

their seat belt use rates. The interim rule published on September 1, 1998 promulgates the Uniform Criteria for State Observational Surveys of Seat Belt Use (hereafter, Uniform Criteria) to provide guidance to the States on the seat belt use rate information to be submitted under this new program for calendar year 1998 and beyond.

Section 157 requires the Secretary to allocate funds to States that achieve a seat belt use rate in the preceding two years that is higher than the national average use rate or, failing that, a seat belt use rate that is higher than the highest seat belt use rate achieved by the State during specified previous calendar years. In order to make the calculations necessary to allocate funds under this provision, State seat belt use rate information extending back to calendar year 1996 is needed. For calendar years 1996 and 1997, seat belt use rate information submitted by the States is required to be weighted by the Secretary to ensure national consistency in methods of measurement. Beginning in calendar year 1998, States must measure seat belt use rates following criteria established by the Secretary, to ensure that the measurements are "accurate and representative." In accordance with that mandate, this interim final rule establishes uniform criteria for States to follow in conducting surveys of seat belt use, starting with surveys conducted in calendar year 1998.

Affected Public: State agencies, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 17,942.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Robinson, NHTSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at 202/366-9456.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Intent To Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Coast Guard "Optimize Training Infrastructure" Initiative

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent; notice of meetings and request for comments; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is extending the comment period on the notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 19, 1998 (63 FR 64309) concerning the "Optimize Training Infrastructure" (OTI) Initiative. The initiative involves an assessment of the Coast Guard's training activities, methods, and facilities. The notice announces the Coast Guard's intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and asks for public comments. The deadline for comments is changed from December 24, 1998, to January 6, 1999.

DATES: Comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before January 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may mail your comments to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-1998-4765), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, the NEPA process, and NEPA documents, contact Ms. Susan Boyle, Environmental Branch Chief of the Coast Guard Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific; telephone: 510-437-3973; e-mail: CoastGuard@ttsfo.com. For questions on the OTI Initiative, contact LCDR Keith Curran, Reserve and Training Directorate, Coast Guard Headquarters; telephone: 202-267-2429; e-mail: CoastGuard@ttsfo.com. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the

docket, contact Ms. Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation; telephone: 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard received a request to extend the deadline for public comments because the original deadline's proximity to two major holidays might limit public comment.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

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RADM, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) DOT.

ACTION: Change from environmental impact statement to environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental assessment will be prepared instead of an environmental impact statement for a proposed project in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David W. Cough, P.E., District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 228 Walnut Street, Room 536, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101-1720, Telephone (717) 221-3411, or Raymond S. Hack, P.E., District Engineer, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, 45 Thomas Run Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017, Telephone (412) 429-5001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PADOT), will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) instead of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve access to and egress from the Parkway West (Routes 60, 30, 22). A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the project was published in the **Federal Register** on August 23, 1989. The original project proposed the construction of two new interchanges (Settlers Cabin Interchange and the Robinson-Collier Interchange) and widening Campbells Run Road, a two-lane County road, to four lanes. The proposed project currently includes one interchange (Settlers Cabin Interchange) and widening Campbells Run Road to three lanes. The limits of the project