

or to request special assistance, contact Janice Morgan, (202) 366-2392.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The operator qualification rules at 49 CFR 192.801 (for gas pipelines) and at 49 CFR 195.501 (for hazardous liquid pipelines) require every pipeline operator to have and follow a written qualification program that includes provisions to identify covered tasks and to ensure that all persons performing these tasks are qualified. By October 28, 2002, all gas and hazardous liquid pipeline operators should have completed the qualification of all individuals performing covered tasks on pipeline facilities.

On March 25, 2003, OPS will conduct a public meeting to continue discussions on the progress in implementing the operator qualification rule for gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. OPS will present a detailed review of the development of the operator qualification inspection protocols. The meeting will focus on areas considered high priority and discussion on compliance issues from Federal and State pipeline safety personnel. These issues, as identified at a previous public meeting on January 22, 2003, in San Antonio, TX, are as follows:

- (1) Scope of Operator Qualification
- (2) Evaluation of Knowledge, Skills, and Physical Ability
- (3) Re-evaluation Intervals
- (4) Maintenance versus New Construction
- (5) Treatment of Emergency Response
- (6) Additional Covered Tasks
- (7) Extent of Documentation
- (8) Abnormal Operating Conditions
- (9) Treatment of Training
- (10) Criteria for Small Operators
- (11) Direction and Observation of Non-Qualified People
- (12) Noteworthy Practices
- (13) Persons Contributing to an Incident or Accident

All persons attending the meeting will have an opportunity to comment on operator qualification compliance issues and to question the expert panel on the new operator qualification compliance protocols.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 12, 2003.

James K. O'Steen,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34233]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Reinstitution of Service—Between Toledo and Maumee in Lucas County, OH

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board grants an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901, for the reinstatement of service by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) over 3.2 miles of the Toledo to Maumee branch line extending from milepost TM-9.3 in Toledo to milepost TM-12.5 near Maumee, in Lucas County, OH.

DATES: This exemption is effective April 16, 2003. Petitions to stay must be filed by April 1, 2003. Petitions to reopen must be filed by April 11, 2003.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34233, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative, John V. Edwards, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-9241.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon (202) 565-1600. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. Copies of the decision may be purchased from Dã 2 Dã Legal Copy Service by calling (202) 293-7776 (assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1-800-877-8339) or by visiting Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: March 11, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Morgan.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 911

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 911, Application for Taxpayer Assistance Order (TAO).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 16, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet (CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Application for Taxpayer Assistance Order (TAO).

OMB Number: 1545-1504.

Form Number: 911.

Abstract: This form is used by taxpayers to apply for relief from a significant hardship which may have already occurred or is about to occur if the IRS takes or fails to take certain actions. This form is submitted to the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Office in the district where the taxpayer lives.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, farms and state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 93,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 46,500.