

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Notice No. 98-7]

Safety Advisory: Unauthorized Marking of Compressed Gas Cylinders**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.**ACTION:** Safety Advisory Notice.

SUMMARY: This is to notify the public that RSPA is investigating the unauthorized marking of high-pressure compressed gas cylinders. On March 12, 1998, RSPA inspectors conducted a compliance inspection at City Fire Equipment Company, Inc. (CFECI), 518 34th Street, Gulfport, Mississippi. During the inspection it was determined that CFECI had improperly retested a number of cylinders. The President of CFECI told inspectors that his company had not done any type of cylinder retesting since January 1998. Subsequent inspections of CFECI's customers indicate that CFECI has charged some of its customers for cylinder retesting and has marked cylinders as having been properly retested in accordance with the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) after January 1998.

Failure to properly conduct a hydrostatic retest can result in cylinders that should be condemned being returned to service. Serious personal injury, death, and property damage could result from rupture of a cylinder. Cylinders that have not been retested in accordance with the HMR may not be charged or filled with a hazardous material.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl K. Johnson, Hazardous Materials Enforcement Specialist, Southern Region, telephone (404) 305-6120, Fax (404) 305-6125, Office of Hazardous Materials Enforcement, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 1701 Columbia Ave, DHM-46, Suite 520, College Park, GA 30337.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Through follow-up inspections of CFECI's customers, the inspectors found cylinders marked after January 1998 with CFECI's retester identification number (RIN):

B	8	
X		Y
8	9	

[Where B898 is CFECI's RIN number, X=month of retest (/e.g., (4) and Y=year of retest (e.g., 98)]

CFECI provided inspectors with a list of customers with whom it has done

business over the past year; however, RSPA has reason to believe that any cylinder that was marked with RIN B898 and last serviced by CFECI is not in compliance with the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) (49 CFR Parts 171-180). Under the HMR, hydrostatic retesting is required to verify a cylinder's structural integrity.

Any person who has a cylinder marked with RIN B898 that was last serviced by CFECI should not charge or fill the cylinder with a hazardous material without first having it inspected/retested by a DOT-authorized retest facility. Filled cylinders (if filled with an atmospheric gas) described in this safety advisory should be vented or otherwise properly and safely evacuated and purged, and taken to a DOT-authorized cylinder retest facility for visual reinspection and retest to determine compliance with the HMR. Under no circumstances should a cylinder described in this safety advisory be filled, refilled or used for any purpose other than scrap, until it is reinspected and retested by a DOT-authorized retest facility.

It is further recommended that persons finding or possessing cylinders described in this safety notice contact Ms. Cheryl K. Johnson, for further information.

Issued in Washington, DC on July 23, 1998.

Alan I. Roberts,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board****[STB Finance Docket No. 33631 (Sub-No. 1)]****Union Pacific Railroad Co.—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co.****AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.**ACTION:** Notice of Exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts the trackage rights described in STB Finance Docket No. 33631¹ to permit the trackage rights to

¹ On July 6, 1998, UP filed a notice of exemption under the Board's class exemption procedures at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). The notice covered the agreement by BNSF to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to UP from milepost 345.6, at Tower 55-UPRRX near Fort Worth, to milepost 217.3, near Temple, a distance of 128.3 miles in the State of Texas. See *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33631 (STB served July 17,

expire on July 31, 1998, in accordance with the agreement of the parties.

DATES: This exemption is effective on July 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33631 (Sub-No. 1) must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative Joseph D. Anthofer, Esq., Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, #830, Omaha, NE 68179.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., Suite 210, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.]

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Decided: July 22, 1998.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Customs Service**

[T.D. 98-63]

Revocation of Customs Broker License**AGENCY:** Customs Service, Department of the Treasury .**ACTION:** Broker license revocation.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Customs, pursuant to section 641, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1641), and §§ 111.52 and 111.74 of the Customs regulations, as amended (19 CFR 111.52 and 111.74), is canceling the following Customs broker licenses without prejudice.

(1998). The trackage rights operations under the exemption became effective and were scheduled to be consummated on July 13, 1998.