

4. Research and development—knowledge gaps and next steps.

This is a technical workshop aimed at sharing information on SCC in pipelines among operators and technical experts, providing regulators with information they can use in pipeline inspection and oversight, and reviewing priorities for research to address the problems posed by SCC in operating gas and hazardous liquid pipelines.

RSPA/OPS will soon publish a final rule to require gas transmission pipelines to develop Integrity Management Plans for high consequence areas that incorporates requirements for addressing SCC threats by referencing Appendix A3 of standard ASME B31.8S. Although criteria and mitigation plans for near-neutral pH (6–8) SCC is not addressed in this standard, NACE International (NACE) is currently developing a standard on Direct Assessment of Stress Corrosion Cracking. Also, NACE will soon issue a technical committee report, *External Stress Corrosion Cracking of Underground Pipelines*, to provide information on SCC for hazardous liquid pipelines.

RSPA/OPS is cosponsoring this workshop with NAPS and major pipeline industry trade groups, including the American Petroleum Institute (API) Association of Oil Pipelines (AOPL), Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), American Gas Association (AGA), and a professional association, NACE International.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA–03–14793 (Notice No. 03–11)]

Hazardous Materials: Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material (TS–R–1); Public Meeting

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: RSPA will conduct a public meeting pertaining to the proposed changes to the International Atomic

Energy Agency's (IAEA) Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials, TS–R–1, scheduled for revision in the year 2005. Interested persons are invited to attend.

DATES: *Public meeting.* The public meeting will be held on November 5, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

ADDRESSES: *Public meeting.* The meeting will be held at Department of Transportation Headquarters, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001, in room 8236–8240.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management System; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rick Boyle, Office of Hazardous Material Technology, U.S. Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001; (202) 366–2993; rick.boyle@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the U.S. Department of Transportation comments forwarded to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the proposed changes to the IAEA Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials, TS–R–1. These comments will be presented as the U.S. positions at the IAEA regulatory review meeting scheduled for November 10–14, 2003, in Bonn, Germany. The public is invited to attend without prior notification. Due to heightened security measures at DOT Headquarters, participants are encouraged to arrive early to allow time to undergo the security checks necessary to obtain access to the building.

The regulatory changes proposed by IAEA are available on the Internet at http://hazmat.dot.gov/files/IAEA_TS-R-1_rev_prop.pdf. A consolidated draft of the endorsed proposed TS–R–1 revision may be downloaded at http://hazmat.dot.gov/files/IAEA_TS-R-1_rev_draft.pdf. A summary of the U.S. DOT positions forwarded to the IAEA may be downloaded at http://hazmat.dot.gov/files/IAEA_TS-R-1_dot_position.pdf.

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Robert A. McGuire,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–290 (Sub–No. 239X)]

The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in New Orleans, LA

The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company (AGS)¹ has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 1.28 miles of railroad between milepost 1.22–NT and milepost 2.50–NT, in New Orleans, LA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 70112.

AGS has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line 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.

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 November 13, 2003, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal

¹ AGS is a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company.

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

expressions of intent to 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 October 24, 2003. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 3, 2003, 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 AGS's representative: James R. Paschall, General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510.

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

AGS 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 October 17, 2003. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), AGS shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by AGS's filing of a notice of consummation by October 14, 2004, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: October 3, 2003.

Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-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 currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 3, 2003.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 13, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

Departmental Offices/Office of International Affairs/International Portfolio Investment Data Systems

OMB Number: 1505-0001.

Form Number: Treasury International Capital Form S.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Purchase and Sale of Long-Term Securities by Foreigners.

Description: Form S is required by law and is designed to collect timely information on international portfolio capital movements, including foreigners' purchases and sales of long-term securities in transactions with U.S. persons. The information will be used in the computation of the U.S. balance of payments accounts and international investment position, as well as in the formulation of U.S. international financial and monetary policies.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 5 hours, 36 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Monthly.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 16,800 hours.

Clearance Officer: Lois K. Holland, (202) 622-1563, Departmental Offices, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management

and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8869

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13(44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8869, Qualified Subchapter S Subsidiary Election.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 15, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Larnice Mack at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3179, or through the Internet at Larnice.Mack@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Qualified Subchapter S Subsidiary Election.

OMB Number: 1545-1700.

Form Number: 8869.

Abstract: Effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 1996, Internal Revenue Code section 1361(b)(3) allows an S corporation to own a corporate subsidiary, but only if it is wholly owned. To do so, the parent S corporation must elect to treat the wholly owned subsidiary as a qualified subchapter S subsidiary (QSub). Form 8869 is used to make this election.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.