questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the LA DOTD at the address above. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments have been sent to the appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, Native American tribes and to private organizations who have previously expressed or who are known to have an interest in this proposal. Federal agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to potential environmental issues will be requested to act as a Cooperating Agency in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.6.

LA DOTD will lead the outreach activities, beginning with the scoping meetings identified under **DATES** above. Public involvement initiatives, including public meetings, newsletters, and outreach to engage low-, minority-, and other environmentally-disadvantaged groups will be held throughout the course of this study. Opportunities for public participation will be announced through mailings, notices, advertisements, press releases and a project Web site: http://www.dotd.la.gov/administration/public_info/projects/NORG/.

Two public hearings on the Draft EIS will be held following its issuance. Public notice will be given, in local newspapers, of the time and place of the meetings and hearings. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review prior to the public hearings.

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Paul Nissenbaum.

Associate Administrator for Railroad Policy and Development, Federal Railroad Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Notice of Applications for Modification of Special Permit

AGENCY: Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for modification of special permits.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material 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

modification of special permits (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 application for special permits to facilitate processing.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 30, 2012.

Address Comments to: Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety 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 special permit number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, or at http://regulations.gov.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of special permit is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

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Donald Burger,

Chief, General Approvals and Permits.

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of special permit thereof					
MODIFICATION SPECIAL PERMITS									
11215–M		Orbital Sciences Corporation, Mojave, CA.	49 CFR Part 172, Sub- parts C, D; 172.101, Special Provision 109.	To modify the special permit to add a Class 9 material.					
11606		Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., Plano, TX.	49 CFR 173.28(b)(2)	To modify the special permit to authorize double stacking of pallets used for shipping and to authorize approved third party transporters to transport the material authorized in the permit.					
12135–M		Daicel Safety Systems Inc. Hyogo Prefecture 671– 1682.	49 CFR 173.301(h) 173.302 173.306(d)(3)	To modify the special permit to authorize a new design of non-DOT specification cylinders (pressure vessels) for use as components of automobile vehicle safety systems.					
14175–M		The Linde Group, Murray Hill, NJ.	49 CFR 180.209	To modify the special permit to authorize additional Division 2.2 gases.					
14467-M		Brennar Tank, LLC, Fond Du Lac, WI.	49 CFR 178.345–2	To modify the special permit to authorize construction of series 400 cargo tanks using certain materials not authorized in 178.345(2) as materials of construction and to add additional UNS Designation tanks.					
14952–M		Mebrom NV Ertvelde- Rieme.	49 CFR 173.193	To modify the special permit to Belgium to authorize an alternative method of retesting qualification.					

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of special permit thereof
15181–M		JBI Helicopter, Pembroke, NH.	49 CFR 172.101 Column (9B). 172.204(c)(3)	To modify the special permit to authorize additional Division 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 3, 4.1, 4.2, and Class 9 materials.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Notice of Application for Special Permits

AGENCY: Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for special permits.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of

Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit 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 February 13, 2012.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety 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 selfaddressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SW., Washington, DC or at http://regulations.gov.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with part 107 of the Federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 6, 2012.

Donald Burger,

Chief, General Approvals and Permits.

NEW SPECIAL PERMITS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of special permits thereof
15519–N		KMG Electronic Chemicals Pueblo, CO.	49 CFR 107.102(c)(4) IP Code 15.	To authorize the transportation of IBCs used to carry UN2031 with
15532-N		SET Environmental Inc. Wheeling, IL.	49 CFR 173.244	more than 55% nitric acid without replacing the rigid lastic inner receptacle every 2 years. (mode 1) To authorize the one-time, one-way transportaion in commerce of one irregulary shaped sodium dispersion vessels in alternative packaging. (mode 1)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Notice of Delays in Processing of Special Permits Applications

AGENCY: Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: List of Applications Delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), PHMSA is publishing the following list of special permit applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ryan Paquet, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590– 0001, (202) 366–4535

Key to "Reason for Delay"

- 1. Awaiting additional information from applicant.
- 2. Extensive public comment under review.
- 3. Application is technically complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis.
- 4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of special permit applications.

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

N—New application.

M—Modification request.

R-Renewal Request.