

## EMERGENCY EXEMPTIONS—Continued

Application No.	Exemption No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
EE 12971-N ....	DOT-E 12971	Allied Universal Corporation, Miami, FL.	49 CFR 172.302(c), 179.300–12(b), 179.300–13(a), 179.300–14.	Emergency request to transport a DOT Specification 106A500X containing sulfur dioxide that developed a leak in one of the valves and has a Chlorine Institute Emergency B Kit applied. (mode 1).

## DENIALS

4453-M .....	Request by Dyno Nobel, Inc. Salt Lake City, UT to modify the exemption to allow for the transportation of an additional Division 1.5D explosive in a non-DOT specification bulk, hopper-type tank denied January 31, 2002.
8554-M .....	Request by Dyno Nobel, Inc. Salt Lake City, UT to modify the exemption to allow for the transportation of an additional Division 1.5D explosive in DOT Specification MC-306, MC-307 and MC-312 cargo tanks denied January 31, 2002.
8723-M .....	Request by Dyno Nobel, Inc. Salt Lake City, UT to modify the exemption to allow for the transportation, in bulk, of an additional Division 1.5D explosive in certain authorized motor vehicles and portable tanks denied January 31, 2002.
9401-M .....	Request by Societe Nationale de Wagon-Reservoirs 79009 Paris, FR to modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of additional Division 2.2 materials in non-Dot specification IMO Type 5 portable tanks denied March 25, 2002.
10705-M .....	Request by Baker Petrolite Victoria, TX to modify the exemption to authorize the use of contract carriers for the transportation of a Division 6.1 material, without the segregation requirements, by highway motor vehicle denied March 25, 2002.
10833-M .....	Request by Health Care Waste Services Bronx, NY to modify the exemption to authorize an additional non-DOT specification steel container for use as bulk outer packaging transporting Division 6.2 materials in dual packagings denied January 18, 2002.
11244-M .....	Request by Aerospace Design & Development, Inc. Longmont, CO to modify the exemption to allow for a design change of the non-DOT specification titanium alloy cylinder for the transportation of Division 2.2 materials denied January 28, 2002.
11993-M .....	Request by BREED Technologies, Inc. Lakeland, FL to modify the exemption to authorize a new design style of the non-DOT specification cylinders used as components of automobile vehicle safety systems for the transportation of Division 2.1 and 2.2 materials denied March 13, 2002.
12586-N .....	Request by Wilsonart International Inc. Temple, TX to authorize rail cars to remain attached while standing without the physical presence of an unloader denied January 28, 2002.
12755-N .....	Request by Air Canada Ottawa, ON to authorize the transportation in commerce of hazardous materials by aircraft that exceed the quantity limitations in the HMR denied January 10, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

## Fiscal Service

## Revision of the Treasury Current Value of Funds Rate

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of revised rate for use in Federal debt collection and for discount and rebate evaluation.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 11 of the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended, (31 U.S.C. 3717), the Secretary of the Treasury is responsible for computing and publishing the percentage rate to be used in assessing interest charges for outstanding debts on claims owed the Government. Treasury's Cash Management Regulations (I TFM 6–8000) prescribe use of this rate by agencies as a comparison point in evaluating the cost-

effectiveness of a cash discount. In addition, 5 CFR 1315.8 of the Prompt Payment rule on "Rebates" requires that this rate be used in determining when agencies should pay purchase card invoices when a rebate is offered by the card issuer. Notice is hereby given that the applicable rate is 3 percent for the period July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

**DATES:** The rate will be in effect for the period beginning on July 1, 2002, and ending on December 31, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inquiries should be directed to the Risk Management Division, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, 401 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20227 (Telephone: (202) 874–6650).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The rate reflects the current value of funds to the Treasury for use in connection with Federal Cash Management systems and is based on investment rates set for purposes of the Public Moneys Investments Act, Pub. L. 95–147, 91 Stat. 1227. The rate is computed each

year by averaging Treasury Tax and Loan (TT&L) account investment rates for the 12-month period ending every September 30, rounded to the nearest whole percentage, for applicability effective January 1. The rate is subject to quarterly revisions if the annual average, on a moving average basis, changes by 2 per centum. The rate in effect for the period July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002 reflects the average investment rate for the 12-month period that ended March 31, 2001.

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**Betsy H. Lane,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Federal Finance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## National Commission on VA Nursing; Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–

463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Commission on VA Nursing will hold its first meeting on May 8, 2002, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 930, Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will begin at 8:15 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

The Commission, established under the "Department of Veterans Affairs Programs Enhancement Act of 2001," is to consider legislative and organizational policy changes to enhance the recruitment and retention of nurses and other nursing personnel in VA; and to evaluate the future of the nursing profession in VA. The Commission is required, not later than two years from the date of its first meeting, to submit to Congress and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a report on the Commission's findings and recommendations.

The meeting will begin with a discussion of the Commission's goals and work plans, and will be led by the Commission's Chairperson, Marilyn M. Pattillo, Ph.D., R.M., C.S., N.P. The Commission will be briefed on VA's mission and on the role of VA nursing personnel in meeting that mission. Members will also be provided information on VA human resources policies related to nursing personnel, an assessment of VA's current and anticipated nurse staffing trends, and information concerning VA's current initiatives to enhance the recruitment and retention of nursing personnel.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, members of the public may direct questions or submit prepared statements for review by the Commission in advance of the meeting, in writing only, to Ms. Stephanie

Williams, Program Analyst, at Department of Veterans Affairs (10A2N), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Williams, at (202) 273-4944.

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By direction of the Secretary.

**Nora E. Egan,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that the annual meeting of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee (NAC) will be held at the Double Tree Hotel at Jantzen Beach, 909 Hayden Island Dr., Portland Oregon, on May 15-18, 2002.

The committee, comprised of fifty-nine national voluntary organizations, advises the Under Secretary of Health and other members of the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office staff on how to coordinate and promote volunteer activities within VA facilities. The primary purposes of this meeting are: to provide an opportunity for the committee's review of volunteer policies and procedures; to accommodate full and open communications between the organizations, representatives and the Voluntary Service Office and field staff; to provide educational opportunities geared towards improving volunteer programs with special emphasis on

methods to recruit, retain, motivate and recognize volunteers; and, to approve committee recommendations.

The meeting sessions are scheduled for 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on May 15, 2002; 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on May 16, 2002; 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on May 17, 2002; and 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on May 18, 2002, with a closing ceremony at 6 p.m. that day. The May 15 session will principally involve opening ceremonies, remarks by several officials and a keynote address by the VA Under Secretary for Health. The May 16 session will feature a presentation of the meeting's objectives, consideration of several committee and subcommittee reports, a presentation on the Veterans History Project and four educational workshops on communications, corporate volunteering, career focus, and recruitment. On May 17, educational workshops will continue and keynote speakers will address the business session and the James Parke Memorial Scholarship Luncheon. The May 18 session will focus on several awards recognizing exceptional volunteer service, will feature another keynote speaker, and will be followed by a closing ceremonies event in the evening.

The meeting is open to the public. Individuals interested in attending are encouraged to contact: Ms. Laura Balun, Administrative Officer, Voluntary Service Office (10C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8392.

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**Nora E. Egan,**

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