

Programs Administration's (RSPA) intention to request a renewal of a currently approved information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety's (OPS) Recordkeeping for Gas Pipeline Operators. RSPA received no comments on that notice. RSPA is publishing an additional notice giving the public an additional 30 days to provide comments.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 22, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6205, or by e-mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Recordkeeping for Gas Pipeline Operators.

*OMB Number:* 2137-0049.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* 49 U.S.C. 60117 requires the Secretary of Transportation to determine whether a person transporting gas is complying with Federal safety standards. This statute requires the maintenance of records and reports and the provision of requested information to the Department of Transportation upon request. These records help ascertain compliance and provide information for incident investigation.

*Estimate of Burden:* The average burden hours per operator is 41.5.

*Respondents:* Gas pipeline operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 22,700.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 940,991.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of

Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC.

Comments are invited on: (a) the need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques. Send comments directly to Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for the Department of Transportation.

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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 (30 days after publication).

**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.

This notice of receipt of applications for new exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Hazardous Materials Regulations Act (49 U.S.C. 1806; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

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**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
12195-N .....	RSPA-1998-4938	Custom Metalcraft, Inc., Springfield, MO.	49 CFR 172.203(a), 172.302(c), 173.240-243, 178.705(c) (iv)(A).	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale, of metal intermediate bulk containers meeting design type UN31A, except for minimum thickness requirements and marking requirements for use in the transportation of certain hazardous materials. (Modes 1, 2, 3.)
12196-N .....	RSPA-1998-4939	HR Textron Inc., Pacoima, CA.	49 CFR 173.302(a), 178.35, 178.37.	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of non-DOT specification stainless steel alloy cylinders to be used for the transportation in commerce of nitrogen or nitrogen mixtures classed as Division 2.2 materials. (Modes 1, 2, 3, 5.)
12197-N .....	RSPA-1998-4948	Arteva Specialties S.á.r.l./d/b/a/KoSa Spartanburg, SC.	49 CFR 174.67(i)&(j) .....	To authorize rail cars to remain attached to connectors without the physical presence of an unloader. (Mode 2.)
12198-N .....	RSPA-1998-4947	Mazda Motor Corporation, Fuchu-Cho, Aki-Gun, Hiroshima, JA.	49 CFR 171-180 .....	To authorize the manufacture, mark, and sale of certain shock absorbers and struts, containing Division 2.2 material for transportation in commerce as accumulators. (Modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.)

NEW EXEMPTIONS—Continued

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12199-N .....	RSPA-1998-4949	Flight International, Newport News, VA.	49 CFR 171.11, 172.101, 172.204(c)(3), 173.27, 175.30(a)(1), 175.320(b).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Division 1 explosives that are not permitted for shipment by air or are in quantities greater than those prescribed. (Mode 4.)
12203-N .....	RSPA-1999-4965	Celanese Ltd., Dallas, TX.	49 CFR 177.834(i)(1)(2)(3).	To authorize MC-330 or MC-331 cargo tanks to remain connected when unloading has been temporarily suspended without the physical presence of an unloader. (Mode 1.)

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Research and Special Programs Administration**

**Office 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 (15 days after publication).

**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 number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC.

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modification of exemption
8009-M .....		CP Industries, Inc., McKeesport, PA (See Footnote 1) .....	8009
10407-M .....		TN Technologies, Inc., Round Rock, TX (See Footnote 2) .....	10407
10977-M .....		Federal Industries Corporation, Plymouth, MN (See Footnote 3) .....	10977
11380-M .....		Baker Atlas (a division of Baker Hughes, Inc.), Houston, TX (See Footnote 4) .....	11380
11381-M .....		Eco-Pak Specialty Packaging, Elizabethton, TN (See Footnote 5) .....	11381
11613-M .....		Solutia, Inc., St. Louis, MO (See Footnote 6) .....	11613
11916-M .....	RSPA-1997-2740	CP Industries, Inc., McKeesport, PA (See Footnote 7) .....	11916
12150-M .....	RSPA-1998-4529	Midland Manufacturing Corporation, Skokie, IL (See Footnote 8) .....	12150
12162-M .....	RSPA-1998-4613	U.S. Department of Defense, Falls Church, VA (See Footnote 9) .....	12162

(1) To modify the exemption to authorize increased ultrasonic scanning speeds on DOT-3AAX cylinders (trailer tubes) made of 4130X steel, for CNG service, at the time of manufacturing.

(2) To modify the exemption to increase the water capacity of the non-DOT specification, stainless steel, radiation detection device, filled with a Division 2.2, nontoxic gas, from 30 cubic inches to 1000 cubic inches.

(3) To modify the exemption to include polypropylene blankets as a cushioning and absorbent, and a fibre tube to protect the closure for limited quantities of hazardous materials required to be labeled poison, KEEP AWAY FROM FOOD, flammable liquid, flammable solid, corrosive, oxidizer or DANGEROUS WHEN WET.

(4) To modify the exemption to allow for several design changes of the non-DOT specification cylinder for the transportation of certain compressed hydrocarbon gases.

(5) To modify the exemption to allow for a design change to the phenolic foam insulation for DOT Specification 20PF-1, 20PF-2 and 20PF-3 overpacks manufactured in variance with the specification in 49 CFR 178.356 for transportation in commerce when containing uranium hexafluoride, fissile in Type A cylinders.

(6) To modify the exemption to provide for Class 3 as an additional class of material for rail cars that remain connected during entire unloading process without the physical presence of an unloader.

(7) To modify the exemption to alter the Rejection Criteria for isolated pits and line corrosion for DOT-3AX and DOT-3AAX cylinders for the transportation in commerce of 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 compressed gases.

(8) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the transportation of DOT specification tank cars meeting all specifications except that they are equipped with combination pressure relief devices that contain a frangible disk constructed of a non-authorized material.

(9) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to use non-DOT specification containers for certain compressed gases.