

domestic subsidies; (h) agricultural export subsidies and domestic supports and incentives; (i) safeguard and unfair trade practice procedures applied to imports; (j) plant, animal, and human health and safety requirements; (k) requirements for and restrictions on the right to import and export goods; (l) technical barriers to trade; (m) utilization of preshipment inspection services; (n) activities of state trading enterprises, including restrictions and other trade-distorting practices made effective through state trading; (o) price controls, two-tier pricing, and other price policies; (p) foreign exchange controls that act as barriers to trade and investment; (q) membership in preferential trade arrangements, free trade arrangements, or customs unions; (r) government procurement practices; (s) policies concerning trade in civil aircraft; (t) the trade-related aspects of investment policies, and (u) the protection and enforcement of intellectual property. Market access issues for services include, but are not limited to, the right of establishment for U.S. services providers, the right to purchase services abroad, the ability to provide services on a cross-border basis, and the ability of persons to enter temporarily to provide services.

Information on products or practices subject to these negotiations should include, whenever appropriate, the import or export tariff classification number used by Vietnam for the product concerned.

All comments on the above subject matter that were already provided in response to FR 61 59920 published on November 25, 1996 (requesting comments on the Negotiation of a Bilateral Trade Agreement Between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam), will be considered as having also been submitted in response to this request, absent notification to the contrary. Supplementary comments to such earlier submissions will also be considered if submitted in response to this notice.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS:** All written comments should be addressed to: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street N.W., Room 501, Washington, D.C. 20508.

All submissions must be in English and should conform to the information requirements of 15 CFR 2003.

A party must provide ten copies of its submission which must be received at USTR no later than noon, Friday, March 28, 1997. If the submission contains business confidential information, ten

copies of a non-confidential version must also be submitted. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially must be included in the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and of each succeeding page of submission. The version that does not contain confidential information should also be clearly marked, at the top and bottom of each page, "public version" or "non-confidential."

Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public inspection shortly after the filing deadline. Inspection is by appointment only with the staff of the USTR Public Reading Room and can be arranged by calling (202) 395-6186.

Frederick L. Montgomery,  
*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Maglev Study Advisory Committee; Notice of Third Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of third meeting of the Maglev Study Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** As required by Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988) and 41 C.F.R. Part 101-6, section 101-6, 1015(a), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) gives notice of the third meeting of the Maglev Study Advisory Committee ("MSAC"). The purpose of the meeting is to advise DOT/FRA on the Congressionally mandated study of the near-term applications of maglev technology in the United States.

**DATES:** The third meeting of the MSAC is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST on Monday and Tuesday, March 24 and 25, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The third meeting of the MSAC will be held in the 9th floor Conference Room at FRA Headquarters, 1120 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals

with disabilities. Those with special needs should inform Mr. Mongini 5 days in advance of the meeting so appropriate facilities can be provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arrigo Mongini, Deputy Associate Administrator for Railroad Development, FRA RDV-2, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington D.C. 20590 (mailing address only) or by telephone at (202) 632-3286.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The third meeting of the Maglev Study Advisory Committee (MSAC) will be held on March 24 and 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) headquarters, 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, in the 9th floor conference room. The meeting is open to the public.

The MSAC was created by the National Highway System Designation Act to advise the Secretary of Transportation in the preparation of a report to be submitted by the Secretary to the Congress evaluating the near term applications of magnetic levitation transportation technology in the U.S. "with particular emphasis on identifying projects warranting immediate application of such technology." The Act further specifies that the study also "evaluate the use of innovative finance techniques for the construction and operation of such projects." The eight committee members collectively have experience in magnetic levitation transportation, design and construction, public and private finance, and infrastructure policy disciplines. The conference report on the National Highway System Designation Act specifies that "[t]he Committee should identify and analyze specific magnetic levitation projects, such as a connector from New York City to its airports, the transportation project under development between Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, DC, and technology transfer efforts underway in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, so that Congress can better assess how near-term magnetic levitation technology could complement existing modes of transportation \* \* \*." The Secretary has assigned responsibility for preparing the report to the Federal Railroad Administrator, working closely with the MSAC. The Secretary's report to the Congress will discuss the extent to which the above and other potential magnetic levitation projects warrant immediate application, taking into account such factors as ability to be financed, benefits vs costs, extent of public commitment and support, and national significance.

The period from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m., with appropriate breaks, will be set aside on Tuesday, March 25 to hear presentations from sponsors or proponents of maglev projects such as those mentioned in the conference report. Any such project, in order to be considered, should be based on full scale high-speed maglev technology capable of near term application. Sponsors or proponents of projects representing low speed applications, or projects where there is no evidence of public sector interest, should not apply for permission to give a presentation. Sponsors or proponents of projects representing tests of technologies that are not yet fully developed may contact Mr. Harding to discuss whether a presentation would be appropriate.

Persons interested in giving a presentation should contact John Harding, of the Federal Railroad Administration (phone: 202 632-3387/ fax: 202 632-3854) in order to be given a time on the scheduled program. Presentations will not be accepted on a "walk in" basis, although, if there is sufficient time, there may be opportunity for comments from the public other than in the scheduled presentations.

Presentations should contain information describing the project, public and private sponsorship, any studies of revenues, costs, and benefits, proposed means of financing, and national significance. Facilities for overhead and 35mm slide projection will be provided. Twelve hard copies of the presentation and accompanying literature should be provided by the presenter for use of the MSAC and staff.

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Jolene M. Molitoris,

*Administrator.*

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### 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 March 27, 1997.

**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 application number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** 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.

### NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
11832-N .....	RSPS-97-2130	Air Liquide Corp., Houston, TX.	49 CFR 172.203, 173.318, 173.320.	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of a non-DOT specification portable tank for use in the transportation of helium, refrigerated liquid, Division 2.2. (mode 1).
11834-N .....	RSPA-97-2131	Ashland Chemical Co., Dublin, OH.	49 CFR 173.173, 173.202.	To authorize the transportation of Division 3 and 5.1 material in UN 1A2/Y1.4/100 openhead steel drums as part of a mechanical application system. (modes 1, 2).

NOTE: Correction, Trinity Industries, Inc. application notice published on Wednesday February 5, 1997 FR Vol. 62, No. 24, Page 5506, should have appeared as Trinity Industries, Inc., Dallas, TX, modes 1, 2, and 3.

(1) To modify the exemption to provide for an additional container equipped with side discharge for use in transporting certain blasting agents.

(2) To modify the exemption to provide for an additional motor vehicle, equipped with specific diesel-operated heating equipment, for use in the transportation of certain Class 3 liquids or gases.

(3) To modify the exemption to provide for Division 2.2 and 5.1 as additional classes of hazardous material to be unloaded with the physical presence of an unloader.

(4) To modify the exemption to increase the service life to 24 years, increase the retest schedule to 7 years and eliminate the marking requirement on non-DOT specification welded stainless steel cylinders.

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

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 19, 1997.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

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

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#### Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemptions or Applications to Become a Party to an Exemption

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** List of applications for modification of exemptions or applications to become a party to an exemption.

**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