

that was undertaken in 2004 by the AASHTO Lead States Group and will provide a benchmark for future surveys to which later responses may be assessed. The information will serve as a baseline measurement on the national activities related to Mechanistic Pavement Design Procedures. The information will be used by FHWA to develop a national program to aid State DOTs in the implementation efforts and to guide research efforts. The information has been requested by the AASHTO Lead States Group in order to be better able to address areas of need. The information will be used in order to disseminate information and to avoid the duplication of implementation efforts. The information will also be helpful to the AASHTO through the process of assessing the procedure as an official national pavement design procedure. Information concerning national activities in MEPDG will be very useful in aiding this governing body in the balloting process. The information will aid in guiding the direction of research and implementation efforts by both the FHWA and State DOTs. The results of the survey will be disseminated by the FHWA and the Lead States Group to interested parties throughout the Nation. Stakeholders in the MEPDG will be able to assess the adequacy of the implementation efforts over time. This information will be collected under a contract through the Office of Pavement Technology. The survey will be administered through electronic media in order to reduce the burden of the responders.

Information Proposed for Collection

The information collected will assess the current state of pavement design and capture current activities associated with the implementation of mechanistic design procedures throughout the Nation. This information can be categorized into four major areas.

1. *Implementation Plan for Mechanistic Empirical Pavement Design.* This information includes current status of pavement design and implementation strategies included in the State DOT activities. This includes information about the major areas of materials characterization and traffic collection.

2. *Calibration Plan for Mechanistic Empirical Pavement Design.* This information details the SHA activities associated with calibration of the mechanistic pavement design procedure. Calibration activities at the State and regional level are of particular

interest for guiding research activities and avoiding duplication of efforts.

3. *Mechanistic Empirical Pavement Design: Methodology and Partnering.* This information includes the intended use of the mechanistic pavement design procedure for other applications and the possible use by other transportation agencies in a State. The mechanistic pavement design procedure has the potential to be used in coordination with innovative contracting techniques and other pavement analysis and materials acceptance programs.

4. *Mechanistic Empirical Pavement Design: Training and Communication.* This is information outlining the training activities anticipated or already conducted in relation to the mechanistic pavement design procedure. The information also includes anticipated costs associated with implementation activities.

Burden Hours for Information Collection

Frequency: Bi-Annual.

Respondents: The Pavement Design Engineer in each State DOT, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia; for a total of 52.

Estimated Average Burden per response: Assuming 1 respondent per State plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia and 1 hr to respond to the survey, the total will be approximately 52 burden hours. FHWA is seeking a 3-year approval and plan on conducting the survey in the first and third year of the approval time period. The estimated annual burden is 35 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Notice of Application for Special Permits

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of Applications for Special Permits.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits 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 special permit 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 October 23, 2006.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety 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 if desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit 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 special permit 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)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 15, 2006.

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NEW SPECIAL PERMITS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of special permits thereof
14393-N	PHMSA-25797	Hamilton Sundstrand Windsor Locks, CT.	49 CFR 173.306(e)(iii), (iv), (v) and (vi); 173.307(a)(4)(iv).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of new supplemental cooling unit refrigeration machines with alternative safety devices as a component part of an aircraft. (modes 1,2,3,4)
14394-N	PHMSA-25799	Boeing Company, Kennedy Space Center, FL.	49 CFR 173.302a	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Nitrogen Tank Assemblies by motor vehicle between the Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station not subject to the packaging requirements of the Hazardous Materials Regulations. (mode 1)
14395-N	PHMSA-25782	Britz Fertilizers, Inc., Fresno, CA.	49 CFR 172, 173, 177 ...	To authorize the transportation in commerce of a liquid soil fumigant classed as Division 6.1, PG II, in a non-DOT specification bulk packaging mounted on a farm tractor or wagon, not subject to certain requirements of Parts 172 and 177 of the Hazardous Materials Regulations. (mode 1)
14396-N	PHMSA-25783	Matheson Tri-Gas, Parsippany, NJ.	49 CFR 173.192(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Arsine, Division 2.3, in certain DOT specification and non-DOT specification cylinders not normally authorized for cargo vessel transportation, for export only. (modes 1, 3)
14398-N		Lyondell Chemical Company, Houston, TX.	49 CFR 172.203(a); 179.13; 173.31(c)(1).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Titanium tetrachloride in DOT105J600W tank cars with a maximum gross weight on rail that exceed the maximum limit of 263,000 pounds. (mode 2)
14399-N	PHMSA-25821	Gas Cylinder Technologies Inc., Tecumseh, Ontario.	49 CFR 173.302a	To authorize the manufacture, marking, sale and use of non-DOT specification cylinders similar to DOT 39 for the transportation of non-flammable, non-liquefied gases. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
14400-N	PHMSA-25820	Ultra Electronics, Alexandria, VA.	49 CFR 172.301, 172.400, 173.306, 175.26.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Air, compressed in a non-DOT specification high pressure compressor system. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
14402-N		Lincoln Composites, Lincoln, NE.	49 CFR 173.302a	To authorize the manufacture, marking, sale and use of a non-DOT specification fully wrapped fiber reinforced composite gas cylinders with a non-load sharing plastic liner that meets the ISO 11119-3 standard except for the design water capacity and service pressure. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Special Permit

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of Applications for Modification of Special Permit.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits 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 section 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 special permits (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" denote a modification request. These applications have been separated from the new applications have been separated from the new application for special permits to facilitate processing.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 6, 2006.

Address Comments To: Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety 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 special permit 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 special permit 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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