

Controlled access freeway, built to Interstate standards, with at least one full interchange serving the community of Hale Eddy. Several alignment alternatives are being considered for further study under the controlled access freeway alternative. Alternatives A & A2 incorporate a new diamond interchange in Hale Eddy and reconstructs the freeway on existing alignment. Alternative B provides a new interchange east of Hale Eddy and new alignment north of existing Route 17. Alternative C provides two new diamond interchanges, one in Hale Eddy and one in the Roods Creek Road area and new alignment north of existing Route 17. Alternatives D and E incorporate a new interchange at Roods Creek Road and Hale Eddy, respectively, and new alignment south of Route 17 in the Town of Sanford between Hale Eddy and the Roods Creek Road area. Alternative F provides a new diamond interchange in the Lower Hale Eddy Road area and the freeway would be reconstructed on existing alignment. Alternative G provides two new diamond interchanges, one in the Hungry Hollow Road area and one in the Roods Creek Road area, and new alignment north of existing route 17. Within all of the alternatives noted above, various options for maintaining access to existing properties incorporating service roads are under study. Incorporated into and studied with the various build alternatives will be design variations of grade and alignment.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed interest in this proposal. A Public Informational Meeting was held on March 13, 2001 in the Town of Hancock. After the March meeting a steering committee was formed to address and resolve community issues that could influence development of the project. The committee, which consists of 25 members, met on May 11, 2001. Additional public informational and steering committee meetings are planned and will continue as needed. In addition, a public hearing will be held. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment. No formal NEPA scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be

directed to the NYSDOT or FHWA at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Program Number 20.205, Highway Research Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 23 CFR 771.123.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2001-9664]

Drug Test Results Study

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (MCSIA) directed the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to conduct a study and report to the Congress on the feasibility and merits of requiring Medical Review Officers and employers to report verified positive drug test results for CDL drivers to the State that issued the driver's license. The FMCSA is initiating a study on this issue and invites public comments on issues relating to the potential impact on all affected parties of implementing this potential requirement.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before August 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or submit electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Please specify the number you are commenting on before listing your comments. All comments received will be available for examination and copying at the above address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., et., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or you may print the acknowledgment page that appears after submitting comments electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the status of this

Notice, you may contact Ms. Kaye Kirby, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, (202) 366-3109; for information about legal issues related to this notice, Mr. Michael Falk, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1384, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., et., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

You may see all the comments on the Document Management System (DMS) website at: <http://dmses.dot.gov>.

Background

Section 226 of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (MCSIA) (Public Law 106-159, 113 Stat. 1748) requires the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study of the feasibility and merits of requiring Medical Review Officers or employers to report all verified positive controlled substances test results on any driver subject to controlled substances testing in 49 CFR part 382 to the State where the driver is licensed. In addition to the reporting requirement, this potential provision would require prospective employers to query the State that issued the CDL to determine if the State had any record of a verified positive drug test on such driver before hiring any driver. The MCSIA further required the Secretary to report on the study, together with any recommendations the Secretary determines appropriate, to Congress no later than two years after enactment of the law.

In carrying out this study, Congress directed the Secretary to conduct an assessment to identify methods for safeguarding the confidentiality of verified drug test results. In addition, the Secretary was asked to examine the costs, benefits, and safety impacts of requiring States to maintain records of verified positive drug test results; and whether a process should be established to allow drivers to correct errors in their records and to expunge information from their records after a reasonable period of time.

Comments and suggestions are invited concerning the feasibility, and merits of employers and Medical Review Officers reporting positive drug test results to the State that issued the driver's CDL and the burden imposed by such a reporting requirement on the employers, State, and others. Of concern are operational, legal, confidentiality, and financial issues as well as the type of database,

database access, and database management that would be required.

Comments

Comments are requested specifically on the following questions:

(1) What impact would this requirement have on the motor carrier industry, drivers, Medical Review Officers, safety advocates, the States and other interested parties?

(2) What would be the benefits, costs, and safety impacts of requiring States to maintain records of verified positive drug test results?

(3) How would such a national record-keeping system safeguard the confidentiality of verified drug test results? What systems or methodology could do so?

(4) Should a process be established to allow drivers to correct errors in their records and to expunge information from their records after a reasonable period of time? What would be considered a reasonable period of time? What documentation would be adequate to justify expunging such a record?

(5) What are the potential costs involved in implementing this program for each State?

(6) What are the benefits of having verified positive drug test results housed in a database so that each prospective employer would be required before hiring any driver to query the State that issued the commercial drivers license (CDL)? What are the disadvantages?

(7) What type of database should be used? Under what conditions should the information be released? Who should have access to this information?

(8) Who should own and/or house the database?

(9) Should the database be centralized or distributed at the State level?

(10) How could we safeguard the confidentiality of verified drug test results?

(11) Are there States that currently have a program in place where verified positive drug test results are submitted to them? If so, what are their experiences and challenges?

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 31306; sec. 226, Pub. L. 106-159, 113 Stat. 1748; and 49 CFR 1.73.

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Brian M. McLaughlin,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2001-10049]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before September 7, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Strassburg, Chief, Division of Marine Insurance, Office of Insurance and Shipping Analysis, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-4156 or FAX 202-366-7901. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title of Collection:* War Risk Insurance.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0011.

Form Numbers: MA-355; MA-528; MA-742; MA-828; and MA-942.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2002.

Summary of Collection of Information: As authorized by Section 1202, Title XII, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, (46 App. U.S.C. 1282), the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation may provide war risk insurance adequate for the needs of the waterborne commerce of the United States if such insurance cannot be obtained on reasonable terms from qualified insurance companies operating in the United States. This collection is required for the program. It consists of forms MA-355; MA-528; MA-742; MA-828; and MA-942.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information is necessary to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the vessel(s) for participation in the war risk insurance program.

Description of Respondents: Vessel(s) owner or charterer interested in participation in MARAD's war risk insurance program.

Annual Responses: 1165.

Annual Burden: 626 hours.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the

top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dmses.dot.gov>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.
Date: July 3, 2001.

Joel C. Richard,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 591X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Clark and Floyd Counties, IN

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 3.8-mile line of railroad between milepost B-50.5 near Clarksville and milepost B-54.3 near New Albany, in Clark and Floyd Counties, IN.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 47129 and 47150.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no formal

¹ CSXT states that it filed this notice in order to assist the State of Indiana with a road construction project and that it intends to use trackage rights over Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company. CSXT acquired trackage rights over the line in STB Finance Docket No. 33744, *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company* (STB served June 21, 2001).

The Town of Clarksville (Town) filed a request for issuance of a notice of interim trail use (NITU) for the entire line pursuant to section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d). The Board will address the Town's trail use request, and any others that may be filed, in a subsequent decision.