

shipping paper, and shippers who use computer generated shipping papers that can be printed out in seconds. RSPA acknowledges that it may take more than 1 minute 30 seconds to prepare a number of shipping papers. However, other shipping papers can be prepared more quickly by using data programs, especially for shippers who continually ship the same hazardous materials.

Affected Public: Shippers and carriers of hazardous materials in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250,000.

Estimated Number of Responses: 260,000,000.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 6,500,000.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Title: Radioactive (RAM)

Transportation Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0510.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This information collection consolidates and describes the information collection provisions in the HMR (49 CFR parts 171-180) involving the transportation of radioactive materials in commerce. Information collection requirements for RAM include: shipper notification to consignees of the dates of shipment of RAM; expected arrival; special loading/unloading instructions; verification that shippers using foreign-made packages hold a foreign competent authority certificate and verification that the terms of the certificate are being followed for RAM shipments being made into this country; and specific handling instructions from shippers to carriers for fissile RAM, bulk shipments of low specific activity RAM and packages of RAM which emit high levels of external radiation. These information collection requirements help to establish that proper packages are used for the type of radioactive material being transported; external radiation levels do not exceed prescribed limits; packages are handled appropriately and delivered in a timely manner, so as to ensure the safety of the

general public, transport workers, and emergency responders.

Affected Public: Shippers and carriers of radioactive materials in commerce.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,807.

Estimated Number of Responses: 21,319.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 14,480.

Frequency of Collection: Periodically.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for RSPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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Edward T. Mazzullo,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Exemption Applications

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of Applications Delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), RSPA is publishing the following list of exemption 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: J. Suzanne Hedgepeth, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

Key to "Reasons 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 exemption applications

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

N—New application

M—Modification request

PM—Party to application with modification request

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 6, 2000.

R. Ryan Posten,

Exemptions Program Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals.

NEW EXCEPTION APPLICATIONS

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
11862-N ..	The BOC Group, Murray Hill, NJ	4	12/29/2000
11927-N ..	Alaska Marine Lines, Inc. Seattle, WA	4	12/29/2000
12125-N ..	Mayo Foundation, Rochester, MN	4	11/30/2000
12142-N ..	Aristech Chemical Corp., Pittsburgh, PA	4	12/29/2000
12158-N ..	Hickson Corporation, Conley, GA	4	12/29/2000
12181-N ..	Aristech, Pittsburgh, PA	4	12/29/2000
12248-N ..	Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp., High Point, NC	4	12/29/2000
12277-N ..	The Indian Sugar & General Engineering Corp. ISGE, Haryana, IX	1	11/30/2000

NEW EXCEPTION APPLICATIONS—Continued

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
12281-N ..	ABS Group, Inc., Houston, TX	4	12/29/2000
12290-N ..	Savage Industries, Inc., Pottstown, PA	4	12/29/2000
12307-N ..	Kern County Dept. of Weights & Measures, Bakersfield, CA	4	12/29/2000
12332-N ..	Automotive Occupant Restraints Council, Lexington, KY	4	12/29/2000
12339-N ..	BOC Gases, Murray Hill, NJ	4	12/29/2000
12343-N ..	City Machine & Welding, Inc. of Amarillo, Amarillo, TX	1	12/29/2000
12351-N ..	Nalco/Exxon Energy Chemicals, L.P., Freeport, TX	4	11/30/2000
12353-N ..	Monson Companies, South Portland, ME	4	12/29/2000
12355-N ..	Union Tank Car Company, East Chicago, IN	4	12/29/2000
12368-N ..	Occidental Chemical Corp., Dallas, TX	4	12/29/2000
12381-N ..	Ideal Chemical & Supply Co., Memphis, TN	4	12/29/2000
12397-N ..	FMC Corporation, Philadelphia, PA	4	12/29/2000
12406-N ..	Occidental Chemical Corporation, Dallas, TX	4	12/29/2000
12412-N ..	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	4	12/29/2000
12422-N ..	Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Co., East Hampton, CT	4	12/29/2000
12427-N ..	Chubb Fire Ltd., England	4	11/30/2000
12433-N ..	The Lighter Company, Inc., Miami, FL	4	12/29/2000
12434-N ..	Salmon Air, Salmon, ID	4	12/29/2000
12440-N ..	Luxfer Inc., Riverside, CA	4	01/31/2001
12443-N ..	ChemCentral/Charlotte, Charlotte, NC	4	01/31/2001
12444-N ..	ST Services, Dallas, TX	4	01/31/2001
12446-N ..	Japan Defense Agency, Redstone Arsenal, AL	1	11/30/2000
12454-N ..	Ethyl Corp., Richmond, VA	4	01/31/2001
12455-N ..	United States Marine Safety Association, Philadelphia, PA	4	01/31/2000
12456-N ..	Baker Hughes, Houston, TX	4	01/31/2001
12457-N ..	Arch Chemicals, Inc., Norwalk, CN	4	12/29/2000
12468-N ..	Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Co., East Hampton, CT	4	11/30/2000
12469-N ..	Department of Energy, Germantown, MD	4	01/31/2001
12473-N ..	Old Bridge Metals & Chemicals, Inc., Old Bridge, NJ	4	01/31/2001

MODIFICATIONS TO EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
6658-M	Mason & Hanger Corp. (USDOE/Pantex Plant), Amarillo, TX	4	11/30/2000
8299-M	Pacific Scientific, Duarte, CA	4	11/30/2000
8308-M	Tradewind Enterprises, Inc., Hillsboro, OR	4	11/30/2000
8556-M	Gardner Cryogenics, Lehigh Valley, PA	4	11/30/2000
10656-M ..	Conf. of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., Frankfort, KY	4	11/30/2000
11296-M ..	Heritage Transport, LLC, Indianapolis, IN	4	11/30/2000
11316-M ..	TRW Automotive, Queen Creek, AZ	4	01/31/2001
11537-M ..	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., Milford, VA	4	12/29/2000
11769-M ..	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	4	11/30/2000
11769-M ..	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	4	12/29/2000
11769-M ..	Hydrite Chemical Company, Brookfield, WI	4	12/29/2000
11798-M ..	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA	1, 4	12/29/2000
11798-M ..	Anderson Development Company, Adrian, MI	4	12/29/2000
11911-M ..	Transfer Flow, Inc., Chico, CA	4	01/31/2001
11916-M ..	CP Industries, Inc., McKeesport, PA	4	01/31/2001
12074-M ..	Van Hool NV, B-2500 Lier Koningshooikt, BG	1	12/29/2000
12178-M ..	STC Technologies, Inc., Bethlehem, PA	1	11/30/2000

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board****[STB Docket Nos. AB-33 (Sub-No. 158X) and AB-406 (Sub-No. 12X)]****Union Pacific Railroad Company—
Abandonment Exemption—in
McPherson, Ellsworth and Rice
Counties, KS and Central Kansas
Railway Limited Liability Company—
Discontinuance of Service
Exemption—in McPherson, Ellsworth
and Rice Counties, KS**

On October 24, 2000, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and Central Kansas Railway Limited Liability Company (CKR) jointly 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 UP to abandon and for CKR to discontinue service over a rail line: (1) Between milepost 523.02, near Geneseo and milepost 495.80, near Lindsborg; and (2) between milepost 531.40 and milepost 530.60, near Lindsborg, a total distance of 28.02 miles in McPherson, Ellsworth and Rice Counties, KS. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 67444, 67456, and 67464, and includes the non-agency stations of Lindsborg (mileposts 495.80 and 531.0), Marquette (milepost 505.60), Crawford (milepost 518.20), and Geneseo (milepost 524.50).

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in petitioners' possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

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 February 9, 2001.

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 offer must be accompanied by a \$1,000 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 December 4, 2000. 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 No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 158X) and STB Docket No. AB-406 (Sub-No. 12X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; (2) James P. Gatlin, 1416 Dodge Street #830, Omaha, NE 68179; and (3) Karl Morell, 1455 F St., NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005. Replies to the petition are due on or before December 4, 2000.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment 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 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation.

Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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

Decided: November 6, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Office of Thrift Supervision****[AC-3: OTS Nos. 02461 and H-3365]****FloridaFirst Bancorp, Lakeland,
Florida; Approval of Conversion
Application**

Notice is hereby given that on November 3, 2000, the Managing Director, Office of Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision, or his designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of FloridaFirst Bank, Lakeland, Florida, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552, and the Southeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1475 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30309.

Dated: November 7, 2000.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.
Nadine Y. Washington,
Corporate Secretary.

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