

May 30, 2023

Ms. Arlette Mussington
Information Collection Clearance Officer
Docket Management Facility
U.S. Department of Transportation
12000 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Room W12-140
Washington, DC 20590

RE: *Federal Register* notice of April 21, 2023, for Federal Railroad Administration's Accident/Incident Reporting and Recordkeeping Forms; (Docket Number: FRA-2015-0007-N-2), (OMB Number: 2130-0500)

Dear Ms. Mussington:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Federal Railroad Administration on the Accident/Incident Reporting and Recordkeeping forms. The data collected on these forms are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses data collected on these forms to prepare estimates of the employee compensation component of national income and state personal income. Specifically, data on the number of employee injuries and deaths from forms F6180.55 and F6180.55a, Railroad Injury and Illness Summary, are used to prepare estimates of workers' compensation for the railroad industry. These same data by state are used to prepare estimates of workers' compensation for the railroad industry by state. Items used by BEA are listed in the attached table.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to these forms. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator, on 301-278-9618 or by e-mail at Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov. Should you need assistance in justifying this form to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Fixler
Chief Economist

Attachment

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Items from the Accident/Incident Reporting Forms Used by BEA

| Items Used | Forms Used |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- State Alphabetic Code- Railroad Worker Hours- Reported Casualties | Form FRA F6180.55: Railroad Injury and Illness Summary |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Accident/Injury Number- State- Number of Days Away From Work- Number of Days Restricted | Form FRA F6180.55a: Railroad Injury and Illness Summary (Continuation Sheet) |