

trucks. The actions by the Federal agencies and the laws under which such actions were taken are described in the categorical exclusion issued on October 8, 2008, and in other documents in the FHWA project records. The categorical exclusion and other project records are available by contacting the FHWA at the address provided above. This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General*: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321–4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128].

2. *Air*: Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671(q)].

3. *Land*: Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303].

4. *Wildlife*: Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531–1544 and Section 1536].

5. *Historic and Cultural Resources*: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*].

6. *Wetlands and Water Resources*: Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) [16 U.S.C. 4601–4604].

7. *Executive Orders*: E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments.

(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. 139(l)(1).

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Michelle Erant,

Environmental Program Manager, Salem, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2006–26367]

Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee Meetings.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC) will hold committee meetings on December 1, 2008, and December 10, 2008. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held on December 1, 2008, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, and December 10, 2008, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting on December 1, 2008, will be held by conference call. The meeting on December 10, 2008, will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Media Center, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeffrey Miller, Chief, Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation Division, Office of Policy Plans and Regulation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366–1258, mcsac@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 4144 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU, Pub. L. 109–59) required the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation to establish in FMCSA, a Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee. The advisory committee provides advice and recommendations to the FMCSA Administrator on motor carrier safety programs and motor carrier safety regulations. The advisory committee operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App 2).

II. Meeting Participation

December 1, 2008, Conference Call: The meeting is open to the public and FMCSA invites participation by all interested parties, including motor carriers, drivers, and representatives of motor carrier associations. For information on the agenda, bridge line and Web link for the conference call, please send an e-mail to mcsac@dot.gov. For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance, please e-mail your request to mcsac@dot.gov by November 28, 2008. During the December 1, 2008, conference call, oral comments will not be taken from the public due to time limitations. Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments by November 28, 2008, identified by Federal Docket

Management System (FDMC) Docket Number FMCSA–2006–26367.

December 10, 2008, Meeting: Please note that participants will need to be pre-cleared in advance of the meeting in order to enter the U.S. Department of Transportation headquarters building. By December 5, 2008, e-mail mcsac@dot.gov if you plan to attend the meeting to facilitate the pre-clearance process. For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance, please e-mail your request to mcsac@dot.gov by December 5, 2008. For information on the agenda, please send an e-mail to mcsac@dot.gov. As a general matter, the committee will make time available for public comments at the meeting at 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The time available will be reasonably divided among those who have signed up to address the committee; however, no one will have more than 15 minutes. Individuals wishing to address the committee should send an e-mail to mcsac@dot.gov by close of business on December 5, 2008. Individuals wanting to present written materials to the committee should submit written comments identified by Federal Docket Management System (FDMC) Docket Number FMCSA–2006–26367 using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Fax: 202–493–2251.
- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- Hand Delivery: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2000–7257; Notice No. 49]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Announcement of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) Meeting.

SUMMARY: FRA announces the thirty-seventh meeting of the RSAC, a Federal advisory committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. The RSAC meeting topics will include opening remarks from the FRA Administrator, and status reports will be provided by the Passenger Safety, Locomotive Safety Standards, Railroad Bridge Safety, Medical Standards, Railroad Operating Rules, and Track Safety Standards Working Groups. FRA may offer several tasks pertaining to the mandates contained in the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008. Subjects to be addressed by these tasks include hours of service recordkeeping and reporting, implementing regulations for Positive Train Control systems, hours of service limitations and fatigue management for employees of intercity and commuter passenger railroads, certification of conductors, and potentially other topics. This agenda is subject to change.

DATES: The meeting of the RSAC is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. and will adjourn by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The RSAC meeting will be held at the Marriott Hotel at Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign and oral interpretation can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Woolverton, RSAC Administrative Officer/Coordinator, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6212; or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate

Administrator for Safety, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of the RSAC. The RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to FRA on railroad safety matters. The RSAC is composed of 54 voting representatives from 31 member organizations, representing various rail industry perspectives. In addition, there are non-voting advisory representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the Federal Transit Administration. The diversity of the Committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. See the RSAC Web site for details on pending tasks at: <http://rsac.fra.dot.gov/>. Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740), for additional information about the RSAC.

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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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 December 22, 2008.

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, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, 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)).

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Delmer F. Billings,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Special Permits and Approvals.

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 (PHMSA), DOT.

NEW SPECIAL PERMITS

| Application No. | Docket No. | Applicant | Regulation(s) affected | Nature of special permits thereof |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 14782-N | | Southern States, LLC, Atlanta, GA. | 49 CFR 173.304a | To authorize the transportation in commerce of large pieces of electrical equipment containing a chamber which holds sulfur hexafluoride in alternative packaging. (modes 1, 2, 3). |
| 14784-N | | Weldship Corporation, Bethlehem, PA. | 49 CFR 180.209(a) and (b) | To authorize the requalification of certain DOT-Specification Cylinders containing Division 2.1 and 2.2 gases every ten years. (modes 1, 2, 3). |