

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modifications of exemption
11899-M	RSPA-97-2602	Carleton Technologies, Inc., Orchard Park, NY (See Footnote 3) .....	11899
11984-M	RSPA-97-3173	Trans World Airlines, Inc., Kansas City, MO (See Footnote 4) .....	11984
11990-M	RSPA-97-3098	Taylor-Wharton Coyne, Huntsville, AL (See Footnote 5) .....	11990
12047-M	RSPA-98-3617	True Drilling Company, Casper, WY (See Footnote 6) .....	12047
12070-M	RSPA-98-3886	Boeing North American, Inc., Downey, CA (See Footnote 7) .....	12070
12092-M	RSPA-98-4001	Matheson Gas Products, East Rutherford, NJ (See Footnote 8) .....	12092
12095-M	RSPA-98-4042	Railway Progress Institute, Inc., Alexandria, VA (See Footnote 9) .....	12095

(1) To reissue the exemption originally modified on an emergency basis to extend life limit of non-DOT specification pressure vessels used in special service for the transportation of compressed gases.

(2) To authorize party-status and add Division 4.1 as an additional class of hazardous materials.

(3) To modify the exemption to authorize an altered design of the 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.

(4) To modify the exemption to provide for rail as an additional mode of transportation for the movement of motor-vehicle (piggy-back trailers) when shipping oxygen generators.

(5) To modify the exemption to remove the Safety Device criteria under 7.a., 178.35(e) of the exemption.

(6) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to transport flammable liquids in packages that are not presently authorized.

(7) To reissue the exemption originally issued as a emergency basis to authorize the transportation of a Kill Vehicle (KV) Assembly containing 1.4G explosives.

(8) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to use an alternate test method for cylinders rather than the hydrostatic test.

(9) To reissue an exemption originally issued on an emergency basis (as an extension) to authorized an alternative inspection and test program for tank cars.

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)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 14, 1998.

**J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-554X]

#### **Perry County Port Authority d/b/a Hoosier Southern Railroad; Discontinuance Exemption; in Spencer County, IN**

On July 1, 1998, Perry County Port Authority d/b/a Hoosier Southern Railroad (HSR) 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. 10903-10905<sup>1</sup> to discontinue service on a line of railroad known as the Rockport Line extending from milepost 0.0 at Rockport Junction to milepost 16.2 at Rockport, a

distance of 16.2 miles in Spencer County, IN. As part of the exemption, HSR also seeks to discontinue incidental trackage rights over approximately 1.1 miles of Norfolk Southern Railway Company's (NSR) main line extending from milepost 32.1-EB at Rockport Junction to milepost 33.2-EB at Lincoln City, also in Spencer County, IN.<sup>2</sup> The lines traverse U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 47552, 47611 and 47635. The Rockport Line includes the stations of Rockport, Chrisney, Rock Hill and Rockport Junction.

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 October 19, 1998.

Unless an exemption is granted from the OFA provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10904, any OFA to subsidize continued rail service 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).

This proceeding is exempt from environmental reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting requirements under 1105.8(b).

<sup>2</sup> HSR desires to terminate service because NSR has terminated its lease with HSR effective May 31, 1998. NSR resumed providing all rail service on the Rockport Line as of June 1, 1998.

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-554X 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) John D. Heffner, Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, Suite 570, 1707 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment and discontinuance 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.]

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: July 14, 1998.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### **Privacy Act of 1974: Computer Matching Program**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

<sup>1</sup> HSR seeks exemption from the offer of financial assistance (OFA) subsidy provision of 49 U.S.C. 10904. This exemption request will be addressed in the final decision. HSR also seeks exemption from the public use provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10905. However, because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not applicable.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs, notice is hereby given of the conduct of an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) program of computer matches.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This notice will be effective August 20, 1998, unless comments dictate otherwise.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments or inquiries may be mailed to the Chief Inspector, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Jacqueline Greening, Internal Auditor, Quality Assurance and Oversight Section, Office of Planning and Management, Office of Assistant Chief Inspector (Internal Auditor), Internal Revenue Service, (202) 622-5911.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** IRS management is responsible for discouraging the perpetration of irregular or illegal acts and limiting any exposure if an integrity breach occurs. To assist in accomplishing this mission, the Inspection Service has enhanced its conventional audit and investigative activities with a program to detect and deter unauthorized access (UNAX) by IRS employees to taxpayer information.

The Audit Trail Lead Analysis System (ATLAS) is a system designed to detect unauthorized access to taxpayer records. It does so by identifying IRS employees who have accessed taxpayer records using the Integrated Data Retrieval System (IDRS) in a manner that appears to be inconsistent with standard IRS practice.

One of the five IRS organizational strategies is to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the IRS by a dedication to the highest ethical standards. One of the ways that the Inspection Service supports this objective is to provide IRS management an assessment of the organization's ethical environment through the UNAX Program, which is part of the overall Inspection Service Integrity Program.

Computer matching is the most feasible method of performing comprehensive analysis of employee, taxpayer, and tax administration data because of the large number of employees (56,000 employees access IDRS); the geographical dispersion of IRS offices and employees (nationwide); and the tremendous volume of computerized data that is available for

analysis (100 million IDRS transactions are generated each month).

This program will be conducted using audit trails and IDRS records generated from each Service Center. Four years of audit trail records will be available to search.

**NAME OF SOURCE AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service.

**NAME OF RECIPIENT AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service.

**BEGINNING AND COMPLETION DATES:** This program of computer matches is expected to commence on July 31, 1998, but not earlier than the fortieth day after copies of the Computer Matching Agreement are provided to the Congress and OMB unless comments dictate otherwise. The program of computer matches is expected to conclude at the end of the eighteenth month after the beginning date (January 31, 2000).

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this program of computer matches is to detect unauthorized access to taxpayer records by IRS employees. The system will identify employees who have accessed taxpayer records using the IDRS in a manner that appears to be inconsistent with standard IRS practice.

**AUTHORITY:** 5 U.S.C. 301, 26 U.S.C. 7213, 7213A, 7214, 7608, 7801, 7802, 7803, 18 U.S.C. 1030(a)(2)(B); and Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1952, pursuant to Section 7804(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Computer Security Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-235). The Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) (Pub. L. 97-255). Executive Order 12674 of April 12, 1989, entitled, "Principles of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees." OMB Circular A-130, "Management of Federal Information Resources," dated February 8, 1996. OMB Circular A-123, "Internal Control Systems," dated August 16, 1983.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED:** Current and former employees of the IRS and contractors for the IRS.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS COVERED:** Included in this program of computer matches is information related to computer inquiries and entries to the IDRS (Treasury/IRS 34.018) made by IRS employees: employee identification numbers and employee social security numbers, command codes used, taxpayer identification number accessed, terminal from which access occurred, date and time of access. Information from the Individual Master File (IMF) (Treasury/IRS 24.030), the Business Master File (BMF) (Treasury/IRS 24.046), and the Treasury Integrated Management Information System (TIMIS) (Treasury/DO .002) will be used

to obtain employee address and spouse's name.

Other information from these files not uniquely pertaining to the IRS employee(s) but that could possibly establish a relationship between the IRS employee(s) and the account(s) accessed will be used to determine the actions or the effect of actions of employee(s) or to corroborate declarations or statements by employee(s). From IDRS (Treasury/IRS 34.018): Taxpayer identification number and tax period. From IMF (Treasury/IRS 24.030) and BMF (Treasury/IRS 24.046): Taxpayer entity information, including address, current and prior name, and tax account status. From TIMIS (Treasury/DO .002): employee identifying and locating information, including address, current name and name of spouse.

Dated: July 15, 1998.

**Shelia Y. McCann,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary (Administration).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0085]

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

**AGENCY:** Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is 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 the information required in processing appeals from denial of VA benefits and in regulation of representatives' fees.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Sue Hamlin, Board of Veterans' Appeals (01C), Department of Veterans Affairs,