

The period from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m., with appropriate breaks, will be set aside on Tuesday, March 25 to hear presentations from sponsors or proponents of maglev projects such as those mentioned in the conference report. Any such project, in order to be considered, should be based on full scale high-speed maglev technology capable of near term application. Sponsors or proponents of projects representing low speed applications, or projects where there is no evidence of public sector interest, should not apply for permission to give a presentation. Sponsors or proponents of projects representing tests of technologies that are not yet fully developed may contact Mr. Harding to discuss whether a presentation would be appropriate.

Persons interested in giving a presentation should contact John Harding, of the Federal Railroad Administration (phone: 202 632-3387/ fax: 202 632-3854) in order to be given a time on the scheduled program. Presentations will not be accepted on a "walk in" basis, although, if there is sufficient time, there may be opportunity for comments from the public other than in the scheduled presentations.

Presentations should contain information describing the project, public and private sponsorship, any studies of revenues, costs, and benefits, proposed means of financing, and national significance. Facilities for overhead and 35mm slide projection will be provided. Twelve hard copies of the presentation and accompanying literature should be provided by the presenter for use of the MSAC and staff.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on February 14, 1997.

Jolene M. Molitoris,

*Administrator.*

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### Research and Special Programs Administration

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

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** List of applicants for 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. 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 March 27, 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 application number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** 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.

### NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
11832-N .....	RSPS-97-2130	Air Liquide Corp., Houston, TX.	49 CFR 172.203, 173.318, 173.320.	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of a non-DOT specification portable tank for use in the transportation of helium, refrigerated liquid, Division 2.2. (mode 1).
11834-N .....	RSPA-97-2131	Ashland Chemical Co., Dublin, OH.	49 CFR 173.173, 173.202.	To authorize the transportation of Division 3 and 5.1 material in UN 1A2/Y1.4/100 openhead steel drums as part of a mechanical application system. (modes 1, 2).

NOTE: Correction, Trinity Industries, Inc. application notice published on Wednesday February 5, 1997 FR Vol. 62, No. 24, Page 5506, should have appeared as Trinity Industries, Inc., Dallas, TX, modes 1, 2, and 3.

(1) To modify the exemption to provide for an additional container equipped with side discharge for use in transporting certain blasting agents.

(2) To modify the exemption to provide for an additional motor vehicle, equipped with specific diesel-operated heating equipment, for use in the transportation of certain Class 3 liquids or gases.

(3) To modify the exemption to provide for Division 2.2 and 5.1 as additional classes of hazardous material to be unloaded with the physical presence of an unloader.

(4) To modify the exemption to increase the service life to 24 years, increase the retest schedule to 7 years and eliminate the marking requirement on non-DOT specification welded stainless steel cylinders.

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. 1806; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 19, 1997.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.*

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#### Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemptions or Applications to Become a Party to an Exemption

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** List of applications for modification of exemptions or applications to become a party to an exemption.

**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. Application numbers with the suffix "P" denote a party to request. These applications have been separated from the new

applications for exemptions to facilitate processing.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 12, 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 CONTACT:** 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
8723-M .....	Dyno Nobel Inc., Salt Lake City, UT (see footnote 1) .....	8723
10803-M .....	Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA (see footnote 2) .....	10803
10929-M .....	Conrail, Philadelphia, PA (see footnote 3) .....	10929
11025-M .....	Mass Systems Inc., Baldwin Park, CA (see footnote 4) .....	11025

(1) To modify the exemption to provide for an additional container equipped with side discharge for use in transporting certain blasting agents.

(2) To modify the exemption to provide for an additional motor vehicle, equipped with specific diesel-operated heating equipment, for use in the transportation of certain Class 3 liquids or gases.

(3) To modify the exemption to provide for Division 2.2 and 5.1 as additional classes of hazardous materials to remain standing with unloading connection attached when product is being transferred, without the physical presence of an unloader.

(4) To modify the exemption to increase the service life to 24 years, increase the retest schedule to 7 years and eliminate the marking requirement on non-DOT specification welded stainless steel cylinders.

Application	Applicant	Parties to exemption
2582-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	2582
3004-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	3004
4850-P .....	Allied Signal Inc., Morristown, NJ .....	4850
4884-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	4884
5643-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	5643
5704-P .....	Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Sauget, IL .....	5704
5923-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	5923
6349-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	6349
6530-P .....	Western International Gas & Cylinders Inc., Bellville, TX .....	6530
6530-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	6530
6543-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	6543
6691-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	6691
6765-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	6765
6805-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	6805
7268-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	7268
7274-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	7274
7451-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	7451
7835-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	7835
7846-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	7846
8013-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	8013
8156-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	8156
8451-P .....	Primex Technologies, Inc., St. Petersburg, FL .....	8451
8451-P .....	ICI Explosives, Middletown, IA .....	8451
8451-P .....	MK Ballistic Systems, Hollister, CA .....	8451
8451-P .....	Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Sauget, IL .....	8451
8556-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	8556
8582-P .....	Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc., Paducah, KY .....	8582
8698-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	8698
8915-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	8915
8915-P .....	Fiba Technologies, Westboro, MA .....	8915
9034-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	9034
9047-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	9047
9414-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	9414
9480-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	9480
9507-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	9507
9723-P .....	Rollins Environmental, Inc., Wilmington, DE .....	9723
9723-P .....	Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Sauget, IL .....	9723
9769-P .....	Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Sauget, IL .....	9769
01-P .....	Praxair Distribution, Inc., Danbury, CT .....	10101
10441-P .....	Bechem Transport, Inc., New Haven, CT .....	10441
10441-P .....	Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Sauget, IL .....	10441
10457-P .....	Advance Chemical Distribution, Inc., Sand Springs, OK .....	10457
10798-P .....	Callaway Chemical Company, Smyrna, GA .....	10798
10798-P .....	Callaway Chemical Company, Dalton, GA .....	10798
10798-P .....	Callaway Chemical Company, Chattanooga, TN .....	10798

Application	Applicant	Parties to exemption
10933-P .....	Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Sauget, IL .....	10933
11043-P .....	Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Sauget, IL .....	11043
11043-P .....	Bechem Transport, Inc., New Haven, CT .....	11043
11055-P .....	Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Sauget, IL .....	11055
11055-P .....	MSE Environmental, Inc., Camarillo, CA .....	11055
11153-P .....	General Chemical Corporation, Framingham, MA .....	11153
11156-P .....	Dixie Chemical Corporation, New Bern, NC .....	11156
11197-P .....	Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Sauget, IL .....	11197
11294-P .....	Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Sauget, IL .....	11294
11294-P .....	Bechem Transport, Inc., New Haven, CT .....	11294
11388-P .....	Nalco Chemical Company/Exxon Energy Chemicals L.P., Sugar Land, TX .....	11388
11588-P .....	Medwaste Management, Inc. of New England, North Haven, CT .....	11588
11602-P .....	Atlantic Coast Recycling, Inc., Fort Pierce, FL .....	11602
11602-P .....	Southwestern Die Casting Co., Inc., Fort Smith, AR .....	11602
11602-P .....	East Tennessee Iron & Metal, Inc., Rogersville, TN .....	11602
11624-P .....	Environmental Transportation Services, Inc., Oklahoma City, OK .....	11624
11624-P .....	Republic Environmental Systems, Hatfield, PA .....	11624
11624-P .....	Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Sauget, IL .....	11624
11821-P .....	Wyoming Steel & Fab, Inc., Reliance, WY .....	11821
11826-P .....	Westinghouse Hanford Company, Richland, WA .....	11822
11826-P .....	MG Industries Gas Technology & Services Group, Houston, TX .....	11826
11829-P .....	Parsin Chemicals Limited, Andhra Pradesh, India .....	11829
11829-P .....	ICI Explosives Canada, Quebec, Canada .....	11829

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

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 20, 1997.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,  
Director, Office of Hazardous Materials  
Exemptions and Approvals.

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#### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 103X)]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Sarpy County, NE (Gilmore Industrial Lead)

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts Union Pacific Railroad Company from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon service over a portion of rail line known as the Gilmore Industrial Lead in Sarpy County, NE, subject to standard labor protective conditions. The line extends between milepost 11.76 and milepost 12.23, near Gilmore, NE, a distance of 0.47-mile.

**DATES:** Provided no formal expression of intent to file a financial assistance offer has been received, this exemption will be effective on March 27, 1997. Formal expressions of intent to file financial assistance offers under 49 CFR

1152.27(c)(2) must be filed by March 7, 1997. Petitions to stay must be filed by March 12, 1997. Petitions to reopen must be filed by March 24, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send pleadings referring to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 103X) to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Petitioner's representative: Joseph D. Anthofer, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179-0830.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: February 13, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

##### Internal Revenue Service

[Project No. TIRNO-97-R-00018]

#### Proposed Establishment of a Federally Funded Research and Development Center

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) intends to sponsor a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) to provide system engineering and technical assistance along with strategic advice and guidance. Also required will be technical management capabilities to facilitate the operation and modernization of Tax Systems. The FFRDC will be established under the authority of 48 CFR Subpart 35.017 and Office of Federal Procurement Policy Letter 84-1. The FFRDC shall provide technical advice and assistance to the IRS and/or its contractors in the areas of program and project management. This will consist of expert advice/guidance focused on increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of strategic information management and technical activities. The FFRDC will be available for IRS's Chief Information Officer (CIO) or the CIO's designees or Department of the Treasury executive support. Examples of this support may include, but are not limited to the following:—Information Systems (IS) input to business case development—Business Process Analysis—IS management and oversight