

Notice of Intent to Create a Quiet Zone¹

Who should submit this notice

A public authority seeking to create a New Quiet Zone or a New Partial Quiet Zone should submit notice of its intent.

Parties to be notified

Before a public authority establishes a quiet zone either through public authority designation or through FRA approval, it must provide written notice to several parties. These parties include the following:

- All railroads operating over the public highway-rail grade crossings within the quiet zone,
- The State agency responsible for highway and road safety, and
- The State agency responsible for grade crossing safety.

All notices must be provided by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Deadlines

A party may submit information or comments to the public authority during the 60-day period after the date on which the Notice of Intent was mailed. This 60-day comment period may terminate early, if the public authority obtains from each party either written comments or written statements that the parties do not have any comments.

¹ The information collection submission for the final rule has been approved by the OMB. The OMB control number is 2130-0560.

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Notification contents

- ❑ The notice must unambiguously state which crossings will be contained within the quiet zone. Each public, pedestrian, and private crossing must be identified by both the U.S. DOT National Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Inventory number and the street or highway name.
- ❑ The notice must indicate the time period during which train horn restrictions would be imposed (i.e. 24 hours or from 10 pm to 7 am)
- ❑ The notice must contain a brief explanation of the tentative plans for implementing improvements within the quiet zone.
- ❑ The notice must clearly indicate the name, title, and contact information for the person who will act as point of contact during the development process.
- ❑ All notifications must contain list of the names and addresses of each party notified.

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