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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 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 May 1, 1998.

**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 exemp- tion
4844-M .....	.....	Kidde-Graviner Ltd., Colnbrook, Slough, Berks, UK (See Footnote 1) .....	4844
9419-M .....	.....	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA (See Footnote 2) .....	9419
10458-M .....	.....	Marsulex Inc., Sudbury, ON (See Footnote 3) .....	10458
11483-M .....	.....	Autoliv, Autoflator AB, Vargarda, SW (See Footnote 4) .....	11483
11667-M .....	.....	Weldship Corporation, Bethlehem, PA (See Footnote 5) .....	11667
11790-M .....	.....	United States Enrichment Corporation, Bethesda, MD (See Footnote 6) .....	11790
11872-M .....	RSPA-1997-2584	Polymet Alloys, Inc., Saginaw, AL (See Footnote 7) .....	11872

(1) To modify the exemption to provide for rail, air and cargo vessel as additional modes of transportation for use in transporting non-DOT specification foreign made steel cylinders.

(2) To modify the exemption to provide for minimum wall thickness to be reduced to 0.299 inch for DOT Specification 3AAX or 3T cylinders and increase the quantity of cylinders retested to 1,000 annually.

(3) To modify the exemption to provide for Sulfur dioxide, Division 2.2 as an additional class of material for transportation in DOT Specification 111A100W2 tank cars.

(4) To modify the exemption to provide for an additional designed non-DOT specification, refillable, high pressure cylinders charged with Division 2.2 material for transportation as part of modules for automobile airbag systems.

(5) To authorize the modification of personnel qualifications for retesting of DOT-3AAX and 3T cylinders.

(6) To modify the exemption to provide for alternative material to be used in tubing of non-specification cylinders similar to DOT 5A and 5B specification cylinder without required markings for use in transporting uranium hexafluoride, Class 7.

(7) To modify exemption to provide for tarp covered vehicles for transportation of water reactive, solid, Division 4.3 in flexible intermediate bulk containers.

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

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**J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,**

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Exemptions and Approvals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### 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 May 18, 1998.

**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 Transportations Act (49 U.S.C. 1806; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

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**J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,**

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

#### NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12051-N .....	RSPA-1998-3685	General American Trans. Corp., Chicago, IL.	49 CFR 180.509(e) .....	To authorize the use of acoustic emission non-destructive testing for structural integrity inspections and testing of railroad tank cars (Mode 2.)
12052-N .....	RSPA-1998-3686	Engineered Carbons, Inc. Borger, TX.	49 CFR 174.67(i), 174.67 (i) & (j).	To authorize rail cars to remain connected during the preheating process of various hazardous materials without the physical presence of an unloader. (Mode 2.)
12053-N .....	RSPA-1998-3687OZ	Technology, Rathdrum, ID	49 CFR 173.306(a)(3) .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Hydro-carbon Blend B refrigerant gas, Division 2.1, in non-DOT specification containers similar to a DOT2Q cans with overpack. (Modes 1, 2, 3.)
12054-N .....	RSPA-1998-3688	Gulf & Caribbean Cargo, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL.	49 CFR 172.101, Col. 9B .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of explosives, Division 1, that are forbidden or exceed the quantity limitation for transportation by air. (Mode 4.)
12056-N .....	RSPA-1998-3730	GenCorp Aerojet, Sacramento, CA.	49 CFR 173.226, 173.336 .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Division 6.1 material and Division 3.3 material, in propellant tanks designed to a military specification. (Modes 1, 3.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 120X)]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Warren County, IA

On March 27, 1998, 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: (1) abandon a line of railroad owned by UP known as the Carlisle Branch, extending from milepost 368.3 near Carlisle, IA, to milepost 379.13 near Indianola, IA, a distance of 10.83 miles; and (2) discontinue operations over a portion of the Carlisle Branch from milepost 379.13 to the end of the line at milepost 379.98 in Indianola, a distance of 0.85 mile, a total distance of 11.48 miles in Warren County, IA. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 50125. There is one non-agency rail station on the line at Indianola at milepost 379.7.

The line does not 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 the conditions set forth in *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 July 15, 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 a \$1,000 filing fee. 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 May 6, 1998. 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. 120X) 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. Replies to the UP petition are due on or before May 16, 1998.

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 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.