

provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 9, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90261, or San Francisco Airports District Office, 831 Mitten Road, Room 210, Burlingame, CA 94010-1303. In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Christopher Horton, Manager of Finance, Airport Authority of Washoe County, Airport Department, at the following address: P.O. Box 12490, Reno, NV 89510. Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Airport Authority of Washoe County under section 158.23 of Part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marlys Vandervelde, Airports Program Analyst, San Francisco Airports District Office, 831 Mitten Road, Room 210, Burlingame, CA 94010-1303, Telephone: (650) 876-2806. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Reno/Tahoe International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On February 26, 2001, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Airport Authority of Washoe County was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than June 1, 2001. The following is a brief overview of the impose and use application No. 01-04-C-00-RNO:

*Level of proposed PFC:* \$4.50.

*Proposed charge effective date:* August 1, 2001.

*Proposed charge expiration date:* August 1, 2003.

*Total estimated PFC revenue:* \$23,535,063.

*Brief description of the proposed impose and use projects:* Letter of intent Entitlement Grant Shortfall Due to Implementation of PFC, Environmental Assessment for Southwest Air Cargo Facility, Ramp Scrubber, Taxiway A North Reconstruction, Part 150 Study Update, Terminal Building Security System, and Eight Jet Bridges.

*Impose only projects:* Southern Portion of Southwest Air Cargo Ramp, and Southwest Air Cargo Facility Road and Utilities.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCO) filing FAA Form 1800-31.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA Regional Airports Division located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90261. In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Airport Authority of Washoe County.

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**Herman C. Bliss,**

*Manager, Airports Division, Western-Pacific Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Putnam and Jackson Counties, Tennessee

**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 will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Putnam and Jackson Counties near Cookeville, Tennessee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark Doctor, Field Operations Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, 640 Grassmere Park Suite 112, Nashville, Tennessee 37211, Telephone: (615) 781-5788.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS)

on a proposal to construct a four-lane divided highway on new location from State Route 111 to State Route 56, a distance of about 14.5 kilometers (9 miles). The proposed project is part of Corridor "J" of the Appalachian Development Highway System.

Alternatives to be considered are: (1) Taking no action; (2) to build alternatives with the same design concept; and (3) other alternatives that may arise from public and agency input. Incorporated into and studied with the build alternatives will be design variations of grade and alignment.

Initial coordination letters 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 previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. A public hearing will be held upon completion of the Draft EIS and public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. No formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Dated: February 27, 2001.

**Charles S. Boyd,**

*Tennessee Division Administrator, Nashville.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Prevention of Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations; Prevention of Alcohol Misuse in Transit Operations

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of random drug and alcohol testing rates.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the random testing rates for employers subject to the Federal Transit

Administration's (FTA) drug and alcohol rules.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 8, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark Snider, Drug and Alcohol Program Manager for the Office of Safety and Security, (202) 366-2896 (telephone) and (202) 366-7951 (fax). Electronic access to this and other documents concerning FTA's drug and alcohol testing rules may be obtained through the FTA World Wide Web home page at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FTA required large transit employers to begin drug and alcohol testing employees performing safety-sensitive functions on January 1, 1995, and to report, annually by March 15 of each year beginning in 1996, the number of such employees who had a verified positive for the use of prohibited drugs, and the number of such employees who tested positive for the misuse of alcohol. Small employers commenced their FTA-required testing on January 1, 1996, and began reporting the same information as the large employers beginning March 15, 1997. Employers are required annually to submit other data, not relevant here, in the same report; these data are available from the FTA as discussed below.

The 1994 rules established a random testing rate for prohibited drugs and the misuse of alcohol; specifically, the rules require that employers conduct random drug tests at a rate equivalent to at least 50 percent of their total number of safety-sensitive employees for prohibited drug use and at least 25 percent of the misuse of alcohol. The rules provide that the drug random testing rate may be lowered to 25 percent if the "positive rate" for the entire transit industry is less than one percent for two consecutive years. Once lowered, it may be raised to 50 percent if the positive rate equals or exceeds one percent for any one year ("Positive rate" means the number of positive results for random drug tests conducted under part 653 plus the number of refusals of random tests required by part 653, divided by the total number of random drug tests, plus the number of refusals of random tests required by part 653.)

The alcohol rule provides that the random rate may be lowered to 10 percent if the "violation rate" for the entire transit industry is less than .5 percent for two consecutive years. It will remain at 25 percent if the "violation rate" is equal to or greater than .5 percent but less than one percent, and it will be raised to 50 percent if the "violation rate" is one percent or greater for any one year. ("Violation rate" means the number of covered employees found during random tests given under part 654 to have an alcohol concentration of .04 or greater, plus the number of employees who refuse a random test required by part 654, divided by the total reported number of random alcohol tests conducted under part 654, plus the total number of refusals of random tests, required by part 654.)

FTA has received and analyzed the 1999 data from large and small transit employers. The "positive rate" for random drug tests was 1.004 percent and the "violation rate" for random alcohol tests was 0.18 percent; therefore, for 2001, transit employers will continue to be required to conduct random drug tests at a rate equivalent to at least 50 percent of the total number of their "safety-sensitive" employees for prohibited drugs. In 2000, the FTA retained the random alcohol testing rate at 10 percent. Because the random alcohol violation rate was lower than .5 percent for two consecutive years (0.22 percent for 1998 and 0.18 for 1999), the random alcohol testing rate will remain at 10 percent for 2001.

FTA will be publishing a detailed report on the 1999 data collected from large and small employers. This report may be obtained from the Office of Safety and Security, Federal Transit Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 9301, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-2896.

Dated: March 2, 2001.

**Hiram J. Walker,**

*Acting Deputy Administrator.*

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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 data 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 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

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 5, 2001.

**J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,**

*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials  
Exemptions and Approvals.*

### NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
11862-N .....	The BOC Group, Murray Hill, NJ .....	4 .....	03/30/2001
11927-N .....	Alaska Marine Lines, Inc., Seattle, WA .....	4 .....	03/30/2001
12142-N .....	Aristech Chemical Corp., Pittsburgh, PA .....	4 .....	03/30/2001
12158-N .....	Hickson Corporation, Conley, GA .....	4 .....	03/30/2001
12181-N .....	Aristech, Pittsburgh, PA .....	4 .....	03/30/2001
12248-N .....	Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp., High Point, NC .....	1, 4 .....	04/30/2001
12290-N .....	Savage Industries, Inc., Pottstown, PA .....	4 .....	03/30/2001