

This notice of receipt of applications for new exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1804; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemptions

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 November 4, 1997.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Dockets Unit, 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:

Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Dockets Unit, Room 8426, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC.

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modification of exemption
11344-M	E.I. DuPont, Wilmington, DE (See Footnote 1)	11344
11956-M	RSPA-97-2988	Scott Aviation, Lancaster, NY (See Footnote 2)	11956

¹ To modify the exemption to provide for tank cars, containing chlorine, Division 2.3, to remain standing with unloading connections attached without the physical presence of an unloader.

² To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for protective breathing equipment (PBE), containing chemical oxygen generators which utilize special integral packaging as a secondary means of preventing actuation.

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Meetings of Pipeline Safety Advisory Committees

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) notice is hereby given of the following meetings of the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC) and the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC). Each Committee meeting, as well as a

joint session of the two Committees, will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel, 2900 Briarpark Drive at Westheimer, Houston, TX 77042.

On November 18, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., the THLPSSC will meet. OPS will discuss current regulatory activities, and the THLPSSC will review the following OPS proposed rulemakings: (1) Incorporation by Reference of Industry Standard on Leak Detection; (2) Risk-Based Alternative to Pressure Testing Rule; and (3) Adoption of Industry Standards for Breakout Tanks. Part of the Advisory Committee's function is to discuss OPS proposed rulemakings and assess, by vote, if the rulemaking is feasible, reasonable, and practicable.

On November 18, 1997 at 1:00 p.m., the THLPSSC will be joined by members of the TPSSC for a joint session in which OPS will provide a brief update on major OPS activities. However, this session will focus on the issue of cost-benefit analysis. Topics of discussion will include: (1) A description of the approach to cost-benefit analysis by both OPS and the pipeline industry; and (2) the role of the Advisory Committees in reviewing cost benefit in their review of OPS

rulemakings, in accordance with the Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act of 1996.

OPS will hold a public meeting on risk management in conjunction with the Technical Advisory Committee meetings on the morning of November 19, 1997, from 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 noon. OPS announced this meeting in a **Federal Register** notice (62 FR 50654), published on September 26, 1997. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update on the Risk Management Demonstration Program and to receive input on the progress of the Demonstration Program thus far and on the specific demonstration projects under review.

On November 19, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. the TPSSC will meet. Although this committee will not be voting on any OPS proposed rulemakings, brief updates of OPS regulatory activities will be provided by OPS staff.

Each meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public may present oral statements on the topics. Due to the limited time available, each person who wants to make an oral statement must notify Peggy Thompson, Room 2335, Department of