

MODIFICATION EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Modification exemption	Nature of exemption thereof
9275-M		Alcoa Inc. Pittsburgh, PA.	49 CFR Parts 100–180.	9275	To modify the exemption to authorize revising the proper shipping description to allow transportation of medical screening solutions containing ethyl alcohol liquids.
10791-M		Con-Quest Products, Inc. Elk Grove Village, IL.	49 CFR 173.12(b)(2)	10791	To modify the exemption to authorize a design change of the UN 4G fiberboard box filled with a polyethylene film bag liner for the transportation of various Hazard Class/Division waste hazardous materials.
11536-M		The Boeing Company Los Angeles, CA.	49 CFR 173.302; 173.62; 173.159; 173.304.	11536	To modify the exemption to authorize an increase of spacecraft pressure vessels from two to four and the transportation of an additional Division 2.1 material.
11670-M		Oilphase Schlumberger Dyce, Aberdeen Scotland.	49 CFR 178.36	11670	To modify the exemption to authorize the use of a newly designed non-DOT specification oil well sampling cylinder for the transportation of Division 2.1 materials.
12744-M	RSPA-01–10126	Alcoa Inc. Pittsburgh, PA.	49 CFR 171–180	12744	To modify the exemption to authorize a Division 4.3, PGI material be allowed to be transported as a “material of trade” item.
13321-M	RSPA-03–16598	Quest Diagnostics, Inc. Collegeville, PA.	49 CFR 173.28(b)(3)	13321	To modify the exemption to authorize passenger-carrying aircraft as an additional mode of transportation for certain Division 6.2 materials.
13442-M		PRC-DeSoto International Mojave, CA.	49 CFR 173.173(b)(2).	13442	To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for a Class 3 material in inner plastic packagings not exceeding 5 L capacity in addition to the glass and metal packagings.
13796-M	RSPA-04–18891	Rhodia Inc. Cranbury, NJ.	49 CFR 173.188	13796	To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for the transportation of a Division 4.2 material while under water in alternative packaging.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Potential for Damage to Pipeline Facilities Caused by the Passage of Hurricane Ivan

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of advisory bulletin.

SUMMARY: RSPA is issuing this advisory bulletin to owners and operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines to communicate the potential for damage to pipeline facilities caused by the passage of Hurricane Ivan on September 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: This document can be viewed on the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) home page at: <http://ops.dot.gov>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The purpose of this advisory bulletin is to warn all operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico and adjacent state waters that pipeline safety problems may have been caused by the passage of Hurricane Ivan on September 16, 2004. RSPA received several reports of damage to pipeline facilities in the offshore and inland areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and the Florida Panhandle.

It was reported in newspapers that officials with Houston-based Transocean found the semi-submersible drilling rig Deepwater Nautilus late Thursday, 70 miles from its original mooring site south of Mobile, Ala. No crew was aboard the rig, which likely rode through winds in excess of 140 mph and seas as high as 40 feet. The rig is built to handle winds of 120 mph, according to company data.

It was also reported that Diamond Offshore Drilling reported one of its rigs, the Ocean Star, was found drifting 12 miles from its mooring 80 miles south of Mobile, Ala.

Energy companies evacuated workers from 545 platforms and 69 drilling rigs in the Gulf, shutting in almost 4 million barrels of oil and 17 billion cubic feet of natural gas according to the U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service.

The Federal pipeline safety regulations at 49 CFR parts 192 and 195 require operators to shut down and start up pipeline facilities in a safe manner and to conduct periodic pipeline patrols to detect unusual operating and maintenance conditions and to take corrective action if conditions are unsafe. Because this patrolling is generally by aircraft, pipelines exposed or damaged on the sea floor may not be visually detected. It is likely that some pipeline facilities and pipelines located in the area of Hurricane Ivan's impact are damaged or exposed.

The gas and hazardous liquid pipeline safety regulations require that operators mitigate the safety condition if a pipeline facility is damaged or if a pipeline is exposed on the sea floor or constitutes a hazard to navigation. The regulations require that damaged pipeline facilities or exposed pipelines must be repaired, replaced, or reburied

to eliminate the hazard. And, pipelines that are a hazard to navigation must be promptly reported to the National Response Center (NRC) at 1-800-424-8802.

II. Advisory Bulletin (ADB-04-04)

To: Owners and operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipeline systems.

Subject: Potential for damage to pipeline facilities caused by the passage of Hurricane Ivan.

Advisory: All operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico and adjacent state waters are warned that pipeline safety problems may have been caused by the passage of Hurricane Ivan on September 16, 2004. RSPA received several reports of damage to pipeline facilities, particularly offshore Louisiana.

Pipeline operators should consider taking the following actions regarding the gas and hazardous liquid pipelines located in areas impacted by Hurricane Ivan:

1. Identify persons who normally engage in shallow water commercial fishing, shrimping, and other marine vessel operations and caution them that submerged offshore pipelines may have become unprotected on the sea floor. Marine vessels operating in water depths comparable to a vessel's draft or when operating bottom dragging equipment can be damaged and their crews endangered by an encounter with a submerged pipeline.

2. Identify and caution marine vessel operators in offshore shipping lanes and other offshore areas where Hurricane Ivan may have affected a pipeline that deploying fishing nets or anchors, and dredging operations may damage the pipeline, their vessels, and endanger their crews.

3. In the process of bringing offshore and inland transmission facilities back online, operators are advised to check for structural damage to piping, valves, emergency shutdown systems, risers and supporting systems. Aerial inspections of pipeline routes should be conducted to check for leaks in the transmission systems. In areas where floating and jack-up rigs have moved and their path could have been over the pipelines, operators are advised to review possible routes and to check for sub-sea pipeline damage where required.

4. Identify and correct any conditions on the pipeline that violate the Federal

pipeline safety regulations. (49 U.S.C. Chapter 601; 49 CFR 1.53).

Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub No. 5) (2004-4)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the fourth quarter 2004 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The fourth quarter 2004 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.097. The fourth quarter 2003 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.544. The fourth quarter 2004 RCAF-5 is 0.519.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mac Frampton, (202) 565-1541. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, call ASAP Document Solutions at (301) 577-2600. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS: 1-800-877-8339.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: September 13, 2004.

By the Board, Chairman Nober, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrey.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Deposits and Savings Accounts by Office

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on its proposal to continue the information collection of deposit and savings account information by office.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before November 22, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552; send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-6518; or send an e-mail to infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet site at <http://www.ots.treas.gov>. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to publicinfo@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information about this proposed information collection from Pamela Schaar, Information Systems & Finance, (202) 906-7205, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information