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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

**Research and Development Programs Meeting Agenda**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the agenda for a public meeting at which the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will describe and discuss specific research and development projects.

**DATES AND TIMES:** As previously announced, NHTSA will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on March 18, 1999, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Clarion Inn, Detroit Metro Airport, 9191 Wickham Road, Romulus, Michigan.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice provides the agenda for the twenty-third in a series of public meetings to provide detailed information about NHTSA's research and development programs. This meeting will be held on March 18, 1999. The meeting was announced on February 22, 1999 (64 FR 8636). For additional information about the meeting, consult that announcement.

Starting at 1:30 p.m. and concluding by 5:00 p.m., NHTSA's Office of

Research and Development will discuss the following topics:

(1) Research and Development Overview, (2) Industry Presentation on Analysis of Side Impact Test "Tipover," (3) Industry Presentation on Side Impact Dummy (WorldSID) Development, (4) National Advanced Driving Simulator (NADS), (5) Intelligent Vehicle Initiative, (6) Industry Presentation on Status of Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, and (7) discussion on format for future meetings.

NHTSA has based its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it received in response to the announcement published February 22, 1999.

As announced on February 22, 1999, in the time remaining at the conclusion of the presentations, NHTSA will provide answers to questions on its research and development programs, where those questions have been submitted in writing to Raymond P. Owings, Ph.D., Associate Administrator for Research and Development, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NRD-01, Washington, DC 20590. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rita I. Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4862. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

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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 April 19, 1999.

**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:** 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 Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

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

**NEW EXEMPTIONS**

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12216-N .....	RSPA-1999-5121	Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Fort Worth, TX.	49 CFR 172.102(SP-T) ...	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain hazardous materials in Specification IM 101 tanks equipped with bottom openings. (mode 2)
12217-N .....	RSPA-1999-5120	Rescar Companies, Downers Grove, IL.	49 CFR 179.100-4(a), 179.200-4(a).	To authorize the transportation of various hazardous materials in tank car tanks equipped with thinner removable inspection port covers. (mode 2)
12220-N .....	RSPA-1999-5158	d/b/a Laird Farms, Waterloo, NY.	49 CFR 174.67 (i) & (j) ....	To authorize railcars to remain attached with an alternative closure device when positioned in a secured state for product transfer. (mode 2)