

Camp Robinson near Maryland Avenue and Batesville Pike. The three previously studied alternatives were evaluated in the project's Draft EIS in 1991 and in the project's Final EIS in 1994.

The SDEIS was to focus on a limited study area between Batesville Pike and Brockington Road in northern Pulaski County, since this is the portion of the proposed corridor where several alternative alignments were still being considered. The remaining portions of the selected and approved North Belt Freeway alignment to the east toward Highway 67 and to the west through Camp Robinson ending at the I-40/I-430 interchange were to be reviewed only to a level necessary to document if any substantial changes have taken place since the completion and approval of the project's FEIS and ROD.

A preliminary study of the project alignments completed in 2003 attempted to establish if the local community and MPO could support the originally selected project alternative. The public involvement process associated with this reevaluation indicated public opposition for the originally selected alignment alternative. The City of Sherwood and Metroplan, citing the project's incompatibility with local and regional plans, refused to endorse the originally selected alignment alternative as the locally preferred route. Therefore, an SDEIS will be conducted to evaluate all feasible alternatives, possibly including alignments not evaluated in the project's original DEIS and FEIS. The original NOI for the SDEIS is being rescinded because it limited the area of study. A notice of intent to announce an SDEIS with an expanded study area for this

project will be published subsequent to this NOI.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties regarding this action to rescind the NOI published on February 18, 1999 for the proposed North Belt Freeway. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to the FHWA Arkansas Division at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation of Federal programs and activities apply to this program.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Research and Special Programs Administration**

**Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Application for Exemptions**

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** List of applications for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's

Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application 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 April 26, 2004.

**ADDRESS COMMENTS TO:** Record 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 CONTACT:** 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 exemption 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—FEBRUARY 2004**

Application number	Docket number	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
13482-N .....	.....	U.S. Vanadium Corporation (Subsidiary of Straeigic Minerals Corporation), Niagara Falls, NY.	49 CFR 172.102 (SP B14).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain uninsulated DOT specification 51 portable tanks that are currently authorized for certain hazardous materials, except that the portable tanks do not meet the provisions of Section 172.101 SP B14. (modes 1, 3).
13483-N .....	.....	Norris Cylinder Company, Longview, TX.	49 CFR 173.301(a)(1); 173.301(a)(2); 173.302a(a)(1).	To authorize the transportation of a non-DOT specification cylinder conforming in part with the DOT-3AA specification, for use in transporting non-liquefied compressed gases. (modes 1, 4).
13484-N .....	.....	Air Liquide America L.P., Houston, TX.	49 CFR 177.834 .....	To authorize cargo tanks to remain connected while standing without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 1).
13485-N .....	.....	Taylor-Wharton (Harsco Gas and Fluid Control Group), Harrisburg, PA.	49 CFR 173.301(a); 173.302a; 173.304a(a); 173.3; 180.205(c)(f)(g).	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of a non-DOT specification cylinder conforming with all regulation applicable to a DOT-3AA specification cylinder for use in transporting Division 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 hazardous materials. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).

NEW EXEMPTIONS—FEBRUARY 2004—Continued

Application number	Docket number	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
13487-N .....	.....	University of Colorado Health Services Center, Denver, CO.	49 CFR 173.197 .....	To authorize the one-way transportation in commerce of certain infectious materials in alternative packaging. (mode 1).
13522-N .....	.....	Green-Port Environmental Managers, LTD., Scipio Center, NY.	49 CFR 173.25; 173.29(a); 173.301(a)(9); 177.840.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of DOT-Specification 39 cylinders for disposal in alternative outside packaging. (mode 1).

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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 Exemption.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the

application 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. Request of 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" demote a modification request. Their applications have been separated from the new application for exemption to facilitate processing.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 12, 2004.

**ADDRESS COMMENTS TO:** Record 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 CONTACT:** 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 exemption 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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MODIFICATION EXEMPTIONS—FEBRUARY 2004

Application number	Docket number	Applicant	Modification of exemption	Nature of exemption thereof
8495-M .....	.....	Kidde Aerospace Wilson, SC	8495	To modify the exemption to clarify and authorize the use of the service pressure to determine the maximum allowable sidewall stress for the non-DOT specification cylinders.
7280-M .....	.....	Department of Defense, Ft. Eustis, VA.	7280	To modify the exemption to authorize the use of 5,000 or 7,500 gallon fuel-servicing tanker semi-trailers and the transportation of Class 3 and additional Class 9 materials.
9894-M .....	.....	Luxfer Gas Cylinders, Riverside, CA.	9894	To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of additional Division 2.2 materials in non-DOT specification fiber reinforced plastic hoop wrapped cylinders.
11043-M .....	.....	Onyx Environmental Services, L.L.C., Ledgewood, NJ.	11043	To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of Division 2.1 materials on the same transport vehicle with Class 3, 4, 5, and 8 materials.
11440-M .....	.....	PPG Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA.	11440	To modify the exemption to authorize the use of wooden pallets for the transportation of Division 6.1 materials in polyethylene drums or composite packaging.
12122-M .....	RSPA-98-4313 .....	ARC Automotive, Inc., Knoxville, TN.	12122	To modify the exemption to authorize an increase of the maximum service pressure to 8,000 psig at 70 degrees F for the non-DOT specification pressure vessels for use as components of automobile vehicle safety systems.
12844-M .....	RSPA-01-10753 .....	Delphi Automotive Systems, Vandalia, OH.	12844	To modify the exemption to authorize an increase of maximum service pressure from 5,000 to 6,000 psig for the non-DOT specification pressure vessels used as components of automobile vehicle safety systems.