

This notice of receipt of applications for new exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1804; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemptions

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for modification of 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 November 4, 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.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modification of exemption
11344-M	E.I. DuPont, Wilmington, DE (See Footnote 1)	11344
11956-M	RSPA-97-2988	Scott Aviation, Lancaster, NY (See Footnote 2)	11956

¹ To modify the exemption to provide for tank cars, containing chlorine, Division 2.3, to remain standing with unloading connections attached without the physical presence of an unloader.

² To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for protective breathing equipment (PBE), containing chemical oxygen generators which utilize special integral packaging as a secondary means of preventing actuation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Meetings of Pipeline Safety Advisory Committees

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) notice is hereby given of the following meetings of the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC) and the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC). Each Committee meeting, as well as a

joint session of the two Committees, will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel, 2900 Briarpark Drive at Westheimer, Houston, TX 77042.

On November 18, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., the THLPSSC will meet. OPS will discuss current regulatory activities, and the THLPSSC will review the following OPS proposed rulemakings: (1) Incorporation by Reference of Industry Standard on Leak Detection; (2) Risk-Based Alternative to Pressure Testing Rule; and (3) Adoption of Industry Standards for Breakout Tanks. Part of the Advisory Committee's function is to discuss OPS proposed rulemakings and assess, by vote, if the rulemaking is feasible, reasonable, and practicable.

On November 18, 1997 at 1:00 p.m., the THLPSSC will be joined by members of the TPSSC for a joint session in which OPS will provide a brief update on major OPS activities. However, this session will focus on the issue of cost-benefit analysis. Topics of discussion will include: (1) A description of the approach to cost-benefit analysis by both OPS and the pipeline industry; and (2) the role of the Advisory Committees in reviewing cost benefit in their review of OPS

rulemakings, in accordance with the Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act of 1996.

OPS will hold a public meeting on risk management in conjunction with the Technical Advisory Committee meetings on the morning of November 19, 1997, from 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 noon. OPS announced this meeting in a **Federal Register** notice (62 FR 50654), published on September 26, 1997. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update on the Risk Management Demonstration Program and to receive input on the progress of the Demonstration Program thus far and on the specific demonstration projects under review.

On November 19, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. the TPSSC will meet. Although this committee will not be voting on any OPS proposed rulemakings, brief updates of OPS regulatory activities will be provided by OPS staff.

Each meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public may present oral statements on the topics. Due to the limited time available, each person who wants to make an oral statement must notify Peggy Thompson, Room 2335, Department of

Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366-4595, no later than November 5, 1997. Requests should include the topics to be addressed and the time requested to address each topic. The presiding officer may deny any request to present an oral statement and may limit the time of any oral presentation. Members of the public may present written statements to the Committee before or after any meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 14, 1997.

Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 114X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Washburn County, WI

On September 30, 1997, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line of railroad known as the Hayward Industrial Lead, extending from milepost 83.32 near Trego to milepost 96.0 near Hayward Junction, in Washburn County, WI, which traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes 54888 and 54875, a distance of 12.68 miles.¹ The line includes the non-agency stations of Trego at milepost 83.3, Earl at milepost 87.3, and Spring Brook at milepost 91.4.

The line does contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final

decision will be issued by January 16, 1998.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$900. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than November 10, 1997. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 114X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Joseph D. Anthofer, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179-0830.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. (TDD for the hearing impaired is available at (202) 565-1695.)

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Decided: October 15, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Public Debt

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Request By Owner For Reissue of United States Savings Bonds/Notes To Add Beneficiary Or Coowner, Eliminate Beneficiary Or Decedent, Show Change Of Name, And/Or Correct Error In Registration.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 22, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request By Owner For Reissue Of United States Savings Bonds/Notes To Add Beneficiary Or Coowner, Eliminate Beneficiary Or Decedent, Show Change Of Name, And/Or Correct Error In Registration.

OMB Number: 1535-0023.

Form Number: PD F 4000.

Abstract: The information is requested to support a request for reissue and to indicate the new registration required.

Current Actions: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 300,000.

Request For Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or

¹ UP states that the Hayward Industrial Lead previously extended from Trego in Washburn County to a location near Hayward in Sawyer County, WI. The segment between Hayward Junction and Hayward was acquired by Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) pursuant to an acquisition exemption in *Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of Union Pacific Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33116 (STB served Apr. 17, 1997). WCL operates another rail line that connects to the acquired line at Hayward Junction. UP states that the line to be abandoned does not now connect to any UP rail line.