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Transloading Shipments of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives

AGENCY: Military Traffic Management Command, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rule change.

SUMMARY: The Military Traffic Management Command is proposing to change Item 48 in the Military Traffic Management Command Freight Traffic Rules Publication 1A (MFTRP 1A) to read as follows:

“Transloading shipments of Division 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 ammunition and explosives will be conducted as follows:
a. Truckload shipments will not be off-loaded or transferred to another vehicle enroute, except in emergencies (as defined in 49 CFR 390.5).

b. Loading and unloading of less-than-truckload (LTL) shipments of Division 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 ammunition and explosives will be accomplished only in a carrier terminal. For the purposes of this rule, a carrier terminal is defined as one which is equipped to safely handle the loading and unloading of Division 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 ammunition and explosives from a commercial motor vehicle. In addition, when the transloading of Division 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 ammunition and explosives occurs at a carrier terminal other than that of the carrier of record, as indicated on the Government Bill of Lading, prior written approval must be received from a company official or the carrier terminal manager. All Federal, State, and local guidelines for handling Division 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 ammunition and explosives will apply when transloading occurs. The carrier accepts liability for the integrity of the shipments, to include proper blocking and bracing.

c. Transloading of ammunition and explosives on a military installation must be approved by the installation commander.”

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 26, 1995.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning the proposed rule change should be addressed to Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, ATTN: MTOP-QEC, 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-5050.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Foreman, (703) 681-6293, Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, ATTN: MTOP-

QEC, 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-5050.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed rule changes the existing rule to clarify where and under what circumstances transloading of shipments of Division 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 ammunition and explosives is permitted. Clarification of this rule responds to concerns by munition motor carriers that the existing rule is too vague and thus difficult to follow and enforce. The objective of the proposed rule is to ensure that the handling of ammunition and explosives occurs *only* in locations where the proper equipment and facilities are available to protect the public safety. Compliance with the proposed rule will be a matter of review by MTMC safety inspection. Violation of the rule may result in administrative sanctions, to include non-use or disqualification. If approved as a final rule, the proposed rule will be published in a future revision of MFTRP 1A.

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Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of Infrared Flare Composition Technology

AGENCY: Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the general availability of exclusive, partially exclusive, or non-exclusive licenses under the above technology. In addition, the following related patent application is available for licensing: Serial Number 08/530,403, sent for filing on 9/12/95, Docket #

DAR-42-94, by Paul Ase, Alan Snelson and Ezra Shoua. Licenses shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Edward Goldberg, Chief, Intellectual Property Law Division, AMSTA-AR-GCL, U.S. Army ARDEC, Picatinny Arsenal, NJ 07806-5000, Telephone Number (201) 724-6950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written objections must be filed within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

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Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a Permit for Proposed Offshore Oil and Gas Development for the Northstar Unit in the Alaskan Beaufort Sea

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Corps is evaluating issuance of a permit to BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc. for activities to develop an off-shore oil and gas facility in State waters of the Beaufort Sea north of the Prudhoe Bay oilfields through an Environmental Impact Statement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Terry Carpenter, Regulatory Branch, Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, Post Office Box 898, Anchorage, Alaska 99506; telephone (907) 753-2712, or in Alaska 1-(800)-478-2712.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

BP Exploration proposes to develop the Northstar reservoir from an off-shore structure in about 40 feet of water, 2-7 miles north of the Kuparuk River Delta, and a pipeline to the shore. An on-shore pipeline would connect to existing facilities for further transportation. Placement of structures and/or fill material would require issuance of a permit under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Other permits and authorizations may be required from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), State agencies, and the North Slope Borough. BP Exploration proposes a start-up date of 1997 for construction.

A preferred alternative has not been proposed by BP Exploration. Alternatives will be identified and evaluated throughout the EIS process with a preferred alternative identified in the Draft EIS. Some options that will be considered include (1) whether produced fluids will be processed at the off-shore facility with only oil transported to shore, partially processed, or transported in 3-phase (oil, gas, water) to on-shore facilities for processing, (2) the means of transporting produced fluids (buried or drilled subsea pipeline, raised pipeline, tankering), (3) the route of a pipeline to shore, and (4) the spill-detection system to be employed. It is estimated that the DEIS will be available to the public by July 1996.