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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Regulations for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs.

OMB Control #: 2105-0508

Background: This program implements 42 U.S.C. 4602, concerning acquisition of real property and relocation assistance for displaced persons for Federal and federally-assisted programs. It prohibits the provision of relocation assistance and payments to persons not legally in the United States (with certain exceptions). The information collected consists of a certification of residency status from affected persons to establish eligibility for relocation assistance and payments. Displacing agencies will require each person who is to be displaced by a Federal or federally-assisted project, as a condition of eligibility for relocation payments or advisory assistance, to certify that he or she is lawfully present in the United States.

Respondents: Federal agencies, State highway agencies, local government highway agencies, and airport sponsors receiving financial assistance for expenditures of Federal funds on acquisition and relocation payments and required services to displaced persons.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,460 for file maintenance and 52 state highway agencies for statistical reports.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The average burden per response is 16.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,000 hours.

Electronic Access: Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>, 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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James R. Kabel,

Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Southtowns Connector/Buffalo Outer Harbor (STC/BOH) City of Buffalo, Erie County, NY

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on claims for judicial review of actions by FHWA and other federal agencies.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA and other Federal agencies that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, that includes a series of transportation access improvements centered around the New York Route 5 corridor along the Lake Erie waterfront in the City of Buffalo, City of Lackawanna, and Town of Hamburg in the State of New York, that is commonly referred to as the Southtowns Connector/Buffalo Outer Harbor (STC/BOH) project. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before September 2, 2008. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey W. Kolb, P.E., Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, 7th Floor, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, Telephone: (518) 431-4127 or Alan E. Taylor, P.E., Regional Director, NYSDOT Region 5; 100 Seneca Street, Buffalo NY 14203, Telephone: (716) 847-3238.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the FHWA, and other Federal agencies have taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of New York: Southtowns Connector/Buffalo Outer Harbor (STC/BOH) project in the City of Buffalo, City of Lackawanna, and Town of Hamburg, Erie County. The project will reconstruct/rehabilitate NY Route 5 and Fuhrmann Boulevard (while maintaining them as separate

transportation facilities), reconstruct Ohio Street into a landscaped arterial, construct a new arterial called Tiff Street Arterial connecting I-190 with an improved interchange in the Seneca/Elk/Bailey area and traversing south to Tiff Street, east of the existing CSX railroad corridor and through the former LTV/Republic Steel site. The project will also include the construction of various sidewalks, and multi-use paths, and other landscape and aesthetic enhancements within the project limits. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the project, approved on May 10, 2006 and in the FHWA Record of Decision (ROD) issued on January 31, 2007. The FEIS, ROD, and other project records are available by contacting the FHWA or the New York State Department of Transportation at the addresses provided above.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions related to the Southtowns Connector/Buffalo Outer Harbor (STC/BOH) project as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. National Environmental Policy Act [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351].
2. Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128].
3. Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)].
4. Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303].
5. Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and Section 1536].
6. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)].
7. Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703-712].
8. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*].
9. Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)-2000(d)(1)].
10. Farmland Protection Policy Act [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209].
11. Wetlands and Water Resources: Clean Water Act (Section 404, Section 401, Section 319) [33 U.S.C. 1251-1377].
12. Land and Water Conservation Fund [16 U.S.C. 4601-4604].
13. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 [33 U.S.C. 401-406].
14. Executive Order 11990 Protection of Wetlands.
15. Executive Order 11988 Floodplain Management.
16. Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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Jeffrey W. Kolb,

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Albany, New York.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Special Permits Applications

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

ACTION: List of applications delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), PHMSA is publishing the following list of special permit applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delmer F. Billings, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

Key to "Reason for Delay"

1. Awaiting additional information from applicant.
2. Extensive public comment under review.

3. Application is technically complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis.

4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of special permit applications.

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

N—New application.

M—Modification request.

PM—Party to application with modification request.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 27, 2008.

Delmer F. Billings,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Special Permits and Approvals.

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay of completion	Estimated date
Modification to Special Permits			
11579-M	Austin Powder Company, Cleveland, OR	3, 4	03-31-2008
10964-M	Kidde Aerospace & Defense, Wilson, NC	4	03-31-2008
13173-M	Dynetek Industries Ltd., Calgary Alberta, Canada	1	03-31-2008
New Special Permit Applications			
14385-N	Kansas City Southern Railway Company, Kansas City, MO	4	03-31-2008
14566-N	Nantong CIMCTank Equipment Co. Ltd., Nantong City	3	03-31-2008
14576-N	Structural Composites Industries(SCI), Pomona, CA	1	03-31-2008
14572-N	WEW Westerwaelder Eisenwerk, Weitefeld Germany	3	03-31-2008
14549-N	Greif, Inc., Delaware, OR	3,4	03-31-2008
14402-N	Lincoln Composites, Lincoln, NE	3,4	03-31-2008

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-RSPA-2004-19856]

Pipeline Safety: Issues Related to Mechanical Couplings Used in Natural Gas Distribution Systems

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of advisory bulletin.

SUMMARY: Recent events concerning failures of mechanical couplings and

related appurtenances have raised concerns about safety in natural gas distribution systems. This notice updates information provided in Advisory Bulletin ADB-86-02 and advises owners and operators of gas pipelines to consider the potential failure modes for mechanical couplings used for joining and pressure sealing two pipes together. Failures can occur when there is inadequate restraint for the potential stresses on the two pipes, when the couplings are incorrectly installed or supported, or when the coupling components such as elastomers degrade over time. In addition, inadequate leak surveys which fail to identify leaks requiring immediate repair can lead to more serious incidents. This notice urges operators to review their procedures for using mechanical couplings and ensure

coupling design, installation procedures, leak survey procedures, and personnel qualifications meet Federal requirements. Operators should work with Federal and State pipeline safety representatives, manufacturers, and industry partners to determine how best to resolve potential issues in their respective state or region. Documented repair or replacement programs may prove beneficial to all stakeholders involved.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Sanders at (405) 954-7214, or by e-mail at richard.sanders@dot.gov; or Max Kieba at (202) 493-0595, or by e-mail at max.kieba@dot.gov.

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