

sheet of Iran; (2) which sectors of the economy of Iran are controlled directly or indirectly by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC); and (3) which of the materials described in subsection (d) are used in connection with the nuclear, military, or ballistic missile programs of Iran. Materials described in subsection (d) of Section 1245 are graphite, raw or semi-finished metals such as aluminum and steel, coal, and software for integrating industrial processes. We anticipate that regulations implementing Section 1245 will include 31 materials under this definition.

Following a review of the available information, and in consultation with the Department of the Treasury and the Intelligence Community, the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs has determined, pursuant to further delegated authority, that Iran is not using the materials described in the FY13 NDAA Section 1245(d) as a medium for barter, swap, or any other exchange or transaction, or listing any such materials as assets of the Government of Iran for purposes of the national balance sheet of Iran, as specified in Section 1245(e)(1)(B).

Following a review of the available information, and in consultation with the Department of the Treasury and the Intelligence Community, the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs has determined, pursuant to further delegated authority, that the IRGC exercises indirect control over Iran's energy sector.

Following a review of the available information, and in consultation with the Department of the Treasury and the Intelligence Community, the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs has determined, pursuant to further delegated authority, that of the 31 materials expected to be included within the scope of subsection (d), certain types of the following materials are used in connection with the nuclear, military, or ballistic missile programs of Iran: aluminum; beryllium; boron; cobalt; copper; copper infiltrated tungsten; copper-beryllium; graphite; hastelloy; inconel; magnesium; molybdenum; nickel; niobium; silver infiltrated tungsten; steels (including, but not limited to, maraging steels and stainless steels); titanium; titanium diboride; tungsten; tungsten carbide; and zirconium.

Dated: July 1, 2013.

Thomas M. Countryman,

Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0123]

Qualification of Drivers; Application for Exemptions; Hearing

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

ACTION: Notice of applications for exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that 27 individuals have applied for a medical exemption from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). In accordance with the statutory requirements concerning applications for exemptions, FMCSA requests public comments on these requests. The statute and implementing regulations concerning exemptions require that exemptions must provide an equivalent or greater level of safety than if they were not granted. If the Agency determines the exemptions would satisfy the statutory requirements and decides to grant these requests after reviewing the public comments submitted in response to this notice, the exemptions would enable 27 individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0123 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket numbers for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below for further information.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or

comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

Privacy Act: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's Privacy Act Statement for the FDMS published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elaine M. Papp, Chief 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

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has authority to grant exemptions from many of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), as amended by Section 4007 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (Pub. L. 105-178, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 107, 401). FMCSA has published in 49 CFR part 381, subpart C final rules implementing the statutory changes in its exemption procedures made by section 4007, 69 FR 51589 (August 20, 2004).¹ Under the rules in part 381, subpart C, FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register**. The Agency must provide the public with an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted and any research reports, technical papers and other publications

¹ This action adopted as final rules the interim final rules issued by FMCSA's predecessor in 1998 (63 FR 67600 (Dec. 8, 2008)), and adopted by FMCSA in 2001 [66 FR 49867 (Oct. 1, 2001)].

referenced in the application. The Agency must also provide an opportunity to submit public comment on the applications for exemption.

The Agency reviews the safety analyses and the public comments and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved without the exemption. The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register**. If the Agency denies the request, it must state the reason for doing so. If the decision is to grant the exemption, the notice must specify the person or class of persons receiving the exemption and the regulatory provision or provisions from which an exemption is granted. The notice must also specify the effective period of the exemption (up to 2 years) and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed.

The current provisions of the FMCSRs concerning hearing state that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person

First perceives a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not less than 5 feet with or without the use of a hearing aid or, if tested by use of an audiometric device, does not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz, and 2,000 Hz with or without a hearing aid when the audiometric device is calibrated to American National Standard (formerly ASA Standard) Z24.5–1951.

49 CFR 391.41(b)(11). This standard was adopted in 1970, with a revision in 1971 to allow drivers to be qualified under this standard while wearing a hearing aid, 35 FR 6458, 6463 (April 22, 1970) and 36 FR 12857 (July 3, 1971).

FMCSA also issues instructions for completing the medical examination report and includes advisory criteria on the report itself to provide guidance for medical examiners in applying the hearing standard. See 49 CFR 391.43(f). The current advisory criteria for the hearing standard include a reference to a report entitled "Hearing Disorders and Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers" prepared for the Federal Highway Administration, FMCSA's predecessor, in 1993.²

FMCSA Requests Comments on the Exemption Applications

FMCSA requests comments from all interested parties on whether a driver who cannot meet the hearing standard should be permitted to operate a CMV

² This report is available on the FMCSA Web site at http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/facts-research/research-technology/publications/medreport_archives.htm.

in interstate commerce. Further, the Agency asks for comments on whether a driver who cannot meet the hearing standard should be limited to operating only certain types of vehicles in interstate commerce, for example, vehicles without air brakes. The statute and implementing regulations concerning exemptions require that the Agency request public comments on all applications for exemptions. The Agency is also required to make a determination that an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be *achieved absent such exemption before granting any such requests*. 49 U.S.C.

Submitting Comments

You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number "FMCSA–2013–0123" and click the search button. When the new screen appears, click on the blue "Comment Now!" button on the right hand side of the page. On the new page, enter information required including the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may change this proposed rule based on your comments. FMCSA may issue a final rule at any time after the close of the comment period.

Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble, To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number "FMCSA–2013–0123" and click "Search." Next, click "Open Docket Folder" and you will find all documents and comments related to the proposed rulemaking.

Information on Individual Applicants

James Allen

Mr. Allen holds a driver's license from Vermont.

Johsua Arango

Mr. Arango holds a driver's license from Florida.

Michael Beebe

Mr. Beebe holds a driver's license from New Jersey.

Mark Canoyer

Mr. Canoyer holds a driver's license from Minnesota.

Barry Crisman

Mr. Crisman holds a driver's license from California.

Robert Douglas

Mr. Douglas holds a driver's license from California.

William Faulk

Mr. Faulk holds a driver's license from Alabama.

Sue H. Gregory

Ms. Gregory holds a driver's license from Utah.

Gregory Hill

Mr. Hill holds a driver's license from Mississippi.

Ronald Jardine

Mr. Jardine holds a driver's license from New Jersey.

Michael Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins holds a driver's license from Virginia.

Roman Landa

Mr. Landa holds a driver's license from California.

Roy Lloyd, Sr.

Mr. Lloyd holds a driver's license from Virginia.

Aminder Malhi

Mr. Malhi holds a driver's license from California.

Mark Martin

Mr. Martin holds a driver's license from Michigan.

Joshua Moothart

Mr. Moothart holds a driver's license from Oregon.

Albert Nicholson

Mr. Nicholson holds a driver's license from New Mexico.

Darren Nordquist

Mr. Nordquist holds a driver's license from Wisconsin.

Ray Norris

Mr. Norris holds a driver's license from Texas.

Gregorio Perez

Mr. Perez holds a driver's license from Virginia.

Johnny Pierson

Mr. Pierson holds a driver's license from Alabama.

Ryan Pope

Mr. Pope holds a driver's license from California.

Thomas Potterfield

Mr. Potterfield holds a driver's license from South Carolina.

Ralph Reno

Mr. Reno holds a driver's license from Pennsylvania.

Ronald Rutter

Mr. Rutter holds a driver's license from Arizona.

James Weir

Mr. Weir holds a driver's license from Washington.

Billy White

Mr. White holds a driver's license from Texas.

Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b)(4), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. The Agency will consider all comments received before the close of business August 15, 2013. Comments will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The Agency will file comments received after the comment closing date in the public docket, and will consider them to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should monitor the public docket for new material.

Issued on: June 12, 2013.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration****Deepwater Port License: Amendment of the Neptune LNG LLC Deepwater Port License and Temporary Suspension of Operations at the Neptune LNG Deepwater Port**

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Agency Action.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 1503(b)(2) of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, as amended (Act), the Secretary of Transportation may, on petition of the licensee, amend a Deepwater port license issued under the Act. For purposes of this notice, the Maritime Administration (MarAd) provides public notice of its decision to approve the request of Neptune LNG LLC (Neptune) for a temporary five-year suspension of port operations at the Neptune Deepwater Port by amending the Neptune Deepwater Port License.

ADDRESSES: The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this project. The docket may be viewed electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number USCG-2005-22611, or in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about the Neptune Deepwater Port License Amendment and suspension of port operations, please contact Ms. Tracey Ford, Acting Office Director, Office of Deepwater Ports and Offshore Activities at (202) 366-0321 or Tracey.Ford@dot.gov. If you have questions on viewing the Docket, contact Ms. Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations at (202) 493-3024 or Barbara.Hairston@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 24, 2012, MarAd received a written request from Neptune for authorization to temporarily suspend operations at the Neptune Deepwater Port, located approximately 22 miles northeast of Boston, Massachusetts and 7 miles south-southeast of Gloucester, Massachusetts. In the request, Neptune indicated that recent conditions within the Northeast region's natural gas market had significantly impacted the Neptune Port's operational status and its ability to receive a consistent supply of natural gas imports. As a result, the Neptune Port has remained inactive over the past several years and will

likely remain inactive for the foreseeable future. For these reasons, Neptune requested MarAd's authorization to suspend port operations for a period of five years.

After conducting a thorough evaluation and consultation with various Federal agencies, MarAd accepted Neptune's request and authorized amendment of the Neptune Deepwater Port License including a five-year temporary suspension of port operations. The amendment is applicable to Articles 2 and 6 of the License. All other terms, conditions and obligations of the License will remain current and in effect during and after the suspension period. The suspension period became effect on the date of the final executed License amendment, June 26, 2013, and will extend for a period of five years, to be measured in calendar days.

In order to resume operations prior to expiration of the five-year suspension period, Neptune must petition MarAd for approval to resume port operations. The petition must be submitted at least six months prior to the proposed re-start date, and certify that Neptune is in receipt of all applicable Federal and State permits, approvals and authorizations. Should Neptune request an extension of the suspension period, such request must be submitted to MarAd no less than one hundred eighty (180) calendar days prior to the expiration date of the suspension period. Thereafter, MarAd will evaluate, in consultation with the relevant Federal agencies, the appropriateness of such an extension. The final determination on an extension will be rendered by the Maritime Administrator or a designee acting on behalf of the Maritime Administrator.

Additional information pertaining to this public notice may be found in the public docket regarding the Neptune Deepwater Port License online at www.regulations.gov, under docket number USCG-2005-22611 (*see ADDRESSES*).

Authority: 49 CFR 1.93.

By Order of the Deputy Maritime Administrator.

Dated: July 11, 2013.

Julie P. Agarwal,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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