wage A&B data series using the employee groups 100 (Executives, Officials, and Office Staff Assistants) \$72.60, 200 (Professional and Administrative) \$54.00, and 400 (Maintenance of Equipment & Stores) \$42.36. The total burden wage rates (Straight time plus 75%) used in the table are \$94.50 (\$54 × 1.75 = \$94.50), \$127.05 (72.60 × 1.75 = \$127.05) and \$74.13 (\$42.36 × 1.75 = \$74.13).

² Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Total Estimated Annual Responses:
 1,432,204.
Total Estimated Annual Burden:
 234,274 hours.
Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$22,136,497.69.

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 No. FRA–2026–1590]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection Request (ICR) summarized below. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified in the ICR.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 14, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be submitted on <https://www.regulations.gov> to Docket No. FRA-2026-1590. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket, including any personal information provided. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number (2130-0594) in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice, made available to the public, and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Joanne Swafford, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: joanne.swafford@dot.gov or telephone: (757) 897-9908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60 days' notice to the public to

allow comment on information collection activities before seeking OMB approval of the activities. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. Specifically, FRA invites interested parties to comment on the following ICR regarding: (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

FRA finds that soliciting public comment may reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information that Federal regulations mandate. In summary, comments received will advance three objectives: (1) reduce reporting burdens; (2) organize information collection requirements in a "user-friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3501.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Railroad Safety Appliance Standards.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0594.

Abstract: The information collection associated with 49 CFR part 231 is used by FRA to promote and enhance the safe placement and securement of safety appliances on contemporary rail equipment by establishing a process for the review and approval of existing industry standards.

The regulations related to safety appliance arrangements permit railroad industry representatives to submit requests for the approval of existing industry standards relating to the safety appliance arrangements on newly constructed railroad cars, locomotives, tenders, or other rail vehicles in lieu of the specific provisions contained in 49 CFR part 231.

In this 60-day notice, FRA has adjusted estimates to the previously approved burden hours, reducing the burden hours from 37 to 12 hours for this submission. The revised estimates reflect that FRA lowered the projected number of special approval and modification petitions from one annually to one over the next three years.

Type of Request: Extension without change (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses (railroads).

Form(s): N/A.

Respondent Universe: 784 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Reporting Burden:

49 CFR part 231	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Average time per response (B)	Total annual burden hours (C = A * B)	Total cost equivalent U.S.D. (D = C * wage rates) ¹
231.33 Procedure for special approval of existing industry safety appliance standards: —(b)(1) through (6) Filing of petitions and affirmative statement.	Association of American Railroads (AAR) (industry rep.)	0.33 petition	17	5.61	\$530.15
—(f)(3)(iii) Disposition of petitions: petition returned by FRA requesting additional information.	AAR (industry rep.)	0.33 additional document	2	0.66	62.37
231.35 Procedure for modification of an approved industry safety appliance standard for new rail-car construction: —(a) Petition for modification and affirmative statement.	AAR (industry rep.)	0.33 petition for modification.	17	5.61	530.15
Total ²	AAR (industry rep.)	1 response		12	1,122.66

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 1.
Total Estimated Annual Burden: 12 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$1,122.66.

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(Professional & Administrative) hourly wage rate of \$54.00. The total burden wage rate (Straight time

plus 75%) used in the table is \$94.50 (\$54 × 1.75 = \$94.50).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets

Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them. The vessels placed on the SDN List have been identified as property in which a blocked person has an interest.

DATES: This action was issued on October 8, 2026. See Supplementary Information for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202–622–2420; Assistant

Director for Licensing, 202–622–2480; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202–622–2490; or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Notice of OFAC Actions

On October 8, 2026, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authorities listed below.

Entities

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