

various agencies/organizations, including academia, have provided BTS with suggestions for survey questions. These suggestions were carefully considered, and where appropriate, incorporated into the survey questionnaire.

To test question understanding and clarity of instructions, a pre-test of the draft survey was also conducted with participation of five EV owners. Following completion of the survey, one hour long cognitive interviews were conducted with each of the pre-testers to collect information on their survey experience and other feedback for improving the survey. Overall, the pre-testers reported that the survey was clear, and they did not have any major issues with understanding the survey questions/instructions.

Public Comments Invited: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) the necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the DOT; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, clarity and content of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information.

Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725–17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: BTS Desk Officer.

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Director, Office of Data Development and Standards, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket Number OST–2023–0115]

Agency Information Collection Activity; Notice of Request for Approval To Collect New Information: Safe Maritime Transportation System (SafeMTS)—Voluntary Near-Miss Incident Reporting and Analysis System

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST–R), U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: 30-Day notice of new information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: On August 8, 2023, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) announced its intention in a **Federal Register** Notice to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the following information collection: SafeMTS—Voluntary Near-Miss Reporting and Analysis System, a voluntary program for confidential reporting of ‘near-misses’ occurring on vessels within the Maritime Transportation System (MTS). BTS encouraged interested parties to submit comments to docket number 2023–0115 during the 60-day comment period. One comment was received, from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) expressing the agency’s support for such a program.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: BTS seeks public comments on its proposed information collection. Comments should address whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimated burden hours of the proposed information collection, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725–17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: BTS Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Allison Fischman, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, USDOT, Office of Safety Data and Analysis, RTS–34 E36–303, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, Phone No. (202) 748–0546; email: allison.fischman@dot.gov.

Data Confidentiality Provisions: The confidentiality of the Safe Maritime Transportation System (SafeMTS) data is protected under the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2018 (Pub. L.: 115–435 Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018, Title III of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018). In accordance with CIPSEA, only aggregated and non-identifying data will be made publicly available by BTS through its reports for statistical

purposes only. BTS will not release information that might reveal the identity of individuals or organizations mentioned in event notices or reports without explicit consent of the respondent and any other affected entities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 8, 2023 at 88 FR 53594.

Title: Near-Miss Reporting and Analysis Program for the Maritime Transportation System.

OMB Control Number: Not yet known.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents: Businesses in the maritime industry that involve ownership or operation of vessels.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100, submitted on a quarterly basis.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Total Annual Burden: 400 hours.

Allison Fischman,

Acting Director, Office of Safety Data and Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0342]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Application and Training Agreement for Apprenticeship and On-the-Job Training Programs

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 5, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System

(FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0342” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 266–4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0342” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA’s estimate of the

burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Authority: 10 U.S.C. 16131(d), 16136, and section 510 of chapter 31, 38 U.S.C. 3034(a)(1), 3241(a)(1), 3323(a), 3534(a), 3671, 3672, 3687(a), 38 CFR 21.4150(c), 21.4261(b) and (c), 21.5250(a), 21.7220(a), 21.7720, and Section 903 of Public Law 96–342.

Title: Application and Training Agreement for Apprenticeship and On-the-Job Training Programs, VA Forms 22–8864 and 22–8865.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0342.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Training Agreement, VA Form 22–8864 is no longer being submitted to VA, therefore it no longer needs an OMB approval. VA mostly requires employers with OJT or Apprenticeship programs approved for VA benefits to provide a training agreement to prospective Veterans using VA benefits while training with their company. The 22–8864 has always been

an option for these employers to use if they didn’t have their own training agreement or use one from their state department of labor. Employers used to submit a copy of the VA Form 22–8864 or their own as a condition of the Veteran receiving VA benefits. The employer is still required to provide a training agreement to their trainees, but VA no longer collects it as a condition of paying EDU benefits.

The Employer’s Application to Provide Job Training, VA Form 22–8865 (or the equivalent tool provided by the SAAs) is used to ensure that training programs meet the statutory and regulatory requirements for approval.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,710 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Time per Respondent: 90 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,140.

By direction of the Secretary:

Maribel Aponte,

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