

⁸To modify the exemption to authorize, as an optional requirement, the installation of a manhole for non-DOT specification vacuum insulated portable tanks in oxygen service.

⁹To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis authorizing the use of DOT Specification 51 tank containers that have been designed, constructed and "U" stamped in accordance with Section VIII, Division 1 of the ASME Code transporting Division 2.1 and 2.2 materials.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT

[Docket No. RSPA-99-6355]

Pipeline Safety: Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas (Hazardous Liquid Operators With 500 or More Miles of Pipeline)

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: This notice announces two, two-day workshops on 49 CFR part 195.452, "Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas", effective May 29, 2001. On Day 1, OPS will familiarize participants with the new requirements, and present and seek comments on the approach OPS plans to use for achieving compliance. On Day 2, OPS will provide a forum for participants to share and discuss noteworthy integrity management practices that achieve compliance with the rule.

Workshop Dates and Addresses

(1) The first workshop will be on August 7-8, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the DoubleTree Hotel Post Oak, 2001 Post Oak Boulevard, Houston, Texas, 77056, 713-961-9300 or 800-566-5216. No later than July 23, 2001, rooms may be reserved within a block identified as "DOT/IMP Public Meeting Block".

(2) The second workshop will be on October 10-11, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Renaissance Houston Hotel, 6 Greenway Plaza East, Houston, Texas, 77046, 713-629-1200 or 800-Hotels-1. No later than September 12, 2001, rooms may be reserved within a block identified as "DOT/IMP Public Meeting Block".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Callsen (tel: 202-366-4572; E-mail: beth.callsen@rspa.dot.gov). For event planning purposes, please let Ms. Callsen know if you will attend. Also notify Ms. Callsen if you are interested in being a presenter on Day 2 of one or both of the workshops. You can read comments and other related material in

the docket on the Internet at: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

OPS's integrity management initiative is intended to improve safety and environmental protection and to provide better assurance to the public about the safety of pipelines. It is also intended to comprehensively address National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommendations, Congressional mandates and pipeline safety and environmental issues raised over the years. It is based on the culmination of experience OPS has gained from pipeline inspections, accident investigations and risk management and system integrity initiatives.

OPS's first integrity management rule (65 FR 75378), issued on November 3, 2000 and effective on May 29, 2001, applies to hazardous liquid operators who own or operate 500 or more miles of pipeline. The rule applies to pipelines that can affect high consequence areas (HCAs), which include populated areas defined by the Census Bureau as urbanized areas or places, unusually sensitive environmental areas, and commercially navigable waterways.

OPS believes that the new rule requires fundamental change in the integrity management practices of many affected pipeline operators. As compliance deadlines approach, OPS is hosting two workshops to promote a better understanding of the new requirements, and to discuss compliance approaches operators are applying to various aspects of the rule. OPS will host additional workshops if needed.

Day 1: Integrity Management Rule—Compliance and Available Resources

Day 1 will feature presentations intended to familiarize participants with the rule requirements and available resources and guidance material. OPS will also present and seek comment on the inspection approach OPS is developing to achieve compliance. Topics will include:

- The rule requirements
- API Standard 1160
- The National Pipeline Mapping System
- The proposed inspection approach

- Segment identification inspection and completeness check
- Comprehensive program reviews
- Inspection of operator program implementation
- Managing operator notifications
- Enforcement
- Clearinghouse and points of contact for questions about the rule
 - Additional resources for the industry
 - Questions and Answers

Day 2: Forum to Share Noteworthy Integrity Management Practices

Day 2 will feature a series of presentations by pipeline operators on features of their Integrity Management Programs that OPS believes merit wider dissemination. Via the presentations, OPS hopes to encourage a peer-to-peer exchange among operators of innovative approaches being developed to enhance pipeline integrity and comply with the rule. Each presentation will be followed by an open discussion among meeting participants. Based on these discussions, OPS will kick-off development of an on-line forum that will enable continued exchanges between federal and state regulators, representatives of public interest and environmental organizations, the pipeline industry, and other interested parties about noteworthy practices.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 27, 2001.

Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34059]

Providence and Worcester Railroad Company—Operation Exemption—Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Providence and Worcester Railroad Company (P&W) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate railroad trackage owned by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), a noncarrier,¹ between milepost QVJ 0.6

¹MBTA is an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

and milepost QVJ 3.1, a distance of approximately 2.5 miles, near Seekonk, Bristol County, MA (line).²

According to P&W, it cannot begin operations over the line until the at-grade crossing at Newman Avenue, which was removed by third parties in connection with a roadway improvement project, is restored. P&W notes that it has proceeded with discussions with MBTA and the Town of Seekonk and intends to press for prompt restoration of the crossing. The earliest the transaction could have been consummated was June 27, 2001, 7 days after the exemption was filed.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34059, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Mary A. Tanona, Esq., Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, 75 Hammond Street, Worcester, MA 01610.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: June 27, 2001.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[REG-246256-96]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing notice of proposed rulemaking and temporary regulation, REG-246256-96, Excise Taxes on Excess Benefit Transactions (§ 53.4958-6).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 4, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Excise Taxes on Excess Benefit Transactions.

OMB Number: 1545-1623.

Regulation Project Number: REG-246256-96.

Abstract: This regulation relates to the excise taxes on excess benefit transactions under section 4958 of the Internal Revenue Code and affects certain tax-exempt organizations described in Code sections 501(c)(3) and (4). The collection of information entails obtaining and relying on appropriate comparability data and documenting the basis of an organization's determination that compensation is reasonable, or a property transfer (or transfer of the right to use property) is at fair market value.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150,427.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 6 hr., 3 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 910,083.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information

displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: June 26, 2001.

Garrick R. Shear,
IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8835

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8835, Renewable Electricity Production Credit.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 4, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

² CSX Transportation, Inc.'s (CSX) discontinuance of trackage rights on the line was previously exempted by the Board in *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Bristol County, MA*, STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 582X) (STB served Nov. 1, 2000). P&W indicates that CSX has not yet implemented its discontinuance and that CSX is still technically an operator of the line.