

described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9 am to 5 pm]. It is requested but not required that 10 copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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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 date 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

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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 Applications Number Suffixes

- N—New application
- M—Modification request
- PM—Party to application with modification request

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 7, 1999.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
New Exemption Applications			
11767-N	Ausimont USA, Inc., Thorofare, NJ	4	11/30/1999
11862-N	The BOC Group, Murray Hill, NJ	4	11/30/1999
11927-N	Alaska Marine Lines, Inc., Seattle, WA	4	11/30/1999
12106-N	Air Liquide America Corporation, Houston, TX	4	11/30/1999
12123-N	Eastman Chemical Co., Kingsport, TN	4	11/30/1999
12125-N	Mayo Foundation, Rochester, MN	4	11/30/1999
12126-N	LaRoche Industries Inc., Atlanta, GA	4	11/30/1999
12138-N	Gas Supply Resources, Inc., Albany, NY	4	11/30/1999
12142-N	Aristech Chemical Corp., Pittsburgh, PA	4	11/30/1999
12146-N	Luxfer Gas Cylinders, Riverside, CA	4	11/30/1999
12148-N	Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, NY	4	11/30/1999
12156-N	Columbia Falls Aluminum Co., Columbia Falls, MT	4	11/30/1999
12158-N	Hickson Corporation, Conley, GA	4	11/30/1999
12164-N	Rhodia Inc., Shelton, CT	4	11/30/1999
12166-N	Dow Corning Corp., Midland, MI	4	11/30/1999
12171-N	Arichell Technologies, Inc., West Newton, MA	4	11/30/1999
12181-N	Aristech, Pittsburgh, PA	4	11/30/1999
12203-N	Celanese Ltd., Dallas, TX	4	11/30/1999
12205-N	Independent Chemical Corp., Glendale, NY	4	12/31/1999
12206-N	General Electric Silicones, Waterford, NY	4	11/30/1999
12220-N	d/b/a Laird Farms, Waterloo, NY	4	12/31/1999
12230-N	Chemtran Services USA, Inc., Houston, TX	4	11/30/1999
12237-N	Dept. of Defense, Falls Church, VA	4	12/31/1999
12238-N	Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, NY	4	11/30/1999
12247-N	Weldship Corp., Bethlehem, PA	4	12/31/1999
12248-N	Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp., High Point, NC	4	12/31/1999
12249-N	Breed Technologies, Inc., Lakeland, FL	4	12/31/1999
12250-N	New Mexico State Highway & Transportation Hwy., Santa Fe, NM	4	12/31/1999
12258-N	JL Shepherd & Associates, San Fernando, CA	4	12/31/1999
12261-N	Medical Equipment & Maintenance Co., Rockville, MD	4	12/31/1999
12269-N	Solutia Inc., St. Louis, MO	4	12/31/1999
12277-N	The Indian Sugar & General Engineering Corp. ISGE, Haryana, TX	4	12/31/1999
12281-N	ABS Group Inc., Houston, TX	4	12/31/1999
12282-N	Defense Technology Corp., Casper, WY	4	12/31/1999
12286-N	FMC Corporation, Philadelphia, PA	4	12/31/1999

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Modifications to Exemptions			
6611-M	Gardner Cryogenics, Lehigh Valley, PA	4	11/30/1999
6765-M	Gardner Cryogenics, Lehigh Valley, PA	4	11/30/1999
8723-M	Buckley Powder Company, Englewood, CO	4	11/30/1999
8723-M	Nelson Brothers, Inc., Birmingham, AL	4	12/31/1999
9266-M	ERMEWA, Inc., Houston, TX	4	11/30/1999
10480-M	Gardner Cryogenics, Lehigh Valley, PA	4	11/30/1999
10672-M	Burlington Packaging, Inc., Brooklyn, NY	4	12/31/1999
10821-M	BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., Atlanta, GA	4	12/31/1999
10921-M	The Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, OH	4	11/30/1999
10929-M	Consolidated Rail Corporation, Philadelphia, PA	4	11/30/1999
10962-M	International Compliance Center, Mississauga ON L4Z 1X8, CA	4	12/31/1999
10977-M	Federal Industries Corporation, Plymouth, MN	4	11/30/1999
11186-M	Cryenco, Inc., Denver, CO	4	12/31/1999
11248-M	HAZMATPAC, Houston, TX	4	12/31/1999
11327-M	Phoenix Services Limited Partnership, Pasadena, MD	4	11/30/1999
11380-M	Baker Atlas, Houston, TX	4	12/31/1999
11458-M	Reckitt & Colman, Inc., Wayne, NJ	4	12/31/1999
11485-M	Zeneca, Inc., Wilmington, DE	4	12/31/1999
11769-M	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	4	12/31/1999
11903-M	Comptank Corporation, Bothwell, Ontario, CA	4	12/31/1999
11942-M	Niklor Chemical Company, Long Beach, CA	4	12/31/1999
12063-M	The Hydrocarbon Flow Specialist, Morgan City, LA	4	12/31/1999
12069-M	Compagnie des Containers Reservoirs, Paris, FR	4	12/31/1999
12074-M	Van Hool NV, B-2500 Lier Koningshooikt, BG	4	12/31/1999
12232-M	Bell Helicopter, Hurst, TX	4	12/31/1999

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 20X)]

Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Abandonment Exemption—in Brown County, WI

Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 1.63-mile line of its railroad between milepost 198.37 and milepost 200 in Green Bay, Brown County, WI. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 54303 and 54304.

WCL has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending

with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on November 18, 1999, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any

expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by October 29, 1999. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 8, 1999, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Michael J. Barron, Jr., Wisconsin Central Ltd., P.O. Box 5062, Rosemont, IL 60017-5062.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

WCL has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by October 22, 1999. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board,

request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).