

from participating in any activities subject to Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act would be in furtherance of the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, for two years, the Department of State is hereby suspending all licenses and other approvals for: (a) Exports and other transfers of defense articles and defense services from the United States; (b) transfers of U.S.-origin defense articles and defense services from foreign destinations; and (c) temporary import of defense articles to or from the above-named entity.

Moreover, it is the policy of the United States to deny licenses and other approvals for exports and temporary imports of defense articles and defense services destined for this entity.

Dated: November 12, 2004.

Susan F. Burk,

Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee; Renewal

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), and in accordance with section 102-3.65, title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC) has been renewed for a 2-year period beginning October 28, 2004. The primary purpose of the Committee is to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on matters relating to all aspects of the U.S. commercial space transportation industry. The primary goals of the Committee are to evaluate economic, technological, and institutional developments relating to the industry; to provide a forum for the discussion of problems involving the relationship between industry activities and government requirements; and to make recommendations to DOT on issues and approaches for Federal policies and programs regarding the industry. The Committee will operate in accordance with the rules of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act and the Department of Transportation, FAA Committee Management Order (1110.30C).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Parker (AST-100), Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 331, Washington, DC 20591, telephone: (202) 267-3674; e-mail: brenda.parker@faa.dot.gov.

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Patricia G. Smith,

Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Woodbury County, IA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public of its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed Interstate 29 corridor study in Sioux City, Iowa from the Sioux Gateway Airport/Sergeant Bluff Interchange to the South Dakota State border.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Rold, Transportation Engineer, FHWA Iowa Division Office, 105 Sixth Street, Ames, IA, Ph. (515) 233-7307; or James P. Rost, Director, Office of Location and Environment, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010, Ph. (515) 239-1225.

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Background

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for improvements proposed to Interstate 29 (I-29) from Sioux Gateway Airport/Sergeant Bluff Interchange to the South Dakota State border.

As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, FHWA will be preparing an EIS to assess the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the proposed project. The EIS will include a reasonable range of alternatives that will address the purpose and need of the project as well as a no-build alternative.

A Public Involvement Plan will be established and will facilitate public involvement through the project development process. The resource agencies will be solicited for their input throughout the life of this project. Throughout the development process, advance notice of the time and place of public meetings and/or hearings will be given in order to provide an opportunity for citizen attendance and comments.

The Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO), along with Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), and the City of Sioux City conducted a multiphase study to determine the existing conditions and to develop improvement alternatives. The reports that were generated as a result of this study include Evaluation of Existing Conditions, I-29 Corridor Study, Sioux Gateway Interchange to South Dakota Border, February 1993, Development of Alternative Improvement Schemes, I-29 Corridor Study, Sioux Gateway Airport to South Dakota Border, June 1996, Refinement of Selected Improvement Concepts, I-29 Corridor Study, Sioux Gateway Interchange to South Dakota Border, January 1997, and Refinement of Selected Improvement Concepts, I-29 Corridor Study, Sioux Gateway

Interchange to South Dakota Border, July 1997.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings will be held throughout the study process. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. A formal scoping meeting with resource agencies will be scheduled. Resource agencies will be notified 30 days prior to the meeting date.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments, and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed project and EIS should be directed to the FHWA or Iowa Department of Transportation at the address provided in the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

Dated: November 10, 2004.

Phil Barnes,

Division Administrator, FHWA Iowa Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

The Valley Railroad Company

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2004-19259]

The Valley Railroad Company (VALE) of Essex, Connecticut, operator of a scenic railroad on leased track, seeks waivers from certain provisions of 49 CFR part 231, 49 CFR part 223, and 49 CFR part 229 for an 80-ton diesel-electric locomotive built by General Electric in 1937 and currently numbered VALE 0901.

The specific sections from which relief is requested and the justifications for such relief are as follows: (1) Switching steps of the type required by 49 CFR part 231.30(a)-(f) are not permitted by the frame construction of the locomotive. Instead, it is equipped with four side ladders which give access to the walkways near each corner of the locomotive. (2) Glazing in the locomotive is not compliant with 49 CFR part 223.11; however, the current glazing is automotive style safety glass, and VALE reports they operate in a rural area and have had few incidents of rocks being thrown at their trains, and no incidents of rocks being thrown at a locomotive. (3) The locomotive has never been equipped with a "slip/slide alarm" as required by 49 CFR part 229.115; however, VALE reports that it will be operating at speeds less than 20 mph and with trains weighing less than 500 tons. (4) This locomotive is equipped with a single headlamp on each end which does not meet the requirements of 49 CFR part 229.125(a) for road locomotives, but which does meet the requirements for locomotives used in switching service given in 49 CFR part 229.125(b). Again, VALE states that this is sufficient due to the speed limit of 20 miles per hour.

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-2004-19259) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., 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 a.m.-5 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>.

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). The statement may also be found at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroad has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 236 as detailed below.

Docket No. FRA-2004-19466

Applicant: Canadian National Railroad, Wisconsin Central Division, Mr. John P. Rath, Manager of Signal Installations, Signal and Communications, 1625 Depot Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 54481.

The Canadian National Railroad seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the power-operated derails at CP North Pokegama, milepost 14.7, and CP South Pokegama, milepost 16.9, on the Duluth, Missabe, Iron Range Railroad, Interstate Branch Subdivision, and on the former Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway,