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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 November 26, 2004.**ADDRESSES:** 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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R. Ryan Posten,

Exemptions Program Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Exemptions & Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTION

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
13936-N	RSPA-2004-19300.	Dow Chemical Company Midland, MI.	49 CFR 172.203(a); 173.26 and 179.13.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of DOT 112S specification tank cars that exceed the weight requirement for transporting certain hazardous materials. (mode 2)
13937-N	RSPA-2004-19318.	Questar, Inc. North Canton, OH.	49 CFR 173.12(b)(2)	To authorize the manufacture, marking and sale of a corrugated fiberboard box for use as the outer packaging for lab pack applications. (mode 1)
13938-N	RSPA-2004-19317.	Questar, Inc. North Canton, OH.	49 CFR 173.12(b)(2)	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of corrugated fiberboard boxes for use as the outer packaging for lab pack applications. (mode 1)
13956-N	RSPA-2004-19320.	U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Washington, DC.	49 CFR 173.244	To authorize the one-time, one-way transportation in commerce of two inductions pumps, containing residual amounts of Sodium, Division 4.3 (mode 1)
13957-N	RSPA-2004-19321.	T.L.C.C.I, Inc.	49 CFR 173.304a(a)(1) and 175.3.	To authorize the manufacture, marking and sale and use of domestically-manufactured composite cylinders to be used in the transportation of certain flammable and nonflammable gases. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
13958-N	RSPA-2004-19309.	Department of Defense Fort Eustis, VA.	49 CFR 173.427(b)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of gondola cars equipped with a specially designed liner to be classified as an IP-2 package for use in transporting certain Class 7 hazardous materials. (mode 2)
13959-N	RSPA-2004-19313.	Koch Nitrogen company Wichita, KS.	49 CFR 177.834(i)(3)	To authorize cargo tanks to remain connected while standing without the physical presence of an unloader anhydrous ammonia, Division 2.2. (mode 1)
13960-N	RSPA-2004-19296.	Terumo Heart, Inc. Ann Arbor, MI.	49 CFR 173.185	To authorize the transportation in commerce of a specially designed medical device equipped with lithium ion battery module. (modes 1, 4)
13961-N	RSPA-2004-19297.	3AL Testing, Corp. Miami, FL.	49 CFR 180.205(f), (g); 180.209(a); 172.203(a); 172.301(c).	To authorize an alternative requalification method for DOT-3AL cylinders. (modes 1, 3, 4)
13962-N	RSPA-2004-19298.	Department of Energy, Washington, DC.	49 CFR 173.453(d)	To authorize the one-time, one-way transportation of certain IP-1 drums containing low-enriched uranium oxide. (mode 1)
13963-N	RSPA-2004-19299.	Duratek Columbia, SC	49 CFR 173.403; 173.427; 173.465.	To authorize the manufacture, marking, sale and use of specially designed packaging for transporting used nuclear reactor pressure vessel heads. (modes 1, 2, 6)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested persons that RSPA will conduct public meetings in preparation for and to report the results of the 26th session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE) to be held November 29–December 7, 2004, in Geneva, Switzerland.

DATES: November 23, 2004, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Room 6200. December 15, 2004, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Room 6200.

ADDRESSES: Both meetings will be held at DOT Headquarters, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bob Richards, International Standards Coordinator, or Mr. Duane Pfund, Assistant International Standards Coordinator, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-0656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the first meeting will be to prepare for the 26th session of the UNSCOE and to discuss draft U.S. positions on UNSCOE proposals. The primary purpose of the second meeting will be to provide a briefing on the outcome of the UNSCOE session and to prepare for the 27th session of the UNSCOE. The 26th session of the UNSCOE is the final meeting in the current biennium cycle and will finalize amendments considered for the 14th Revised Edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations. Topics to be covered during the public meeting include:

(1) Harmonization of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals, (2) Hazards to the aquatic environment, (3) Transport of Dangerous Goods in limited quantities and consumer commodities, (4) Infectious Substances,

(5) Vibration design type testing, (6) Entries for fuel cell devices and cartridges, (7) Procedures for incident reporting, (8) Harmonization with the IAEA Regulations for the safe transport of radioactive materials, (9) Miscellaneous proposals related to listing and classification and the use of packagings and tanks. The public is invited to attend without prior notification. Due to heightened security measures participants are encouraged to arrive early to allow time for security checks necessary to obtain access to the building.

Documents

Copies of documents for the UNSCOE meeting and the meeting agenda may be obtained by downloading them from the United Nations Transport Division's Web site at: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgbd/dgsub/c32004.html>. This site may also be accessed through RSPA's Hazardous Materials Safety home page at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/instandards.htm>. RSPA's site provides additional information regarding the UNSCOE and related matters such as a summary of decisions taken at previous sessions of the UNSCOE.

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-04-19091; Notice 1]

Pipeline Safety: Petition for Waiver; Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice; Petition for Waiver.

SUMMARY: Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company has petitioned the Research and Special Programs Administration, Office of Pipeline Safety (RSPA/OPS) for a waiver of the pipeline safety regulation that requires each onshore gas transmission pipeline in a Class 1 location to have sectionalizing block valves spaced at a maximum distance of 20 miles.

DATES: Persons interested in submitting written comments on the waiver request described in this notice must do so by November 26, 2004. Late filed

comments will be considered so far as practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by mailing or delivering an original and two copies to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The Dockets Facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays when the facility is closed. Alternatively, you may submit written comments to the docket electronically at the following Web address: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

All written comments should identify the docket and notice numbers stated in the heading of this notice. Anyone who wants confirmation of mailed comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. To file written comments electronically, after logging on to <http://dms.dot.gov>, click on "Comment/Submissions." You can also read comments and other material in the docket. General information about the Federal pipeline safety program is available at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (volume 65, number 70; pages 19477-78), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Reynolds by phone at 202-366-2786, by fax at 202-366-4566, by mail at DOT, RSPA, Office of Pipeline Safety, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or by e-mail at james.reynolds@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The pipeline safety regulations at 49 CFR 192.179 require that each point on an onshore gas pipeline in a Class 1 location must be within 10 miles of a sectionalizing block valve, unless in a particular case the RSPA Administrator finds that alternative spacing would provide an equivalent level of safety. This means that the distance between valves in a Class 1 location may not exceed 20 miles. During a recent review of its records, Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company (Tuscarora) discovered that during construction the upstream portions of its pipeline in Lassen County, California, were slightly re-routed to avoid a sensitive environmental habitat. As a result, the spacing between main line valves MLV-