

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modification of exemption
4453-M		Dyno Nobel, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT (See Footnote 1)	4453
7765-M		Carleton Technologies, Inc., Orchard Park, NY (See Footnote 2)	7765
8439-M		Kidde Aerospace, Wilson, NC (See Footnote 3)	8439
8451-M		Olin Corporation, Winchester Group, East Alton, IL (See Footnote 4)	8451
8495-M		Kidde Aerospace, Wilson, NC (See Footnote 5)	8495
8723-M		Dyno Nobel, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT (See Footnote 6)	8723
10427-M		Astrotech Space Operations, Inc., Titusville, FL (See Footnote 7)	10427
10751-M		Dyno Nobel, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT (See Footnote 8)	10751
10929-M		Ashland Inc., Columbus, OH (See Footnote 9)	10929
11401-M		Agilent Technologies, Inc., Santa Clara, CA (See Footnote 10)	11401
11579-M		Dyno Nobel, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT (See Footnote 11)	11579
12102-M	RSPA-98-4005	Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., Braintree, MA (See Footnote 12)	12102
12818-M	RSPA-01-10519	HRD Aero Systems Inc., Valencia, CA (See Footnote 13)	12818

¹ To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of additional Division 1.5D liquid blasting explosives in non-DOT specification bulk cargo tanks, trailers and motor vehicles.

² To modify the exemption to authorize the use of an additional non-DOT specification cylinder bottle assembly unit for the transportation of Division 2.2 materials.

³ To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of an additional Division 2.2 material in non-DOT specification cylinders.

⁴ To modify the exemption to authorize an alternative outer packaging for the transportation of not more than 25 grams of explosive or pyrotechnic materials classed as Division 1.4E.

⁵ To modify the exemption to authorize an alternate maintenance and inspection program for the non-DOT specification cylinders to permit a 14-year hydrostatic test period.

⁶ To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of additional Division 1.5D liquid blasting explosives in non-DOT specification bulk cargo tanks, trailers and motor vehicles.

⁷ To modify the exemption to authorize two additional launch vehicles that will utilize their fairing for packaging of spacecrafts during transport and a quantity increase of several hazardous materials contained in the "flight-ready" spacecraft.

⁸ To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of Division 1.5D liquid blasting explosives in non-DOT specification bulk cargo tanks, trailers and motor vehicles.

⁹ To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of additional Class 3 materials in DOT Specification tank cars.

¹⁰ To modify the exemption to authorize an increase from 6 grams to a maximum of 9 grams of cesium in the inner cylinder device.

¹¹ To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of additional Division 1.5D liquid blasting explosives in non-DOT specification cargo tanks.

¹² To modify the exemption to authorize for-hire contract carriers the ability to transport certain unapproved Class 1 desensitized explosive materials by motor vehicle and cargo vessel.

¹³ To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for the transportation of certain foreign non-DOT specification steel cylinders used as components (fire extinguishers) in aircraft.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 392X)]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Flathead County, MT

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 3.60-mile line of railroad between milepost 1227.58 and milepost 1231.18, in Kalispell, Flathead County, MT. (line). The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 59901.

BNSF has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government agency acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or

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 April 20, 2002,¹ unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve

¹ While BNSF initially indicated a proposed consummation date of April 19, 2002, consummation may not take place prior to April 20, 2002 (50 days after the March 1, 2002 filing date of the verified notice). BNSF's representative has subsequently confirmed that consummation cannot occur before April 20, 2002.

environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by April 1, 2002. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 10, 2002, with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to BNSF's representative: Michael Smith, Esq., Freeborn & Peters, 311 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60606-6677. If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

² 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 (SEA) 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 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.

³ Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25). This fee is scheduled to increase to \$1,100, effective April 8, 2002.

BNSF has filed a separate environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by March 26, 2002. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1552. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), BNSF shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by BNSF's filing of a notice of consummation by March 21, 2002, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: March 12, 2002.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 391X)]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Gage County, NE

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon and discontinue service over a 9.46-mile line of railroad between milepost 32.70 in Beatrice and milepost 42.16 in Wymore, in Gage County, NE. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 68310, 68318 and 68466.

BNSF 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 and discontinuance 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 April 20, 2002,¹ unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by April 1, 2002. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 10, 2002, 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 Smith, Freeborn & Peters, 311 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60606-6677.

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

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By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8848

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8848, Consent to Extend the Time To