

compliance with existing licensing bases and respond to discovered inadequacies with aggressive enforcement consistent with its enforcement policy.

The generic letter is available in the NRC Public Document Room under accession number 9807010291.

**DATES:** The generic letter was issued on July 14, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Not applicable.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James A. Davis, at (301) 415-2713.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This generic letter does not constitute a backfit as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) since it does not impose modifications of or additions to structures, systems or components or to design or operation of an addressee's facility. It also does not impose an interpretation of the Commission's rules that is either new or different from a previous staff position. The staff, therefore, has not performed a backfit analysis.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of July 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Jack W. Roe,**

*Acting Director, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

**AGENCY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

#### SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL(S):

- (1) *Collection title:* Pay Rate Report.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* UI-1e.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0097.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 9/30/1998.
- (5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 750.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 750.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 63.
- (10) *Collection description:* Under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. The daily benefit rate for unemployment and sickness benefits depends on the employee's last daily rate of pay. The

report obtains information from the employee and verification from the employer of the claimed rate of pay for use in determining whether an increase in the daily benefit rate is due.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laura Oliven (202) 395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

#### SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL(S):

- (1) *Collection title:* Report of Medicaid State Office Buy-In Status.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* RL-380-F.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0185.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 9/30/1998.
- (5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* State Government.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 600.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 600.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 100.
- (10) *Collection description:* Under the Railroad Retirement Act, the Railroad Retirement Board administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. The collection obtains the information needed to determine if certain railroad beneficiaries are entitled to receive Supplemental Medical Insurance program coverage under a state buy-in agreement in states in which they reside.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer

(312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laura Oliven (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### 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 August 20, 1998.

**ADDRESS COMMENTS TO:** Records Center, 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.

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 July 14, 1998.

**J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,**

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12096-N	RSPA-98-3991	E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington, DE.	49 CFR 172.102 (c)(3) SP B9 & B74, 179.103-5 (b)(1).	To authorize the one time-transportation in commerce of a DOT-Specification 120A500W tank car, containing a Division 6.1 material, poisonous by inhalation, that was loaded out of test date. (mode 2)
12097-N	RSPA-98-3993	Qual-X Inc., Powell, OH ...	49 CFR 173.140, 173.412	To authorize the one-time transportation in commerce of a specially designed device containing small quantities of gas, Division 2.2 contained in Type A package used as part of a leak detector console. (mode 1)
12098-N	RSPA-98-3994	Carleton Technologies, Inc., Orchard Park, NY.	49 CFR 178.65 .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain compressed gases, Division 2.2, in non-DOT specification pressure vessels. (modes 1, 2, 4)
12100-N	RSPA-98-4004	Tokico (USA), Inc., Berea, KY.	49 CFR 172.200-202, 172.203-204, 172.300, 173.306 (f)(1), 173.306 (f)(2)(iii), 173.306 (f)(3).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of gas struts charged by a mixture of nitrogen gas and hydraulic oil as essentially unregulated. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
12102-N	RSPA-98-4005	AETS/CWM, Flanders, NJ	49 CFR 173.56(i) .....	To authorize the transportation of certain Division 1.1D, unstable waste laboratory mixtures that have been densitized to remove their explosive characteristics, as Division 4.1 flammable solids. (mode 1)
12104-N	RSPA-98-4039	Hoechst Celanese, Spartanburg, SC.	49 CFR 174.67(i) .....	To authorize rail cars to remain connected throughout the unloading of Class 9 material without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 2)
12105-N	RSPA-98-4040	Becton Dickinson Microbiology Systems, Sparks, MD.	49 CFR 172.504, 174.81, 177.848.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of specially-designed combination packaging for use in transporting Division 4.3 and Class 8 material be exempt from segregation and placarding requirements. (modes 1, 2)
12106-N	RSPA-98-4041	Air Liquide America Corporation, Houston, TX.	49 CFR 173.24(g) .....	To authorize the venting of a DOT-specification 105A400W tank car used for the transportation of carbon dioxide, Division 2.2. (mode 2)

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Research and Special Programs Administration**

**Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemption**

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

**ACTION:** List of applications for modification of 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. 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 modifications of exemptions (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 applications for exemptions to facilitate processing.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 5, 1998.

**ADDRESS COMMENTS TO:** Records Center, 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 number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC.

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modifications of exemption
8299-M		Pacific Scientific, Durate, CA (See Footnote 1) .....	8299
11050-M		Koppers Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA (See Footnote 2) .....	11050