DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance and Extension of Comment Period


As noted in FRA’s April 22, 2021, notice, UP requested relief from 49 CFR 215.13, Pre-departure inspection, which requires an inspection when combining two separate consists including one or more cars and one or more locomotives that have been properly inspected and tested in compliance with all applicable regulations (i.e., both consists have had a Class I brake test (§ 232.205), Class IA brake test (§ 232.207), or have been designated as extended haul trains and are compliant with all requirements of § 232.213). UP states that the requested relief will allow combining two existing and operating trains without additional inspections, besides a Class III brake test. It further states that the relief will allow subsequent separation of two trains without additional inspections, besides a Class III brake test, provided that a record of the original consist remains intact. Although not explicitly referred to in FRA’s April 22, 2021, notice, FRA notes that to accomplish the referenced in FRA’s April 22, 2021, notice, FRA extend the comment period in this waiver proceeding for an additional 30 days.

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 party desires an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Website: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.


Communications received by July 7, 2021, will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at https://www.transportation.gov/privacy. See also https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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John Karl Alexy,
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.

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Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance


Specifically, NS requests continued relief from 49 CFR 236.377, Approach locking; 236.378, Time locking; 236.379, Route locking; 236.380, Indication locking; and 236.381, Traffic locking. The relief would continue the extension of periodic testing schedules from at least once every two years to at least...
once every four years at interlockings, control points, and other signal locations controlled by solid-state microprocessor-based equipment.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Office of the Secretary
Elizabeth Betsy Pope d/b/a Eastgate Laboratory Testing and Mounir R. Khouri; Removal From the Public Interest Exclusion List

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a decision and order under the Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs excluding a service agent, Elizabeth “Betsy” Pope d/b/a Eastgate Laboratory Testing in Tennessee and all other places doing business, and all other individuals who are employees or all other individuals associated with Ms. Pope and Eastgate Laboratory Testing, from providing drug and alcohol testing services in any capacity to any DOT-regulated employer for a period of 5 years. Ms. Pope and her company provided Medical Review Officer services to DOT-regulated employers directly and through other service agents when Ms. Pope was not qualified to act as a Medical Review Officer. The 5-year period has ended and Ms. Pope, et al., have been removed from the list of excluded service agents.

DATES: This Notice is effective as of January 21, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a decision and order under the Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs excluding a service agent, Mounir R. Khouri d/b/a Mobile Testing Services, Inc., in Vermont and all other places it is incorporated, franchised, or otherwise doing business, and all other individuals who are officers, directors, shareholders, partners, or other individuals associated with Mr. Khouri and Mobile Testing Services, Inc., from providing drug and alcohol testing services in any capacity to any DOT-regulated employer for a period of 5 years. Mr. Khouri and his company provided Medical Review Officer services to DOT-regulated employers directly and through other service agents when Mr. Khouri was not qualified to act as a Medical Review Officer. The 5-year period has ended and Mr. Khouri, et al., have been removed from the list of excluded service agents.

The Department published notice of the Public Interest Exclusion for Elizabeth Betsy Pope, et al., on August 24, 2015 (80 FR 51349) and for Mounir R. Khouri, et al., on January 27, 2016 (81 FR 4739). The exclusions were for 5-year periods, respectively, which have now run their term. We have removed Ms. Pope and Mr. Khouri from the DOT’s list of Public Interest Exclusions on our website at: http://www.transportation.gov/odapc/pie. We are also notifying the public of the removal by publishing this Federal Register notice as required by 49 CFR 40.401(d).

Issued on May 20, 2021, in Washington, DC.

Bohdan Baczara,
Deputy Director, Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy Compliance.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Foreign Assets Control
Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC’s Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC’s determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

DATES: See Supplementary Information section for effective date(s).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Electronic Availability

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and additional