

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-9-9-NPRM-CMTS@faa.dot.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Haynes (202) 267-3939 or Angela Anderson (202) 267-9681, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

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Donald P. Byrne,
Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 28741.

Petitioner: North American Aircraft Services, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 145.35 and 145.37.

Description of Relief Sought: To permit the petitioner, a certificated repair station, to repair fuel tanks at its customers' facilities that meet the housing and facility requirements of 145.35 and 145.37.

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RTCA, Inc., Special Committee 192; National Airspace Review Planning and Analysis

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for the Special Committee 192 meeting to be held March 26-27, 1997, starting at 9:00 a.m. This new special committee is being established to provide recommendations on the design and use of the national airspace. The airspace review is a necessary step in achieving the concept of free flight and transition to a mature air traffic management system. The review includes use of domestic and oceanic airspace and is intended to result in changes that will achieve the most efficient airspace design for customer operations while maintaining the highest standards of safety. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut

Avenue, NW, Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will be as follows: (1) Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Approval of Proposed Meeting Agenda; (3) Terms of Reference Review/Approval; (4) Presentations; (5) Other Business; (6) Set Agenda for Next Meeting; (7) Date and Place of Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Janice L. Peters,
Designated Official.

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Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Clear Creek and Park Counties, Colorado

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Clear Creek and Park Counties, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W.R. Bird, Environmental Planning Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, P.O. Box 25246, Denver, Colorado 80225-0246, telephone 303-969-5909.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with Pike and Arapaho National Forests, and the Colorado Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve Colorado Forest Highway 80 (FH 80), known as Guanella Pass Road. Guanella Pass Road is a Scenic Byway that extends from Grant to Georgetown, a distance of 23.5 miles. The proposed improvements include resurfacing the paved portion of the road, paving the sections of the road which are currently gravel, widening (to achieve a consistent two-lane cross section width), and

incorporating roadside enhancements in conjunction with the Scenic Byway.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) the "no build" alternative; (2) improvement of the existing roadway to appropriate American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' design criteria; (3) lesser improvements to the existing facility; and (4) other alternatives, including realignments that may be developed during the scoping process, will also be evaluated.

Notices describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have expressed interest in this proposal. Interagency meetings, public scoping meetings and public hearing will be held in the project area and in other appropriate areas. Information on the time and place of public scoping meetings and public hearings will be provided in the local news media. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the hearings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to the address provided above. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Larry D. Henry,
Project Development Engineer, FHWA, Denver, CO.

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Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. PS-153; Notice 2]

Toward a Metric America—a Dialogue Open to the Public; Request for Comments

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

ACTION: Further request for comments.

SUMMARY: On October 23, 1996, RSPA published a notice of public meeting (61 FR 55069) to consider issues relating to

the inclusion of metric equivalents in the pipeline safety regulations (49 CFR Part 190-199). The meeting was held on January 10, 1997, in Dallas, Texas. RSPA specifically requested public comment on seven questions. Among the comments received was a detailed example of how to present metric equivalents in the pipeline safety regulations. RSPA is providing an additional 30 days to receive comments on this comment.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 10, 1997 to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on this notice to Marvin Fell, DOT, RSPA, Office of Pipeline Safety, 400 Seventh Street SW, Room 2335, Washington, DC 20590, or via the Internet at fellm@rspa.dot.gov. A copy of the transcript of the public meeting and the comments received from the public are available for review at the RSPA Docket Office, Room 8119, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, (202) 366-6205, U.S. Department of Transportation, RSPA, Room 2335, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, or fellm@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 23, 1996, RSPA published a notice of a public meeting on Metricating Pipeline Safety Regulations that also requested public comment on seven questions. One of the comments received was from Mr. Lawrence J. Stempnik, who prepared a complete set of metric equivalents of measurements in the pipeline safety regulations. Although RSPA is not taking a position on the accuracy or validity of his approach, RSPA does recognize the effort that Mr. Stempnik put forth to provide his comment to RSPA.

In particular, RSPA is interested in additional comments on how precise the metric equivalents should be. Should the number of decimal places be considered, should the number of significant figures be considered, or both? For example, is a conversion from 15 feet to 4.6 meters sufficiently accurate, or is a conversion to 4.57 meters necessary? Comments on this issue were requested in question #6 of the October 23, 1996 notice. Further comments on the other questions in that notice are also encouraged.

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Richard B. Felder,
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.
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Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 108X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Contra Costa County, CA

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights* to abandon and discontinue service over a 1.845-mile portion of its line of railroad known as the Port Chicago Industrial Lead from the end of the line at milepost 37.06 near Clyde, to milepost 38.905 near Port Chicago, in Contra Costa County, CA.

UP has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic moving over the line; (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 Surface Transportation Board (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 April 10, 1997, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2), and trail use/rail banking requests under 49

¹The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis 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.

CFR 1152.29² must be filed by March 21, 1997. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by March 31, 1997, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.³

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Joseph D. Anthofer, General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179.

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

UP has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by March 19, 1997.⁴ Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. 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), UP 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 UP's filing of a notice of consummation by March 11, 1998, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: March 4, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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²The Board will accept late-filed trail use requests as long as the abandonment has not been consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.

³The Board is scheduled to relocate to the K Street address on March 16, 1997.

⁴SEA would normally issue its EA 5 days after publication of the notice in the Federal Register. However, due to the Board's scheduled relocation on March 16, 1997, the EA in this proceeding will be issued on March 19, 1997.