

will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Claude H. Harris,

Director, Office of Vehicle, Safety Compliance.

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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 application 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: Delmer Billings, 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 "Reason for Delay"

1. Awaiting additional information for 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 October 28, 2004.

R. Ryan Posten,

Exemptions Program Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety Exemptions & Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
11927-N	Alaska Marine Lines, Inc., Seattle, WA	4	12-31-2004
12381-N	Ideal Chemical & Supply Co., Memphis, TN	2	01-31-2005
12412-N	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	3	01-31-2005
12751-N	Defense Technology Corporation, Casper, WY	4	12-31-2004
12797-N	Environmental Quality Co., Belleville, MI	4	01-31-2005
12960-N	International Fuel Cells, South Windsor, CT	1	11-30-2004
13055-N	Stenstrom Petroleum Equipment Group, Rockford, IL	4	01-31-2005
13183-N	Becton Dickinson, Sandy, UT	4	12-31-2004
13188-N	General Dynamics, Lincoln, NE	1	12-31-2004
13309-N	OPW Engineered Systems, Lebanon, OH	4	01-31-2005
13295-N	Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA	1	12-31-2004
13266-N	Luxfer Gas Cylinders, Riverside, CA	1	12-31-2004
13265-N	Aeropres Corporation, Shreveport, LA	4	11-30-2004
13228-N	AirSep Creekside Corp., Buffalo, NY	4	12-31-2004
13225-N	Quantum Technologies, Irvine, CA	1	12-31-2004
13281-N	The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI	4	11-30-2004
13422-N	Puritan Bennett, Plainfield, IN	3	12-31-2004
12949-N	Railway Progress Institute, Inc., Alexandria, VA	4	01-31-2005
13482-N	U.S. Vanadium Corporation (Subsidiary of Strategic Minerals Corporation), Niagra Falls, NY	4	11-30-2004
13443-N	Koch Materials Company, Wichita, KS	4	11-30-2004
13423-N	E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company, Inc., Wilmington, DE	1	01-31-2005
13461-N	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA	4	12-31-2004
13346-N	Stand-By-Systems, Inc., Dallas, TX	1	12-31-2004
13347-N	ShipMate, Inc., Torrance, CA	4	12-31-2004
13341-N	National Propane Gas Association, Washington, DC	1	12-31-2004
13302-N	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA	4	12-31-2004
13314-N	Sunoco Inc., Philadelphia, PA	4	01-31-2005
13560-N	Texaco Ovonic Hydrogen Systems L.L.C. (TOHS), Rochester Hills, MI	4	12-31-2004
13554-N	The Fertilizer Institute, Washington, DC	4	12-31-2004
13547-N	CP Industries, McKeesport, PA	4	01-31-2005
13976-N	Osmose Utilities Services, Inc., Buffalo, NY	4	11-30-2004
13551-N	INO Therapeutics LLC, Port Allen, LA	4	12-31-2004
13484-N	Air Liquide America L.P., Houston, TX	4	11-30-2004
13176-N	Union Pacific Railroad Company, Omaha, NE	4	01-31-2005
13054-N	CHS Transportation, Mason City, IA	4	11-30-2004
13077-N	MacIntyre, Middlebury, VT	4	01-31-2005
12950-N	Walnut Industries, Inc., Bensalem, PA	4	01-31-2005

MODIFICATION TO EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
11769-M	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	2	01-31-2005
12065-M	Petrolab Company, Latham, NY	4	12-31-2004
10019-M	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA	3	12-31-2004
12443-M	Dow Reichhold Specialty Latex, LLC, Chickamauga, GA	4	01-31-2005
8650-M	Ethyl Corporation, Richmond, VA	4	12-31-2004
9149-M	Ethyl Corporation, Richmond, VA	4	12-31-2004
7073-M	Ethyl Corporation, Richmond, VA	4	12-31-2004
12443-M	Kinder Morgan Materials Services, Sewickley, PA	4	01-31-2005
13080-M	Pressed Steel Tank Co., Milwaukee, WI	1	12-31-2004
10915-M	Luxfer Gas Cylinders (Composite Cylinder Division), Riverside, CA	1	01-31-2005
10878-M	Tankcon FRP Inc., Boisbriand, QC	1,3	11-30-2004
12443-M	Kinder Morgan Materials Services, Sewickley, PA	4	01-31-2005
9421-M	Taylor-Wharton (Gas & Fluid Control Group), Harrisburg, PA	4	12-31-2004
12022-M	Taylor-Wharton (Gas & Fluid Control Group), Harrisburg, PA	4	12-31-2004
11537-M	Interstate Chemical Company, Inc., Hermitage, PA	2	01-31-2005
10882-M	Espar Products, Inc., Mississauga, Ontario, Canada	4	11-30-2004
12443-M	Buckbee-Mears Cortland (BMC), Minneapolis, MN	4	01-31-2005
11537-M	Hawkins, Inc., Minneapolis, MN	2	01-31-2005
7280-M	Department of Defense, Ft. Eustis, VA	4	12-31-2004
8718-M	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA	3	12-31-2004
8162-M	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA	3	12-31-2004
7277-M	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA	3	12-31-2004
7060-M	Federal Express, Memphis, TN	4	12-31-2004
11769-M	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	2	01-31-2005
11537-M	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., Milford, VA	2	01-31-2005
11769-M	Hydrite Chemical Company, Brookfield, WI	2	01-31-2005

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-391 (Sub-No. 10X)]

Red River Valley and Western Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Foster and Wells Counties, ND

Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company (RRVW) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 27.76 miles of rail line from approximately milepost 21.4 in or near Carrington, ND, to the end of the line at approximately milepost 29.16 in or near Bowdon, ND, in Foster and Wells Counties, ND. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 58486, 58418 and 58421.

RRVW has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR

1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.¹

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on December 3, 2004, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to

¹ RRVW states that it has used the subject line to store cars for off-line shippers during the preceding 2 years. RRVW points out that use of a rail line to store rail cars for the convenience of off-line shippers or the railroad is not traffic originating or terminating on the line within the meaning of 49 CFR 1152.50(b), citing, *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Ada County, ID*, STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 137X) (STB served Aug. 6, 1999).

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-*

file an OFA under 49 CFR

1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by November 12, 2004. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 23, 2004, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Rose-Michele Weinryb, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th Street NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

RRVW has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by November 28, 2004. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board,

of-Service Rail Lines, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

³ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which increases to \$1,200, effective October 31, 2004. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2004 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 11) (STB served Oct. 1, 2004). See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).