

preparedness specifications of the SNJLRT SSPP, under the oversight of the NJDOT's State Safety Oversight Program. The SSPP sets forth procedures and requirements dealing with emergency situations tailored to the SNJLRT system, but which also draw on the experience of emergency preparedness standards from other rail transit systems whose operations and equipment more closely resemble the SNJLRT system than FRA-regulated commuter rail systems. Section 5.1.4.1 of the NJDOT SSPS requires NJ Transit to adopt an emergency response plan and procedures which must include a means to communicate and coordinate with external emergency response agencies, and provide for emergency simulations and drills, and training. Section 9 of the SSPS, Security, requires the SSPP to contain Emergency Operating Procedures to deal with a variety of emergency situations, including accidents, natural disasters, and sabotage or other criminal activities. The SNJLRT SSPP will contain a detailed emergency response plan which will provide for contingency planning for passenger evacuation and crowd control coordination and training and simulation drilling with outside emergency response providers. The emergency response plan will also specify required emergency equipment.

In addition to emergency response planning required by §§ 5 and 9 of the SSPS, the SSPS requires NJ Transit to engage in a process by which hazards occurring in operations, maintenance, and engineering are identified and categorized according to severity and likelihood. Resolutions to reduce hazards to the lowest level practicable must then be considered. See SSPS, § 7, Exhibit C. This process will help the SNJLRT contractor to develop the emergency response plan, including the design, in advance, of processes for handling exceptions to established procedures where situations require them. A hazard resolution matrix will be included in the SSPP.

In addition, the Safety Committee will address emergency preparedness issues and provide coordination between NJ Transit, the SNJLRT Contractor, Conrail and local emergency response agencies. The NJDOT, as part of its oversight activities, will be responsible for

investigation of accidents and other emergency situations.

These emergency preparedness standards will provide a level of safety equivalent to the FRA requirements in a manner more appropriate to the SNJLRT operating environment.

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proceeding by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with either the request for a waiver of certain regulatory provisions or the request for an exemption of certain statutory provisions. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, he or she should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for his or her request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA 1999-5987) and must be submitted to the DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza level) 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. 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 this proceeding are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. 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

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 September 22, 1999.

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 or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for new exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 17, 1999.

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
12316-N	RSPA-1999-6014	The Dow Chemical Co., Channahon, IL.	49 CFR 177.834(i)(3)	To extend the 25 feet attendance requirement for loading of cargo tanks containing various classes of hazardous materials. (mode 1)
12317-N	RSPA-1999-6016	Archimica, Gainesville, FL ...	49 CFR 173.243(c)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Class 3 material in DOT-57 portable tanks not presently authorized. (modes 1, 3)
12319-N	RSPA-1999-6015	BFI, Atlanta, GA	49 CFR 178.503(a)(9)(ii)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of 1H2 containers that have not been properly marked and labelled for reuse in transporting regulated medical waste. (mode 1)
12324-N	RSPA-1999-6051	STC Technologies, Inc., Bethlehem, PA.	49 CFR 171.11(d)(14), 171.12(b)(17), 173.301(e) & (f), 173.304(a)(1) & (a)(3).	To authorize the one-time transportation in commerce of a specially designed device containing small quantities of Division 2.1 gases. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
12325-N	RSPA-1999-6099	Lifeline Technologies, Inc., Sharon Hill, PA.	49 CFR 174.67	To authorize an alternative monitoring system during unloading of various hazardous materials without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 2)
12327-N	RSPA-1999-6100	International Federation of Inspection Agencies, Houston, TX.	49 CFR 176.3(a)(1)(i), 176.3(b)(4).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Packing Group 1 material in non-bulk glass containers. (mode 1)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs
AdministrationOffice 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 September 7, 1999.**ADDRESS COMMENTS TO:** Records Center,
Research and Special ProgramsAdministration, 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 or
at <http://dms.dot.gov>.This notice of receipt of applications
for modification of exemptions is
published in accordance with Part 107
of the Federal hazardous materials
transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b);
49 CFR 1.53(b)).Issued in Washington, DC, on August 17,
1999.**J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,**Director, Office of Hazardous Materials
Exemptions and Approvals.