

the application and the public comments whether operations under the requested exemption would provide a requisite level of safety. A copy of the denial letter is available for review in the docket (FMCSA–2018–0003).

*Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA)*

ARA applied for exemption from the ELD requirement on behalf of its members who are retailers and distributors of farm-related products and services. ARA members rely on CMVs to deliver their products and services to farms. ARA asserted that its members were not prepared to meet the December 18, 2017 deadline for complying with the ELD rule and sought to obtain postponement of the deadline.

FMCSA reviewed the application and the 117 comments submitted. On July 26, 2018, FMCSA denied the application. FMCSA was unable to determine from the application and the public comments whether operations under the requested exemption would provide a requisite level of safety. A copy of the denial letter is available for review in the docket (FMCSA–2017–0336).

**Conclusion**

FMCSA has reviewed these applications carefully and the comments received and has concluded that each application lacks sufficient merit to justify the exemptions sought. Accordingly, FMCSA denies each application.

Issued on: November 30, 2018.

**Raymond A. Martinez,**  
*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

**U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces that the following U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Academy) Board of Visitors (BOV) meeting will take place:

1. *Date:* December 14, 2018.
2. *Time:* 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
3. *Location:* U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY, Crabtree Room, Schuyler Otis Bland Memorial Library.

4. *Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of this meeting is to:

(a) Introduce the new Academy Superintendent and Academic Dean/Provost.

(b) Provide a briefing on the Critical Infrastructure Plan, the infrastructure spending plan and ongoing capital improvements.

(c) Provide an update on the general state of the Academy, Class of 2022 performance, and status of incoming class of 2023.

(d) Provide an update on the Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment program progress.

(e) Provide an update on the status of implementing the 5-year Strategic Plan.

(f) Establish the meeting schedule for CY 2019.

5. *Public Access to the Meeting:* This meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting will need to show photo identification to gain access to the meeting location.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The BOV's Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact Brian Blower, 202–366–2765 or *Brian.Blower@dot.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the Academy BOV. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer at: Brian Blower; 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE W28–314, Washington, DC 20590 or via email at *Brian.Blower@Dot.gov*. (Please contact the Designated Federal Officer for information on submitting comments via fax.) Written statements must be received no later than three working days prior to the meeting in order to provide time for member consideration. Only written statements will be considered by the BOV, no member of the public will be allowed to present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under consideration by the BOV unless requested to do so by a member of the Board.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. 51312; 5 U.S.C. app. 552b; 41 CFR parts 102–3.140 through 102–3.165).

Dated: December 3, 2018.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

[Docket No. PHMSA–2018–0100; Notice No. 2018–22]

**Hazardous Materials: Emergency Waiver No. 11**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of emergency waiver order.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is issuing an emergency waiver order to persons conducting operations under the direction of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 or United States Coast Guard (USCG) Seventeenth District within the emergency area affected by the November 30, 2018 Alaska earthquake. The Waiver is granted to support the EPA and USCG in taking appropriate actions to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a threat to public health, welfare, or the environment caused by actual or potential oil and hazardous materials incidents resulting from the Alaska earthquake. This Waiver Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 30 days from the date of issuance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Adam Horsley, Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, telephone: (202) 366–4400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5103(c), the Administrator for PHMSA hereby declares that an emergency exists that warrants issuance of a Waiver of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR, 49 CFR parts 171–180) to persons conducting operations under the direction of EPA Region 10 or USCG Seventeenth District within the emergency area affected by the November 30, 2018 Alaska earthquake. The Waiver is granted to support the EPA and USCG in taking appropriate actions to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a threat to public health, welfare, or the environment caused by actual or potential oil and hazardous materials incidents resulting from the Alaska earthquake.

On November 30, 2018, the President issued an Emergency Declaration for the Alaska earthquake (EM–3410) for Anchorage Municipality, Kenai Peninsula Borough, and Matanuska-Susitna Borough. This Waiver Order

covers all areas identified in the declaration, as amended. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5103(c), PHMSA has authority delegated by the Secretary (49 CFR 1.97(b)(3)) to waive compliance with any part of the HMR provided that the grant of the waiver is: (1) In the public interest; (2) not inconsistent with the safety of transporting hazardous materials; and (3) necessary to facilitate the safe movement of hazardous materials into, from, and within an area of a major disaster or emergency that has been declared under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*).

Given the continuing impacts caused by the Alaska earthquake, PHMSA's Administrator has determined that regulatory relief is in the public interest

and necessary to ensure the safe transportation in commerce of hazardous materials while the EPA and USCG execute their recovery and cleanup efforts in Alaska. Specifically, PHMSA's Administrator finds that issuing this Waiver Order will allow the EPA and USCG to conduct their Emergency Support Function #10 response activities under the National Response Framework to safely remove, transport, and dispose of hazardous materials. By execution of this Waiver Order, persons conducting operations under the direction of EPA Region 10 or USCG Seventeenth District within the Alaska earthquake emergency area are authorized to offer and transport non-radioactive hazardous materials under alternative safety requirements imposed

by EPA Region 10 or USCG Seventeenth District when compliance with the HMR is not practicable. Under this Waiver Order, non-radioactive hazardous materials may be transported to staging areas within 50 miles of the point of origin. Further transportation of the hazardous materials from staging areas must be in full compliance with the HMR.

This Waiver Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 30 days from the date of issuance.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 3, 2018.

**Howard R. Elliott,**

*Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.*

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