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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 from 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.

Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2010–0105]

The Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad (MIDH) has petitioned FRA for a waiver of compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR 215.203(a)(1) “Restricted Cars” (more than 50 years old) for 2 cars, RPCX 1987 and CNJ91537. Both of these cars are cabooses built in 1956, and 1942 respectively. MIDH is also requesting a waiver of compliance with 49 CFR 223.13, “Glazing requirements for existing cabooses” because of the high costs of FRA Type I and Type II Glazing, as opposed to the very low incidences of vandalism. MIDH operates its own rail line between Middletown and Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, a distance of approximately 7 miles. The maximum passenger train speed is 15 mph, and these cabooses will be used on this trackage.

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.

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• Web site: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
• Fax: 202–493–2251.
• Mail: Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
• Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Communications received within 45 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://www.regulations.gov.

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Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2010–0113] The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) seeks a waiver of compliance with the Locomotive Safety Standards, 49 CFR 229.129(b)(2), which requires that the sound level of horns of locomotives manufactured before September 18, 2006, be tested before June 24, 2010. SEPTA operates approximately 332 pieces of equipment (locomotives) with train horns that were manufactured before the September 18, 2006, date. SEPTA states in their request that lack of a site meeting the requirements of the horn test regulation has caused SEPTA to be unable to perform any of the required horn tests. SEPTA has recently realized that removal of trees at their Frazier Facility will allow the horn testing to be performed there. SEPTA requests that the requirement to complete testing of horns on locomotives built prior to September 18, 2006, be extended 6 months, to December 24, 2010.

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.

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• Web site: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
SUMMARY: FMCSA previously announced its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 18 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions will provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Director, Medical Programs, (202) 366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption for a 2-year period if it finds “such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption." The statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 2-year period. The comment period ended on June 16, 2010 (75 FR 27622).

Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

Conclusion

The Agency has not received any adverse evidence on any of these drivers that indicates that safety is being compromised. Based upon its evaluation of the 18 renewal applications, FMCSA renews the Federal vision exemptions for Paul D. Crouch, John M. Doney, Curtis N. Fullbright, Joshua G. Hansen, Daniel W. Henderson, Edward W. Hosier, Craig T. Jorgensen, Joseph A. Lopez, Earl E. Martin, Bobby L. Mashburn, Brian E. Monaghan, William P. Murphy, Roy J. Oltman, Albert L. Remsburg, III, Antonio A. Ribeiro, Justin T. Richman, Darwin J. Thomas and Frankie A. Wilborn.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each renewal exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315.