

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Intent To Request Approval From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of One New Public Collection of Information**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FAA invites public comment on one new public information collection which will be submitted to OMB for review.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 12, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Judy Street, Room 612, Federal Aviation Administration, Standards and Information Division, APF-100, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Judy Street at the above address, at (202) 267-9895, or by e-mail at: Judy.Street@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 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. Therefore, the FAA solicits comments on the following current collection of information. Comments should evaluate the necessity of the collection, the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden, the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and possible ways to minimize the burden of the collection.

1. 2120-XXXX, Pilot Training and Experience with Transport Category Rudder Control Systems. The FAA intends to conduct a voluntary survey of commercial pilots in order to gather information on issues regarding rudder use. The goal is to assess current airplane control characteristics, pilot interfaces, and training in order to affect policy and improve overall aviation safety. We expect approximately 1000 pilots to participate, and the estimated one-time reporting burden is 500 hours.

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Judith D. Street,
FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, ABA-20.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Intent To Request Renewal From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of Four Current Public Collections of Information**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FAA invites public comment on four currently approved public information collections which will be submitted to OMB for renewal.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 13, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Judy Street, Room 613, Federal Aviation Administration, Standards and Information Division, APF-100, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Judy Street at the above address or on (202) 267-9895.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 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. Therefore, the FAA solicits comments on the following current collections of information in order to evaluate the necessity of the collection, the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden, the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and possible ways to minimize the burden of the collection in preparation for submission to renew the clearances of the following information collections.

1. 2120-0009, Pilot Schools—FAR 141. Chapter 447, Subsection 44707, authorizes certification of civilian schools giving instruction in flying. 14 CFR Part 141 prescribes requirements for pilot schools certification. Information collected is used for certification and to determine compliance. The respondents are applicants who wish to be issued pilot school certificates and associated ratings. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 28,878 hours.

2. 2120-0044, 14 CFR part 133, Rotorcraft External-Load Operations. This regulation was adopted to establish certification rules governing non-passenger-carrying rotorcraft, external-load operations conducted for compensation or hire. The applicants

are individual airmen, state and local governments, and businesses, and the information collected will be used to establish their compliance with the regulation. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 3,268 hours.

3. 2120-0633, Exemptions for Air Taxi and Commuter Air Carrier Operations. 14 CFR Part 298 requires air carrier operators to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the DOT, with the exception of air taxi and commuter air operators. In order to be exempted from this requirement, such operators must apply for exemption with the DOT. This collection is used to ensure that affected companies comply with the requirements under this regulation. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 1,020 hours.

4. 2120-0680, Part 60—Flight Simulation Device Initial and Continuing Qualification and Use (NPRM). The collection of this information is necessary to ensure safety of flight by ensuring complete and adequate training, testing, checking, and experience is obtained and maintained by those who operate under 14 CFR Parts 61, 63, 91, 121, 135, 141, and 142 of the regulation and who use flight simulation in lieu of aircraft for these functions. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 201,653 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee—Open Meeting**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC). The meeting will take place on Thursday, May 26, 2005, starting at 8 a.m. at the Federal Aviation Administration Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, in the Bessie Coleman

Conference Center, 2nd Floor. This will be the forty-first meeting of the COMSTAC.

The proposed agenda for the meeting will be the release of the 2005 Commercial Space Transportation Market Forecasts, a financial report on the U.S. industry, and an activities report from FAA's Office of Commercial Space Transportation. An agenda will be posted on the FAA Web site at <http://ast.faa.gov>. Meetings of the COMSTAC Working Groups (Technology and Innovation, Reusable Launch Vehicle, Risk Management, and Launch Operations and Support) will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2005. For specific information concerning the times and locations of the working group meetings, contact the Contact Person listed below.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should inform the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Parker (AST-100), Office of the Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 331, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-3674; e-mail brenda.parker@faa.dot.gov.

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Patricia G. Smith,

Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2000-7257; Notice No. 34]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC); Working Group Activity Update

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

ACTION: Announcement of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) Working Group Activities.

SUMMARY: The FRA is updating its announcement of RSAC's Working Group activities to reflect its current status.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Butera or Lydia Leeds, RSAC Coordinator, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6212/6213 or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate

Administrator for Safety, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice serves to update FRA's last announcement of working group activities and status reports of October 19, 2004, (69 FR 61550). The 25th full Committee meeting was held January 26, 2005.

Since its first meeting in April of 1996, the RSAC has accepted nineteen tasks. Status for each of the tasks is provided below:

Open Tasks

Task 96-4—Reviewing the appropriateness of the agency's current policy regarding the applicability of existing and proposed regulations to tourist, excursion, scenic, and historic railroads. This Task was accepted on April 2, 1996, and a Working Group was established. The Working Group monitored the steam locomotive regulation task. Planned future activities involve the review of other regulations for possible adaptation to the safety needs of tourist and historic railroads. Contact: Grady Cothen, (202) 493-6302.

Task 97-1—Developing crashworthiness specifications to promote the integrity of the locomotive cab in accidents resulting from collisions. This Task was accepted on June 24, 1997. On April 14, 2004, the RSAC reached consensus on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). The NPRM is a new standard to increase the crashworthiness of conventional wide- and narrow-nose locomotives and codifies requirements for monocoque locomotives. On November 2, 2004, FRA published an NPRM in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 63990) proposing to establish comprehensive, minimum standards for locomotive crashworthiness. In that NPRM, FRA established a January 3, 2005, deadline for submission of written comments. FRA received a request to extend the comment period to give interested parties additional time to review, analyze, and submit comments on the NPRM. After considering the request, FRA extended the comment period until February 3, 2005. The Working Group will be asked to review the comments and offer recommendations for responding to them. Contact: Charles Bielitz, (202) 493-6314 or Darrell Tardiff, (202) 493-6037.

Task 97-2—Evaluating the extent to which environmental, sanitary, and other working conditions in locomotive cabs affect the crew's health and the safe operation of locomotives, proposing standards where appropriate. This Task was accepted June 24, 1997.

(Sanitation) (Completed)
(Noise exposure) On June 27, 2003, the full RSAC gave consensus by ballot on the NPRM. The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on June 23, 2004. The comment period ended September 21, 2004. Task Force and Working Group meetings were held March 1, and March 2 and 3, 2005, respectively, to review the public comments and recommend a final rule. The Working Group reached agreement on all issues, and its report will be presented to the full Committee on May 18, 2005.

(Cab Temperature) (Completed)

Note: Additional related topics such as vibration may be considered by the Working Group in the future. Contact: Jeffrey Horn, (202) 493-6283.

Task 97-3—Developing event recorder data survivability standards. This Task was accepted on June 24, 1997. On November 12, 2003, the RSAC gave consensus by ballot on the NPRM. The NPRM was published on June 30, 2004. A public hearing was held September 30, and the comment period was extended until October 11. The Locomotive Event Recorder Working Group met on December 15-16, 2004, to discuss all comments received in response to the NPRM. FRA staff is drafting the final rule based on these discussions. The draft final rule will be circulated for review and ballot approval. Contact: Edward Pritchard, (202) 493-6247.

Task 97-4 and *Task 97-5*—Defining Positive Train Control (PTC) functionalities, describing available technologies, evaluating costs and benefits of potential systems, and considering implementation opportunities and challenges, including demonstration and deployment. *Task 97-6*—Revising various regulations to address the safety implications of processor-based signal and train control technologies, including communications-based operating systems. These three Tasks were accepted on September 30, 1997, and assigned to a single Working Group.

(Report to the Administrator) A Data and Implementation Task Force, formed to address issues such as assessment of costs and benefits and technical readiness, completed a report on the future of PTC systems. The report was accepted as RSAC's Report to the Administrator at the September 8, 1999, meeting. The FRA enclosed the report with a letter to Congress signed May 17, 2000.

(Regulatory development) The Standards Task Force, formed to develop PTC standards, assisted in