

without calibrating its test apparatus. RSPA has determined that, between September of 1998 and October of 2001, BKC Industries, Inc. (BKC) apparently marked and certified an undetermined number of cylinders and/or tube trailers as having been properly tested in accordance with the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR), when the cylinders and/or tube trailers were tested using equipment that was not properly calibrated.

Part of performing a proper hydrostatic retest as set forth in the HMR is the calibration process. A hydrostatic retest and visual inspection, conducted as prescribed in the HMR, are used to verify the structural integrity of a cylinder. If the hydrostatic retest and visual inspection are not performed in accordance with the HMR, a cylinder with compromised structural integrity may be returned to service when it should be condemned. Extensive property damage, serious personal injury, or death could result from rupture of a cylinder. Cylinders that have not been retested in accordance with the HMR may not be charged or filled with compressed gas or other hazardous materials.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terrell Hinds, Hazardous Materials Enforcement Specialist, Office of Hazardous Materials Enforcement, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 520, College Park, GA 30337, Telephone: (404) 305-6120, Fax: (404) 305-6125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Through its inspection of BKC, RSPA has determined that BKC apparently marked an undetermined number of cylinders as having been properly tested in accordance with the HMR, when the test apparatus was not calibrated properly. During the inspection, RSPA discovered that the test cylinder that appeared on BKC Industries' test reports was not physically in the BKC facility. Therefore, this cylinder could not have been used to calibrate the test equipment.

The cylinders in question are stamped with the following RIN: D236. The marking appears in the following pattern:

D2
M Y
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M is the month of retest (e.g. 08), and y is the year of retest (e.g. 01).

Anyone who has a cylinder or tube trailer that has been serviced by BKC Industries, Inc. and that is marked with RIN D236 and stamped with a retest

date between August 1998 and October 2001 should consider the cylinder unsafe and not fill the cylinder unless the cylinder is first properly retested by a DOT-authorized retest facility. Filled cylinders should be vented or otherwise safely discharged, and then taken to a DOT-authorized cylinder retest facility for proper retest to determine compliance with the HMR and their suitability for continuing service. Under no circumstances should a cylinder and/or tube trailer described in this safety advisory be filled, refilled or used for its intended purpose until it is reinspected and retested by a DOT-authorized retest facility.

It is further recommended that persons finding or possessing a cylinder and or tube/trailer described in this safety advisory contact Mr. Hinds for additional information.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 2, 2002.

Robert A. McGuire,
Associate Administrator for Hazardous Material Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34224]

Indiana Southern Railroad, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR), pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement entered into between NSR and Indiana Southern Railroad, Inc. (ISRR), has agreed to grant non-exclusive local trackage rights to ISRR over NSR's rail line between a point near Newburgh, IN, milepost 0.0, and Lynnvile Mine, IN, milepost 21.9, a distance of approximately 21.9 miles.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after July 1, 2002, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow ISRR to enhance service for certain shippers and provide more efficient and economical routings and service for their traffic.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

The notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If the notice contains false

or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34224, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Louis E. Gitomer, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "<http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV>."

Decided: July 1, 2002.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0253]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 8, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0253."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human