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Issued in College Park, Georgia, on November 7, 2002.

**Scott L. Seritt,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2002-13840]

#### 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 January 21, 2003.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lennis Fludd, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-2308; FAX: 202-366-9580, or E-MAIL: [lennis.fludd@marad.dot.gov](mailto:lennis.fludd@marad.dot.gov).

Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Records Retention Schedule.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0501.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Summary of Collection of Information.* Section 801, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, requires retention of financial records pertaining to financial assistance programs for ship construction and ship operations. These records are required to be retained to permit proper audit of pertinent records at the conclusion of a contract.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information will be used to audit

pertinent records at the conclusion of a contract when the contractor was receiving financial assistance from the government.

*Description of Respondents:* U.S. shipping companies.

*Annual Responses:* 3.

*Annual Burden:* 150 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 functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the 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 (or EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: November 14, 2002.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Finance Docket No. 33928]

#### Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway—Construction and Operation in Indiana County, PA

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of environmental assessment and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway (Norfolk Southern) has petitioned the Surface Transportation Board (Board) for authority to construct and operate a 5.26-mile line of railroad between Saltsburg and Clarksburg, in Indiana County, Pennsylvania (the Saltsburg Connection). The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has

prepared a Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project. Based on the information provided and the environmental analysis conducted to date, the EA preliminarily concludes that this proposal should not significantly affect the quality of the human environment if the recommended mitigation measures set forth in the EA are implemented.

Accordingly, SEA recommends, that if the Board approves this project, Norfolk Southern be required to implement the mitigation set forth in the EA. Copies of the EA have been served on all interested parties and will be made available to additional parties upon request. SEA will consider all comments received when making its final environmental recommendation to the Board. The Board will consider SEA's final recommendations and the complete environmental record in making its final decision in this proceeding.

**DATES:** The EA is available for public review and comment for 30 days. Parties should provide written comments to the Board no later than December 19, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments (an original and 10 copies) regarding this EA should be submitted in writing to: Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20423 to the attention of Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball, Environmental Comments, Finance Docket 33929.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball, Environmental Project Manager, at (202) 565-1530 (TDD for the hearing impaired (1-800-877-8339). To obtain a copy of the EA, contact Da 2 Da Legal, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, phone (202) 293-7776 or visit the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The construction and operation of the Saltsburg Connection is part of a larger Norfolk Southern project, the Keystone Project, which would also involve the rehabilitation of 10.89 miles of an out-of-service line between Clarksburg and Shelocta and the modification of the existing Keystone Connection near Shelocta by the addition of 1,450 feet of new single track that will connect the rehabilitated Clarksburg Segment with an existing industrial track that services the Keystone Plant. The Keystone Project would create a new route from the south, the Southern Route, for Norfolk Southern to serve the Keystone Plant. The proposed rehabilitation of the Clarksburg Segment and the modification of the Keystone Connection are not actions before the

Board and do not trigger an environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act or the Board's environmental rules at 49 CFR 1105. Board approval is not required to improve or upgrade an existing line that does not extend the railroad's territory. Nor is approval required to construct or modify an existing connection, so long as the purpose and effect is not to extend the railroad's territory.

By the Board, Victoria J. Rutson, Chief,  
Section of Environmental Analysis.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Transportation Security Administration

[Docket No. TSA-2002-13827]

#### Operation Safe Commerce

**SUMMARY:** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA), working in conjunction with an interagency Executive Steering Committee for Operation Safe Commerce (OSC), announces a program to identify and fund business driven initiatives to enhance security for the movement of cargo through the supply chain. The goal of OSC is to explore business processes and technology prototypes that protect commercial shipments from threats of terrorist attack, illegal immigration, and contraband while minimizing the economic impact upon the transportation system. The Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Seattle, Tacoma, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will be invited to submit proposals for funding consideration under this initiative. Persons and entities representing components of the supply chain may seek funding through these ports. The ports are encouraged to maximize their eligibility for funding by including representatives from all components of the supply chain, including major and minor load centers and feeder locations, their overseas customers and port partners, and the shipping lines serving these locations.

The TSA is requesting comments on the proposed project criteria for the selection of candidate projects submitted by the ports noted above for funding consideration as Operation Safe Commerce projects.

**DATES:** Send your comments on or before December 5, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Address your comments to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number TSA-2002-13827 at the beginning of your comments, and you should submit two copies of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that TSA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

You may also submit comments through the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing comments to these proposed regulations in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets Office is on the plaza level of the NASSIF Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. Also, you may review public dockets on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Walter (Bud) Hunt, Office of Maritime and Land Security, Transportation Security Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., TSA-8, Washington, DC 20590; e-mail: [WalterBud.Hunt@tsa.dot.gov](mailto:WalterBud.Hunt@tsa.dot.gov); telephone: 202-772-1045.

#### Background

Over the past several years, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has sponsored numerous studies, conferences, outreach initiatives, and operational tests designed to facilitate and improve the efficiency of inter-modal freight movement. Much of this work has direct applicability to ensuring container cargo security within the transportation environment.

In December 2001, Secretary of Transportation Mineta established the Container Working Group (CWG), which is co-chaired by the DOT and the U.S. Customs Service (Customs). This group, largely comprised of Federal agency representatives and members of the trade and transportation communities, has put forth a number of recommendations for improving the security of the cargo supply chain that need to be operationally tested.

Building upon the successes of their existing programs, Customs has launched two key programs to ensure cargo security: the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) and the Container Security Initiative (CSI). Under C-TPAT, Customs is working with importers, carriers, brokers and other industry sectors in creating a seamless security conscious environment throughout the entire international commercial process.

By providing a forum in which the business community and Customs can exchange anti-terrorism ideas, concepts and information, C-TPAT allows both the government and the business community to increase the security and efficiency of the entire commercial process from the point of manufacture through importation and distribution. Private sector participants in C-TPAT have made a commitment to improve the overall security of their supply chains, and communicate their established security procedures, guidelines, and expectations to their business partners.

Through the CSI, Customs is working with the foreign ports that send the highest volume of container traffic into the United States, as well as the governments in these locations, to facilitate the detection of potential problems in the supply chain at the earliest possible opportunity. CSI will establish the necessary foundation for a more secure international supply chain through the implementation of the four core CSI elements: (1) Establishing security criteria to identify high-risk containers; (2) pre-screening those containers identified as high-risk before they arrive at U.S. ports; (3) using technology to quickly pre-screen high-risk containers; and (4) developing and using smart and secure containers.

Operation Safe Commerce (OSC) is an innovative public-private partnership dedicated to enhancing security throughout international and domestic supply chains while facilitating the efficient cross-border movement of legitimate commerce. This initiative began in New England as a local public-private partnership where Federal, State and local law enforcement entities and key private sector entities combined efforts to design, develop, and implement a means to test available technology and procedures in order to develop secure supply chains. The OSC New England initiative analyzed a supply chain shipment between Eastern Europe and New Hampshire. The full container shipment was fitted with onboard tracking, sensors and door seals. It was constantly monitored through the various transportation modes as it traveled through numerous countries and government control functions.

OSC intends to build upon existing freight and information system operational tests sponsored by DOT and to support the procedural programs sponsored by Customs (*e.g.* C-TPAT and CSI) and to coordinate these efforts with new initiatives brought forward by the partnerships that carry out OSC operational testing. The synergies