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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Harrison and Stone Counties, MS

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Highway Administration is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for a State Route 601 Highway Study in the above referenced counties in Mississippi.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Cecil Vick, Realty Officer/ Environmental Coordinator, Federal Highway Administration, 666 North Street, Suite 105, Jackson, MS 39202-3199, Telephone: (601) 965-4217. Contacts at the State and local level, respectively are: Mr. Claiborne Barnwell, Environmental/Location Division Engineer, Mississippi Department of Transportation, PO Box 1850, Jackson, MS 39215-1850, telephone: (601) 359-7920; and Mr. Richard Lee, District 6 Engineer, Mississippi Department of Transportation, 6356 Highway 49 North, Hattiesburg, MS 39401, telephone (601) 544-6511.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for an approximate 25-mile alignment of State Route 601, which will be built to Interstate standards through the extreme southern portion of Mississippi, moving in a generally north-south alignment. This alignment will have logical termini on the southern end at Interstate 10 in Harrison County near the existing Canal Road interchange and on the northern end in the City of Wiggins in Stone County.

The purpose of the project is to take traffic off of the heavily traveled U.S. Highway 49 and also to link with the proposed Canal Road Connector from U.S. Highway 90 in Gulfport to Interstate 10. This new alignment will be especially beneficial for large trucks utilizing the State port in Gulfport and traveling north as they avoid the congested U.S. Highway 49. The highway is a proposed full control of access facility and appropriate interchanges will be studied at various locations. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action and (2) build alternatives.

The FHWA and MDOT are seeking input as a part of the scoping process to assist in determining and clarifying issues relative to this project. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, Native American tribes, private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A formal scoping meeting with federal, state, and local agencies, and other interested parties will be held in the near future as well as several public involvement meetings held throughout the EIS process. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the official public hearing.

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 action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

**[Docket No. PHMSA-2005-20104 (Notice No. 05-06)]**

#### Safety Advisory: Manufacture, Marking, and Sale of Substandard Compressed Gas Cylinders

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Safety advisory notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is to notify the public that PHMSA and the Office of the

Inspector General (OIG) are investigating the manufacture, marking, and sale of high pressure DOT exemption cylinders made and/or distributed by Global Composites International, Inc. (GCI), Ontario, CA. PHMSA and the OIG have evidence that suggests GCI manufactured, marked, certified, and sold an undetermined number of high-pressure DOT exemption carbon fiber filament cylinders when the cylinders had not been manufactured in accordance with the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR), DOT-E 12695, and the design qualification standards incorporated into the exemption. The evidence suggests that some of these cylinders were not wrapped with a sufficient number of carbon fiber layers to insure their structural integrity. In addition, the evidence suggests that many of these cylinders did not undergo the complete series of safety tests and inspections required by the HMR and may not possess the structural integrity to safely contain its contents under pressure during normal transportation and use. Extensive property damage, serious personal injury, or death could result from rupture of a cylinder.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Raymond L. LaMagdelaine, Chief Special Investigations, Office of Hazardous Materials Enforcement, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street SW., Room 7104, Washington DC, 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-4700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Through its investigation, PHMSA and the OIG believe that GCI manufactured, marked, certified and sold an undetermined number of high-pressure carbon fiber wrapped cylinders owned by commercial entities and the private consumer. Among others, we believe many of these may be in use by paint ball enthusiasts. DOT recommends that any person possessing a cylinder manufactured by Global Composites International, Inc. (GCI) and marked with exemption number DOT-E 12695 take the cylinder to a qualified refilling station and have the pressure relieved from the cylinder. The cylinder is no longer authorized for use. Refilling stations and cylinder requalification facilities are advised that DOT-E 12695 has been suspended and these cylinders may not be refilled or requalified for service.

This safety advisory covers all high-pressure DOT exemption cylinders manufactured by Global Composites International, Inc. and marked with DOT exemption number DOT-E 12695