

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular exemption is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo

aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 18, 1997.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8421, DHM-30, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the exemption application number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Copies of the applications (See Docket Number) are available for inspection at the New Docket Management Facility, PL-401, at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

This notice of receipt of applications for new exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Hazardous Materials Regulations Act (49 U.S.C. 1806; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 12, 1997.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulations(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
11891-N	RSPA-97-2595	Aldrich Chemical Co., Milwaukee, WI.	49 CFR 171 to 178	To authorize the one-time transportation in commerce of certain hazardous materials in various classes and divisions, contained in specific type packagings, as essentially non-regulated. (mode 1)
11892-N	RSPA-97-2596	Van Vool HV, B-2500 Lier, Koningshooikt, BE.	49 CFR 178.245, Part 173	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of non-DOT specification steel portable tanks, similar to DOT-51 steel portable tanks, permanently fitted within an ISO frame for use in transporting those hazardous material authorized in a DOT-51. (modes 1, 2, 3)
11894-N	RSPS-97-2598	Quicksilver Fiberglass Manufacturing Ltd., Strome, Alberta, CN.	49 CFR 178.345, 178.346	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of a non-DOT specification cargo tank or cargo tank motor vehicle constructed of fiber-reinforced plastic, for use in transporting those hazardous material authorized in a DOT-Specification 406. (mode 1)
11899-N	RSPA-97-2602	Carleton Technologies Inc., Orchard Park, NY.	49 CFR 178.65	To authorize the transportation in commerce of a sealed high pressure gas cylinder system, equipped with twin pyrotechnic cutters, Division 1.4D, charged with Nitrogen, Division 2.2, to be offered for shipment as a Division 2.2. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
11900-N	RSPA-97-2603	Osmose Wood Preserving, Inc., Buffalo, NY.	49 CFR 173.4(a)(1)(iii)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of methylisothiocyanate, Division 6.1 in containers which exceed the quantity limitations authorized by the small quantity exceptions. (mode 1)
11903-N	RSPA-97-2604	Comptank Corporation, Ontario, CN.	49 CFR 107.503(b), 172.102(c)(3), SP B15, B23, B30, B32, 173.241, 173.242, 173.243, 178.340, 178.342, 178.343, 180.405, 180.413(d).	To authorize the use of non-DOT specification cargo tanks manufactured from glass fiber reinforced plastics for use in transporting various hazardous materials classed as Division 6.1, Class 3, 8 or 9. (mode 1)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

**Office of Hazardous Materials Safety;
Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemption**

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for modification exemptions.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite

docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier Federal Register publications, they are not repeated here. Requests for modifications of exemptions (e.g. to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the application number. Application

numbers with the suffix "M" denote a modification request. These applications have been separated from the new applications for exemptions to facilitate processing.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 3, 1997.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the exemption number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Dockets Unit, Room 8426, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC.

Application No.	Applicant	Renewal of exemption
8230-M	Olin Corporation, Norwalk, CT (See Footnote 1)	8230
11294-M	Environmental Products & Services, Inc., Syracuse, NY (See Footnote 2)	11294
11490-M	Lockheed Martin Corp., Princeton, NJ (See Footnote 3)	11490
11854-M	Zarn, Reidsville, NC (See Footnote 4)	11854

¹ To modify the exemption to provide for a smaller size teflon bottle than what is authorized, bottles will be placed in heat sealed bags within an absorbent lined bag and then overpacked in 4G fiberboard boxes for use in transporting Division 5.1 material.

² To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation in commerce of individual drums instead of pallets and shrink-wrapping of lab packs.

³ To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the transportation of Class 8 material in DOT-Specification 110A500W multi-unit tank tanks not equipped with pressure relief devices.

⁴ To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of non-DOT specification packaging for use in transporting regulated medical waste classed in Division 6.2 material.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1806; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

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Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33404]

San Joaquin Valley Railroad Co.— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Sunset Railway Co.

San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company, a Class III rail common carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire by lease and operate 47.5 miles of rail line from the Sunset Railway Company between milepost 0.5, near Bakersfield, and milepost 48.0, at Taft, in Kern County, CA.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after May 30, 1997.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of

a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33404, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Fritz R. Kahn, P.C., Suite 750 West, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3934.

Decided: June 12, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0571]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs
ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The National Cemetery System (NCS), Office of Management (OM), and Office of Inspector General (IG) are announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are

required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to the NCS, OM, and IG customer satisfaction surveys.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0571" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Taylor at (202) 273-8015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collections of information, comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the burden estimate of the proposed