

soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information mandated by Federal regulations. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (i) Reduce reporting burdens; (ii) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a "user friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (iii) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

Below is a brief summary of proposed new information collection activities that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

*Title:* Regional Inspection Point Listing Forms.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–New.

*Abstract:* Through a direct comparison of inspection data with accident/incident data, the collection of information proposes to develop a profile county-by-county of what there is to inspect, and how much inspection activity was done by Federal and State railroad inspectors each year nationwide. The information collected will produce "snapshots" which will allow FRA to determine where the gaps are in inspection territories so that it can focus inspection resources where they will do the most good. As a result of the proposed information collection, FRA will be better able to equalize inspector workloads, and will be better able to make informed hiring decisions regarding the most effective placement of new inspectors. More targeted inspections will permit FRA to maximize its limited resources, and will serve to enhance overall safety on the nation's rail system.

*Form Number(s):* FRA F 6180.106(a)-(e).

*Affected Public:* Businesses.  
*Respondent Universe:* 430 Federal and State Railroad Inspectors.  
*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,960 hours.  
*Status:* Regular Review.  
 Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 C.F.R. 1320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Research and Special Programs Administration Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemption**

**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 August 9, 2000.

**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 number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of 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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Application number	Docket number	Applicant	Modification of exemption
3187–M .....	RSPA–1999–5903	PPG Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA (See Footnote 1) .....	3187
11506–M .....		OEA Inc., Denver, CO (See Footnote 2) .....	11506
12301–M .....		Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Washington, DC (See Footnote 3) .....	12301

(1) To authorize alternative packaging and the use of common carriers in exclusive use for the transportation of Division 5.2 materials.  
 (2) To modify the exemption to authorize a design change using a welded flange and laser etching on the exterior of non-DOT specification pressure vessels for use as components of automobile vehicle safety systems.  
 (3) To modify the exemption to waive the marking requirements so that shipping papers and cylinders do not have to bear the DOT exemption number.

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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 August 24, 2000.

**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 or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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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**NEW EXEMPTIONS**

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12481-N .....	RSPA-00-7594	Trac Regulator Co., Inc., Mt. Vernon, NY.	49 CFR 173.306 .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of a specially designed device consisting of non-specification outer packaging for use in transporting various hazardous materials. (modes 1, 2)
12491-N .....	RSPA-00-7595	PPG Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA.	49 CFR 171.12(b)(5), SP T17.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of dichlorophenyl isocyanate, Division 6.1 in IM 101 portable tanks. (modes 1, 3)
12492-N .....	RSPA-00-7593	Honeywell International Inc., Morristown, NJ.	49 CFR 173.304 .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of liquefied gas, n.o.s., Division 2.2 in DOT-3AL 1800 cylinders. (modes 1, 2, 3)
12493-N .....	RSPA-00-7579	Caroline Power & Light Co, Southport, NC.	49 CFR 174.67(i) & (j) .....	To authorize rail cars to remain attached to unloading devices during intermittent unloading of chlorine, Division 2.3 without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 2)
12495-N .....	RSPA-00-7603	South Carolina Electric & Gas Co., Jenkinsville, SC.	49 CFR 171, 172, 173 .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of radioactive material packages, Class 7, from one facility to another using state road that would be transported as essentially unregulated. (mode 1)
12497-N .....	RSPA-00-7604	Henderson International Technologies, Inc., Richardson, TX.	49 CFR 173.302(a)(1), 173.314(c).	To authorize the frame mounting and manifolding to a motor vehicle of seamless steel tank cars tanks made in conformance with DOT Specification 107A for the transportation in commerce of certain Division 2.2 gases. (mode 1)

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 33904]

**Thomas Z. Mars—Continuance in Control Exemption—Sunflour Railroad, Inc.**

Thomas Z. Mars (Mars), an individual, has filed a notice of exemption to continue in control of the

Sunflour Railroad, Inc. (SFR), upon SFR's becoming a Class III railroad.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on July 31, 2000.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33903, *Sunflour Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Soo Line Railroad Company*, wherein SFR seeks to acquire from Soo Line Railroad Company and operate an approximately 26.3-mile rail line extending from Rosholt to Veblen, SD.

Mars currently controls one existing Class III railroad: Denver Rock Island

Railroad (DRI), operating in the State of Colorado.

Mars states that: (i) The rail lines to be operated by SFR and DRI do not connect; (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would result in such a connection; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory