

Dated: January 30, 1998.

**Aida Alvarez,**

*Administrator.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Declaration of Disaster #3052]

#### State of Maine; Amendment #1

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated January 25, 1998, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning on January 5, 1998 and continuing through January 25, 1998.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is March 16, 1998 and for economic injury the deadline is October 15, 1998.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

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**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Declaration of Disaster #3054]

#### State of New Hampshire; Amendment #1

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated January 29, 1998, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning on January 7, 1998, and continuing through January 25, 1998.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is March 25, 1998, and for economic injury the deadline is October 24, 1998.

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**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution; Notice of Meeting

The Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution (SPMP), a subcommittee of the Shipping Coordinating Committee, will conduct an open meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 1998, at 9:30 AM in Room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC.

The purpose of this meeting will be to review the agenda items to be considered at the forty first session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 41) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). MEPC 41 will be held from March 30-April 3, 1998. Proposed U.S. positions on the agenda items for MEPC 41 will be discussed.

The major items for discussion for MEPC 41 will begin at 9:30 AM and include the following:

- a. Prevention of pollution from offshore oil and gas activities;
- b. Identification and protection of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas;
- c. Interpretation and amendments of MARPOL 73/78 and related Codes;
- d. Follow-up to the Conference on prevention of air pollution from ships;
- e. Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water;
- f. Harmful effects of the use of antifouling paints for ships;
- g. Promotion of implementation and enforcement of MARPOL and related codes, including the development of an IMO manual on MARPOL. How to enforce it;
- h. Implementation of the Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation Convention (OPRC), and;
- i. Irradiated Nuclear Fuel Code related matters.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information or documentation pertaining to the SPMP meeting, contact Lieutenant Commander Ray Perry, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-MSO-4), 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001; Telephone: (202) 267-2714.

Dated: January 29, 1998.

**Stephen M. Miller,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Montgomery County, Maryland

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed project in Montgomery County, Maryland.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Renee Sigel, Planning, Research, and Environment Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, The Rotunda Suite 220, 711 West 40th Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21211. Telephone: (410) 962-4440.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve MD 97 in Montgomery County, Maryland. Proposed alternates will address congestion and safety problems on existing MD 97 in the historic Town of Brookeville. The project limits are from Gold Mine Road to north of Holiday Drive, a distance of approximately two miles.

Alternatives under consideration include taking no action and constructing bypasses around Brookeville. Five bypass alternatives, proposing a two lane access controlled roadway on new location, have been retained for detailed study. Four alternatives would bypass Brookeville to the west and one would bypass Brookeville to the east.

Alternatives to improve the existing alignment through Brookeville were initially considered but were eliminated due to the resulting adverse effects on the historic district.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens and citizen groups who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. It is anticipated that a Public Hearing will be held in 1998. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to a Public Hearing. Public notice will be given of the availability of the Draft EIS for review and of the time and place of this hearing. An Alternates Public Meeting was held in May 1996. No formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestion are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning these proposed actions and EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulation implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation of Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

Issued on: February 3, 1998.

**Renee Sigel,**

*Planning, Research and Environment Team Leader, Baltimore.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

[Notice No. 98-2]

#### Hazardous Materials in Intrastate Commerce: Public Meetings Related to Implementation and Compliance

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a series of four public meetings to provide information and accept questions regarding regulations issued under Docket HM-200, "Hazardous Materials in Intrastate Transportation," published in the **Federal Register** on January 8, 1997 (62 FR 1208). The regulations require that most intrastate shippers and carriers comply with the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) and provide a number of exceptions to reduce regulatory burdens. The meetings are intended to assist in understanding and complying with the new requirements.

**DATES: Public Meetings.** Public meetings will be held as follows:

- (1) March 26, 1998 in Lincoln, Nebraska;
- (2) April 7, 1998 in Irving, Texas;
- (3) April 22, 1998, in Decatur, Georgia; and
- (4) May 5, 1998, in Seattle, Washington.

**ADDRESSES: Meetings.** See Supplementary Information for specific times, locations and agendas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane LaValle, Office of Hazardous

Materials Standards, (202) 366-8553, Research and Special Programs Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. E-mail address: rules@rspa.dot.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On January 8, 1997, RSPA published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 1208) which amended the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR parts 171-180) to expand the scope of the regulations to include most intrastate transportation of hazardous materials. RSPA also provided exceptions to the regulations to reduce the impact on persons newly subject to the HMR and others. Exceptions for agricultural operations are found in § 173.5; exceptions for materials of trade (MOTS) are found in § 173.6; and exceptions for non-specification packagings for flammable liquid petroleum products are found in § 173.8. As part of an outreach program to assist the public in understanding and complying with these regulations, RSPA is holding four public meetings.

#### Conduct of Meetings

Meetings will be informal, intended to produce dialogue between agency personnel and those persons affected by the expansion of the scope of the HMR.

#### Meeting Schedule and Agendas

The public meetings will be held at the following locations:

- (1) March 26, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Lincoln, Nebraska, Best Western Airport Inn, I-80 and Airport Exit #399, (402) 475-9541;
- (2) April 7, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Irving, Texas, Wilson World Hotel, 4600 West Airport Freeway, (972) 513-0800;
- (3) April 22, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Decatur, Georgia, Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Plaza, 130 Clairemont Avenue, (404) 371-0204; and
- (4) May 5, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Seattle, Washington, Double Tree Hotel, 18470 Pacific Highway South, (206) 439-6130.

If there is interest, the meetings will resume after lunch.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 6, 1998 under authority delegated in 49 CFR.

**Alan I. Roberts,**

*Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket Nos. AB-502 and AB-503 (Sub-No. 1X)]

#### Bootheel Rail Properties, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Pemiscot and Dunklin Counties, MO, and Bootheel Regional Rail Corporation—Discontinuance Exemption—in Pemiscot and Dunklin Counties, MO

On January 23, 1998, Bootheel Rail Properties, Inc. (BRP) and Bootheel Regional Rail Corporation (BRRC) 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 for BRP to abandon and BRRC to discontinue service over a line of railroad known as the Hayti-Kennett Branch, extending from milepost 212.73, near Hayti, MO, to milepost 230.00, near Kennett, MO, a distance of 17.27 miles in Pemiscot and Dunklin Counties, MO. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes 63851, 63857, 63871, and 63827. There are no agency stations located on the line.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in BRP's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. Because BRP and BRRC are proposing to abandon and discontinue service respectively over their entire lines, no labor conditions will be imposed.

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 May 13, 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 \$900 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 March 4, 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 Nos. AB-503 (Sub-No. 1X) and AB-502 (Sub-No. 1X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K