

requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favour of relief.

Metro-North Commuter Railroad & Connecticut Department of Transportation

[Docket Number FRA-2000-6778]

Metro-North Commuter Railroad (MNCW) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CDOT) seek an extension of time for a previously approved temporary waiver of compliance with the *Passenger Equipment Safety Standards*, 49 CFR part 238.235, which requires that by December 31, 1999, each power operated door that is partitioned from the passenger compartment shall be equipped with a manual override adjacent to that door. They request that the waiver be granted for 159 passenger coaches equipped with power operated side doors outside the passenger compartment. This request is for 59 cars not yet completed and, if granted, would allow an extension of time until December 31, 2002, for the installation of the manual overrides.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2000-6778) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590.

Communications received within 30 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2002-11533]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In 1996, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received from the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) a request for a waiver of compliance from certain requirements of FRA rail safety regulations in order to allow them to develop, implement, and test technology designed to prevent train collisions and overspeed violations. The pilot program was for the development, testing, installation, and demonstration of Incremental Train Control System (ITCS), a communications-based train control system, along Amtrak's Detroit to Chicago corridor. See 61 FR 41199 (August 7, 1996). That petition was docketed as Waiver Petition Docket No. H-96-1. Amtrak requested permission to operate under specified conditions, non-revenue test trains at speeds in excess of 79 mph, not to exceed 110 mph.

On September 24, 1999, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) modified certain conditions imposed in approval of Docket No. H-96-1. See 64 FR 25114 (May 19, 1999). FRA approved a phased test program. Phase One included operation of non-revenue test trains at speeds in excess of 79 mph, not to exceed 110 mph. In Phase Two ITCS would be implemented in revenue service with enforcement at speeds not to exceed 79 mph for a period not less than 90 days. Phase Three included implementation of ITCS in revenue service with enforcement at 2 speeds not to exceed 90 mph for a period of not more than 300 days. At the conclusion of the 300 day period, the waiver terminates.

Amtrak is now conducting tests as part of Phase three and as such, is operating non-revenue test trains at speeds up to 110 mph. Permission to operate this test train at that speed was granted in FRA's original approval of H-96-1.

The purpose of this notice is to provide an update of the status of this test program and to clarify the extent of the 1999 waiver modifications.

Additionally, this waiver is being re-docketed in the Department of Transportation's Docket Management System to provide the public with electronic access to docketed materials. This public docket, Docket No. FRA-2002-11533 is available for inspection and downloading on the Internet at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>. The docket is also available for inspection at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level) 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket Number: RSPA-4957 Notice]

Pipeline Safety: Renewal of Information Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: This notice requests public participation in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval process regarding the renewal of an existing RSPA collection of information for Operator Qualification of Pipeline Personnel. RSPA intends to request OMB approval for renewal of this information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The public is invited to submit comments on ways to minimize the burden associated with collection of information related to the operator qualification requirements in the pipeline safety regulations, as well as other factors listed in the body of this notice.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before June 17, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to send comments in duplicate to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001 or e-mail to dms.dot.gov. Comments can be reviewed at the dockets facility which is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal

holidays, when the facility is closed. Comments must identify the docket number of this notice. Persons should submit the original documents and one (1) copy. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. Please identify the docket and notice numbers shown in the heading of this notice. Documents pertaining to this notice can be viewed in this docket. The docket can also be viewed electronically at dms.dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, (202) 366-6205, to ask questions about this notice; or write by e-mail to marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Operator Qualification of Pipeline Personnel.

Type of Request: Renewal of existing information collection.

Abstract: Congressional concern with the lack of skills of some pipeline personnel was expressed in the Pipeline Safety and Reauthorization Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-561). It authorized the Secretary of Transportation to require all individuals responsible for the operation and maintenance of pipeline facilities to be properly qualified to safely perform tasks on pipeline facilities. The operator qualification requirements are described in the pipeline safety regulations at 49 CFR part 192, subpart N and 49 CFR part 195, subpart G.

Respondents: Gas and hazardous liquid pipeline operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 466,667 hours.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

All timely written comments to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also be available to the public in the docket.

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Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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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 applications 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 May 20, 2002.

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 CONTACT:

Copies of the application (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)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 11, 2002.

R. Ryan Posten,

Exemptions Program Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12966-N	Scientific Cylinder Corporation, Englewood, CO.	49 CFR (e)(8), (e)(15)(vi) and (e)(19), 173.34(e)(1), (e)(3), (e)(5), (e)(6), (e)(7).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of DOT-3AL cylinders manufactured from 6351 alloy which have been examined by ultrasonic inspection in lieu of the internal visual test. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
22967-N	Reilly Industries, Inc., Indianapolis, IN.	49 CFR 172.446, 172.560, 173.213.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of fused solid coal tar enamel in non-DOT specification open-top or closed-top sift proof metal packagings when the amounts meet or exceed the reportable quantity. (modes 1, 2, 3)
12969-N	Arrowhead Industrial Services Inc., Graham, NC.	49 CFR 173.301(h), 173.302, 173.306(d)(3).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-DOT specification cylinders containing Division 2.2 material overpacked in strong outside packaging for transporting to remote test sites. (mode 1)