

FHWA Division Office Responsibilities

1. Provide the solicitation memorandum and this program information to the State transportation agency.
2. Request candidate projects be submitted by the State to the FHWA division office to meet the submission deadline established in the solicitation.
3. Review all candidate applications submitted by the State prior to sending them to FHWA Headquarters to ensure that they are complete and meet the submission requirements.
4. Submit the candidate applications to FHWA Headquarters by the established submission deadline.

FHWA Headquarters Program Office Responsibilities

1. Solicit candidates from the States through annual solicitation memorandum.
2. Review candidate project submissions and compile program and project information for preparation of allocation plan.
3. Submit allocation plan to the Office of the Federal Highway Administrator for use in making final project selections.
4. Allocate funds for the selected projects.

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Sample Talking Points Briefing for Secretary

Note: These talking points will be used by the Office of the Secretary in making congressional notification contacts. Since some of the recipients of the calls may not be closely familiar with the highway program, layman's language should be used to the extent possible. Information contained in the talking points may be used by a member of Congress in issuing a press release announcing the discretionary allocation.

Interstate Maintenance (IMD) Discretionary Funds

Grantee: <List full name of State Transportation Agency>

Project No: IMD-xxx-x(xxx) <List each project number in this format>

FHWA Funds: \$xx,xxx,xxx. <If more than one project, also show cost for each>

- This project provides for resurfacing ____ miles of the two northbound lanes of I-xx in _____ county, extending from the U.S. Route 1 interchange at Hometown to the State Road 2 overpass in the vicinity of Smallville.

- The project provides for a 2-inch overlay of the existing bituminous concrete pavement which is badly deteriorated and rutted. (If there is anything innovative about the project be sure to mention in layman's terms.)

- This project is part of the second phase of a 5-year program to resurface a 25-mile section of I-xx between Town-A and Town-B. In 1998, the southbound lanes at this same location are being resurfaced using State funds.

- In addition to State matching funds, a portion of the total project cost will be financed by \$_____ in funds provided by _____.

- The project includes improvements to several safety features within the project limits including upgrading of guardrail and traffic signs.

- The project will be advertised for construction in <month/year> and is scheduled for completion in <month/year>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favour of relief.

Atlantic and Western Railway, L.P. (Docket Number FRA-1998-4624)

The Atlantic and Western Railway (ATW) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with the *Safety Glazing Standards*, 49 CFR 223.11(c), which requires certified glazing in all locomotive windows, except those locomotives used in yard service. The ATW seeks this waiver for locomotive number RSS 202. The locomotive has been leased to replace retired locomotive ATW 101 which was previously granted a waiver from the glazing requirements, FRA Docket Number RSGM-90-16. Locomotive number 202 is not equipped with FRA certified glazing but the operator states replacement of broken or damaged glazing will be made with certified glazing. ATW operates on track

consisting of approximately 10 miles under yard limits requirements.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1998-4624) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days from the publication of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.—5 p.m.) at DOT's Central Docket Management Facility at Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

**Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway
(Docket Number FRA-1999-5429)**

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with the Locomotive Safety Standards, 49 CFR 229.21, which requires each locomotive in use be inspected once during each calendar day. BNSF seeks this waiver for locomotives utilized to haul loaded coal trains through Alliance, Nebraska. BNSF states that these locomotives are inspected before the empty coal trains are hauled to the mine. The round trip from the Alliance service track to the mine takes 24 to 36 hours. BNSF states that on the return trip, the locomotives are removed from their train and placed on the service track for a second inspection which at a minimum takes three hours. BNSF indicates that this second inspection is unwarranted and causes undue congestion in the terminal.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1999-5429) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at the DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal safety laws and regulations. The petition is described below, including the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested and the petitioner's arguments in favour of relief.

Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc., Docket Number FRA-1999-5106

The Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc. (MCRY) seeks a waiver of compliance from 49 CFR 230.116(h)—which requires that oil burning steam locomotives taking air for combustion through the fire door opening be equipped with a suitable conduit extending from the fire door to the outside of the cab which will prevent air being drawn into the fire box from the interior of the cab. This is required within the specified territory during the period from November 1 to April 1. MCRY is asking that the requirement be waived for steam locomotive number MCRY 2. MCRY indicates that they operate the steam locomotive a total of six days from November 1 to April 1.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1999-5106) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal safety laws and regulations. The petition is described below, including the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad Company (Docket Number FRA-1999-4989)

The Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad Company (MH) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with the *Safety Glazing Standards*, 49 CFR Part 223.11(c), which requires certified glazing in all locomotive windows, except those locomotives used in yard service. The MH seeks this waiver for two locomotives, number 1016 built in 1969, and number 151 built in 1956. The owner states the locomotives are equipped with automotive type safety glazing and were never equipped with FRA certified glazing. The MH operates 6.5 miles of track through rural country side with a maximum speed of 10 mph freight and 15 mph passenger. 111All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1999-4989) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Washington, DC. 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular