

from throughout the Department including representatives from the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, FHWA, the Federal Railroad Administration, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Maritime Administration. In addition to POG oversight, a Multimodal Advisory Group (MAG) was established to ensure that major technical decisions shaping the Study would be made on an intermodal basis. The MAG is comprised of staff-level representatives from throughout the DOT.

The DOT anticipates that the final Comprehensive TS&W Study report will be transmitted to Congress in the spring of 1999. It will include four volumes: Volume I—Executive Summary, Volume II—Issues and Background, Volume III—Scenario Analysis, and Volume IV—Guide to Documentation. A draft version of Volume II was distributed for external review in June 1997.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 U.S.C. 301, 302, and 305; 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Exemption Applications

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), RSPA is publishing the following list of exemption applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Suzanne Hedgepeth, Director, Office of

Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

Key to "Reasons for Delay"

1. Awaiting additional information from applicant.
2. Extensive public comment under review.
3. Application is technically very complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis.
4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of exemption applications.

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

- N—New application.
- M—Modification request.
- PM—Party to application with modification request.

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J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,
Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

| Applica-tion No. | Applicant | Reason for delay | Estimated date of com-pletion |
|------------------|---|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 11699-N | GEO Specialty Chemicals, Bastrop, LA | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 11761-N | Vulcan Chemicals, Birmingham, AL | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 11767-N | Ausimont USA, Inc., Thorofare, NJ | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 11815-N | Union Pacific Railroad Co., et al., Omaha, NE | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 11817-N | FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA | 1, 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 11862-N | The BOC Group, Murray Hill, NJ | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 11883-N | Brownie Tank Mfg., Co., Minneapolis, MN | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 11894-N | Quicksilver Fiberglass Manufacturing, Ltd., Strome, Alberta, CN | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 11927-N | Alaska Marine Lines, Inc., Seattle, WA | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 11934-N | UtiliCorp United, Inc., Omaha, NE | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 11938-N | Steel Shipping Container Institute, Washington, DC | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 11947-N | Patts Fabrication & Services, Odessa, TX | 4 | 01/26/1999 |
| 11954-N | Republic Environmental Systems (PA), Inc., Hatfield, PA | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 11983-N | Degussa Corporation, Ridgefield Park, NJ | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12001-N | Albemarle Corporation, Baton Rouge, LA | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12003-N | Degussa Corporation, Ridgefield Park, NJ | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12020-N | Rhone-Poulenc, Inc., Shelton, CT | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12029-N | NACO Technologies, Lombard, IL | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12032-N | Physical Acoustics Quality Services, Lawrenceville, NJ | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12033-N | PPG Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12051-N | General American Transportation Corporation, Chicago, IL | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12063-N | The Hydrocarbon Flow Specialist, Inc., Morgan City, LA | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12064-N | Occident Chemical Corp., Webster, TX | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12071-N | Pennwalt India Limited, Worli, Mumbai, IN | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12072-N | Consani Engineering (PTY) Limited, Cape Province, RA | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12073-N | Patriotic Fireworks, North East, MD | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12097-N | Qual-X, Inc., Powell, OH | 4 | 01/29/1999 |
| 12098-N | Carleton Technologies, Inc., Orchard Park, NY | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12102-N | AETS/CWM, Flanders, NJ | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12104-N | Hoechst Celanese, Spartanburg, SC | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12105-N | Becton Dickinson Microbiology Systems, Sparks, MD | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12106-N | Air Liquide America Corporation, Houston, TX | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 12120-N | The Sherwin-Williams Co., Cleveland, OH | 4 | 03/31/1999 |

NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS—Continued

| Applica-tion No. | Applicant | Reason for delay | Estimated date of com-pletion |
|------------------|---|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 12126-N | LaRoche Industries, Inc., Atlanta, GA | 4 | 03/31/1999 |

MODIFICATIONS TO EXEMPTIONS

| Application No. | Applicant | Reason for delay | Estimated date of completion |
|-----------------|--|------------------|------------------------------|
| 4354-M | PPG Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA | 1 | 03/31/1999 |
| 7887-M | Kosdon Enterprises, Ventura, CA | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 8915-M | Advanced Silicon Materials, Inc., Moses Lake, WA | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 9266-M | ERMEWA, Inc., Houston, TX | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 9419-M | FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 9421-M | Taylor-Wharton Co., Harrisburg, PA | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 9706-M | Taylor-Wharton Co., Harrisburg, PA | 4 | 02/26/1999 |
| 9819-M | Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Duncan, OK | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 10047-M | Taylor-Wharton Co., Harrisburg, PA | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 10458-M | Marsulex, Inc., Sudbury, Ontario, CN | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 10996-M | Kosdon Enterprises, Ventura, CA | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 11050-M | Koppers Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 11270-M | The Specialty Chemicals Div. of B.F. Goodrich Co., Cleveland, OH | 4 | 03/31/1999 |
| 11483-M | Autoliv, Autoflator AB, Vargarda, SW | 4 | 03/31/1999 |

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 570X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Putnam
County, IN

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon .35 miles of its line of railroad between milepost LQ-189.65 and milepost LQ-190.00 in Cloverdale, Putnam County, IN. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 46120.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on 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 February 14, 1999, 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),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by January 25, 1999. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by February 4, 1999, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case

¹ 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 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.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Charles M. Rosenberger, Senior Counsel, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202. If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

CSXT 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 January 20, 1999. 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), CSXT 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 CSXT's filing of a notice of consummation by January 15, 2000, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers