

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 very 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

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J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,
*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials,
Exemptions and Approval.*

NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

| Applica- tion No. | Applicant | Reason for delay | Estimated date of com- pletion |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 10581-N | Luxfer UK Limited, Nottingham, England | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11193-N | U.S. Department of Defense, Falls Church, VA | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 11322-N | Hydra Rig, Inc., Ft. Worth, TX | 1 | 12/31/1996 |
| 11375-N | Oceaneering Space Systems, Houston, TX | 4 | 12/31/1996 |
| 11396-N | Laidlaw Environmental Services, LaPorte, TX | 4 | 12/31/1996 |
| 11409-N | Pure Solve, Inc., Irving, TX | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11442-N | Union Tank Car Co., East Chicago, IN | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11443-N | Hercules Inc., Wilmington, DE | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 11465-N | Monsanto Co., St. Louis, MO | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11491-N | P.M. Industrial Gas Ltd., Georgetown | 1 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11511-N | Brenner Tank Inc., Fond du Lac, WI | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11523-N | Bio-Lab, Inc., Conyers, GA | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11527-N | Technical Service Co., Long Beach, CA | 4 | 12/31/1996 |
| 11537-N | Babson Bros. Co., Romeoville, IL | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11540-N | Convenience Products, Fenton, MO | 1 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11559-N | Japan Oxygen, Inc., Long Beach, CA | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11561-N | Solkatronic Chemicals, Fairfield, NJ | 4 | 12/31/1996 |
| 11572-N | North American Biologicals, Inc., Miami, FL | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 11578-N | General Alum & Chemical Co., Searsport, MA | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11586-N | Chem Coast Inc., La Porte, TX | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11591-N | Clearwater Distributors, Inc., Woodridge, NY | 4 | 12/31/1996 |
| 11592-N | Amtrol Inc., West Warwick, RI | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 11597-N | Zeneca, Inc., Wilmington, DE | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11598-N | Metalcraft Inc., Baltimore, MD | 1 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11599-N | Haviland Products Co., Grand Rapids, MI | 1 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11606-N | Safety-Kleen Corp., Elgin, IL | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11609-N | Rubbermaid Commercial Products Inc., Winchester, VA | 4 | 12/31/1996 |
| 11621-N | Aerojet Industrial Products, North Las Vegas, NV | 1 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11626-N | DeVilbiss Health Care, Inc., Ft. Pierce, FL | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 11627-N | Cabot Corporation, Revere, PA | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 11631-N | Health Care Incinerators, Fargo, ND | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 11645-N | Chemical Products Corp., Cartersville, GA | 4 | 03/31/1997 |
| 11646-N | Barton Solvents Inc., Des Moines, IA | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 11649-N | VTG USA, Inc., West Chester, PA | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 11653-N | Phillips Petroleum Co., Bartlesville, OK | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 11654-N | Hoechst Celanese Corp., Dallas, TX | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 11662-N | FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11663-N | Pfizer Inc., Groton, CT | 4 | 03/31/1997 |
| 11664-N | Breed Technologies, Inc., Lakeland, FL | 4 | 03/31/1997 |
| 11667-N | Weldship Corp., Bethlehem, PA | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11668-N | AlliedSignal, Inc., Morristown, NJ | 4 | 02/15/1997 |
| 11670-N | Oilphase Sampling Services Limited, Dye, Aberdeen, Scotland | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11671-N | Matheson Gas Products, Secaucus, NJ | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11677-N | Chaparral, Inc., Lubbock, TX | 4 | 03/15/1997 |
| 11678-N | Air Transport Association, Washington, DC | 4 | 03/31/1997 |
| 11679-N | Dorbyl Engineering Container Division (DHE), Republic of South Africa | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11682-N | Cryolor, Argancy, 57365 Ennery—France | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11687-N | Tri Tank Corp., Syracuse, NY | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11692-N | SCM Technologies, Tilbury, ON | 4 | 02/28/1997 |

NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS—Continued

| Applica- tion No. | Applicant | Rea- son for delay | Estimated date of com- pletion |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 4354-M | PPG Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 5493-M | Montana Sulphur & Chemical Co., Billings, MT | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 6117-M | Montana Sulphur & Chemical Co., Billings, MT | 4 | 03/31/1997 |
| 8556-M | Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 9184-M | The Carbide/Graphite Group, Inc., Louisville, KY | 4 | 12/31/1996 |
| 9413-M | EM Science, Cincinnati, OH | 4 | 03/31/1997 |
| 9706-M | Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 9909-M | Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 10511-M | Schlumberger Technology Corporation, Houston, TX | 4 | 12/31/1996 |
| 10517-M | Nalco Chemical Co., Naperville, IL | 4 | 12/31/1996 |
| 10798-M | Olin Corp., Stamford, CT | 4 | 02/28/1997 |
| 11005-M | Pressure Technology, Inc., Hanover, MD | 4 | 12/31/1996 |
| 11058-M | Spex Certiprep Inc., Metuchen, NJ | 4 | 03/31/1997 |
| 11171-M | Dart Container Corp. of PA, Leola, PA | 4 | 01/31/1997 |
| 11321-M | E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc., Wilmington, DE | 4 | 01/31/1997 |

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Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33305]

**Union Pacific Railroad Company—
Acquisition Exemption—Idaho
Northern & Pacific Railroad Company**

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), a Class I rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2 to acquire trackage and right-of-way owned by Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad Company (INP) and previously authorized for abandonment, subject to negotiations for trail use,¹ between milepost 1.0, near Weiser, and milepost 84.1 at Rubicon, in Washington and Adams Counties, ID (Line). UP notes that it has no plan to reactivate rail service on the Line at this time, although reactivation for rail service would be possible in the future if the Line were conveyed to a trail user under the Trails Act. In its notice, UP has stated that, if trail use negotiations are unsuccessful, UP will abandon the Line pursuant to the authorization granted in Docket No. AB-433 (Sub-No. 2X).

UP's acquisition transaction was expected to be consummated on or after December 19, 1996.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees adversely affected by the transaction will be protected under *New*

York Dock Ry.—Control—Brooklyn Eastern Dist., 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979).

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

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33305, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Joseph D. Anthofer, Esq., 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68179.

Decided: December 23, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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[STB Docket No. AB-481X]

**South Plains Lamesa Railroad, Ltd.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Dawson
and Lynn Counties, TX**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 the abandonment by South Plains Lamesa Railroad, Ltd., of 49.06 miles of rail line between milepost 5.00 near Slaton and milepost 54.06 near Lamesa, in Dawson and Lynn Counties, TX, subject to standard labor protective conditions.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial

assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on February 3, 1997. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR

1152.27(c)(2)¹ must be filed by January 13, 1997; petitions to stay must be filed by January 21, 1997; requests for a public use condition conforming to 49 CFR 1152.28(a)(2) must be filed by January 23, 1997; and petitions to reopen must be filed by January 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to STB Docket No. AB-481X to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423, and (2) Petitioner's representative: William R. Power, 5840 West Interstate 20, 260 Cordovan Park, Arlington, TX 76017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services: (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: December 23, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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¹ Abandonment of the Line was authorized in *Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment and Discontinuance Exemption—in Washington and Adams Counties, ID*, Docket No. AB-433 (Sub-No. 2X) (ICC served Nov. 1, 1995). In addition, the Interstate Commerce Commission, by decision served December 28, 1995, issued a notice of interim trail use under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) (Trails Act).

¹ See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).