*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 6,059,845.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 53,174 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent:* $5,252,825.03.

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–2026–2148]**

### 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 January 25, 2027.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be submitted on *https://www.regulations.gov* to Docket No. FRA–2026–2148. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket, including any personal information provided. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number (2130–0565) 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:* Safety Appliance Concern Recommendation Report, Safety Appliance Standards Guidance Checklist Forms.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0565.

*Abstract:* In 2013, FRA granted with conditions an Association of American Railroads (AAR) Petition for Special Approval of an Existing Industry Standard, approving AAR Standard 2044 or S–2044 and its appendices, which prescribed safety appliance arrangements for new types of freight cars.[1] As a result of the inclusion, FRA developed Forms FRA F 6180.161(a) through (r) as guidance checklist forms to facilitate railroad, rail car owner, and rail equipment manufacturer compliance with S–2044 and 49 CFR part 231, Railroad Safety Appliance Standards.

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:* Businesses (railroads).

*Form(s*): 18 forms; FRA F6180.161(a) through (r).

*Respondent Universe:* Car manufacturers/State inspectors.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

REPORTING BURDEN

| Form number | Respondent universe | Total annual responses (A) | Average time per response (B) | Total annual burden hours (C = A * B) | Total cost equivalent in U.S.D. (D = C * wage rates[2]) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FRA F 6180.161a | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 20 forms | 1 hour | 20 hours | $1,921 |
| FRA F 6180.161b | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 7 forms | 1 hour | 7 hours | 672 |
| FRA F 6180.161c | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 15 forms | 1 hour | 15 hours | 1,441 |
| FRA F 6180.161d | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 15 forms | 1 hour | 15 hours | 1,441 |
| FRA F 6180.161e | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 15 forms | 1 hour | 15 hours | 1,441 |

[1] The dollar equivalent cost is derived from the 2025 Surface Transportation Board Full Year Wage A&B data series using employee group 200 (Professional & Administrative) hourly wage rate of $54 and employee group 100 (Executives, Officials, & Staff Assistants) hourly wage rate of $72.60. The total burden wage rate (straight time plus 75%) used in the table is $94.50 ($54 × 1.75 = $94.50) and $127.05 ($72.60 × 1.75 = $127.05).

[2] Totals may not add up due to rounding.

[1] *See https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FRA-2013-0081.*

REPORTING BURDEN—Continued

| Form number | Respondent universe | Total annual responses (A) | Average time per response (B) | Total annual burden hours (C = A * B) | Total cost equivalent in U.S.D. (D = C * wage rates[2]) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FRA F 6180.161f | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 10 forms | 1 hour | 10 hours | 960 |
| FRA F 6180.161g | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 3 forms | 1 hour | 3 hours | 288 |
| FRA F 6180.161h | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 3 forms | 1 hour | 3 hours | 288 |
| FRA F 6180.161i | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 20 forms | 1 hour | 20 hours | 1,921 |
| FRA F 6180.161j | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 3 forms | 1 hour | 3 hours | 288 |
| FRA F 6180.161k | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 10 forms | 1 hour | 10 hours | 960 |
| FRA F 6180.161l | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 3 forms | 1 hour | 3 hours | 288 |
| FRA F 6180.161m | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 3 forms | 1 hour | 3 hours | 288 |
| FRA F 6180.161n | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 3 forms | 1 hour | 3 hours | 288 |
| FRA F 6180.161o | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 3 forms | 1 hour | 3 hours | 288 |
| FRA F 6180.161p | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 3 forms | 1 hour | 3 hours | 288 |
| FRA F 6180.161q | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 3 forms | 1 hour | 3 hours | 288 |
| FRA F 6180.161r | Car manufacturers/State Inspectors | 3 forms | 1 hour | 3 hours | 288 |
| Total | | 142 responses | | 142 hours | 13,637 |

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 142.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 142 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent:* $13,637.

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–2026–2147]**

### 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 January 25, 2027.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be submitted on *https://www.regulations.gov* to Docket No. FRA–2026–2147. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket, including any personal information provided. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number (2130–0564) 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:* Locomotive Crashworthiness.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0564.

*Abstract:* Under 49 CFR part 229, subpart D, FRA prescribes minimum crashworthiness standards for certain locomotives. These crashworthiness standards are intended to help protect locomotive cab occupants in the event of a train collision or derailment. FRA uses this collection of information to ensure railroads operate locomotives that meet the prescribed minimum performance standards and design load

[2] The dollar equivalent cost is derived from the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) 11–3012, May 2025 National Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates NAICS 999200—Local Government, excluding schools and hospitals (OEWS Designation) hourly wage rate of $54.88. The total burdened wage rate (Straight time plus 75%) used in the table is $96.04 ($54.88 × 1.75 = $96.04).