

Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular exemption is requested is indicated by a number in the "Name of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 25, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address Comments To: Record Center, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If Confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the exemption number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the application are available for inspection in the Records Center, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW.,

Washington, DC or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of exemption is published in accordance with part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 27, 2004.

R. Ryan Posten,

Exemption Program Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety Exemptions and Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTION

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
13856-N		Dow Chemical Company, Midland MI.	49 CFR 172.203(a); 173.26 and 179.13.	To authorize the manufacture and use of DOT class 111S tank cars exceeding the presently authorized weight limit for use in transporting Class 3 materials. (mode 2.)
13858-N		US Ecology Idaho, Inc. (USEI) Grand View, ID.	49 CFR 173.427(b)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of exclusive use shipments of bulk soil-like radioactive LSA-II waste material in covered dump trucks. (mode 1.)
13859-N		Degussa Corporation, Parsippany, NJ.	49 CFR 177.848	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain hazardous materials to be transported together in the same transport vehicle.
13860-N		United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC), Paducah, KY.	49 CFR 173.420(a)(3)(ii) and (iii).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-specification DOT cylinders for use in transporting uranium hexafluoride, class 7. (mode 1.)
13876-N		City of Kotzebue, Kotzebue, AK.	49 CFR 173.159	To authorize the transportation in commerce of wet batteries for disposal to be transported in non-DOT specification packaging. (modes 4, 5.)
13896-N		FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA.	49 CFR 180.211	To authorize the repair of DOT-3 series cylinders by external re-threading of the cylinder neck. (modes 1, 6.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemption

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for modification of exemption.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. This

notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier **Federal Register** publications, they are not repeated here. Request of modifications of exemptions (e.g. to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the application number. Application numbers with the suffix "M" denote a modification request. These applications have been separated from the new application for exemption to facilitate processing.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address Comments to: Record Center, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the exemption number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the application are available for inspection in the Records Center, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of exemption is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 16, 2004.

R. Ryan Posten,

Exemptions Program Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions & Approvals.

MODIFICATION EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Modification exemption	Nature of exemption thereof
9275-M		Alcoa Inc. Pittsburgh, PA.	49 CFR Parts 100–180.	9275	To modify the exemption to authorize revising the proper shipping description to allow transportation of medical screening solutions containing ethyl alcohol liquids.
10791-M		Con-Quest Products, Inc. Elk Grove Village, IL.	49 CFR 173.12(b)(2)	10791	To modify the exemption to authorize a design change of the UN 4G fiberboard box filled with a polyethylene film bag liner for the transportation of various Hazard Class/Division waste hazardous materials.
11536-M		The Boeing Company Los Angeles, CA.	49 CFR 173.302; 173.62; 173.159; 173.304.	11536	To modify the exemption to authorize an increase of spacecraft pressure vessels from two to four and the transportation of an additional Division 2.1 material.
11670-M		Oilphase Schlumberger Dyce, Aberdeen Scotland.	49 CFR 178.36	11670	To modify the exemption to authorize the use of a newly designed non-DOT specification oil well sampling cylinder for the transportation of Division 2.1 materials.
12744-M	RSPA-01–10126	Alcoa Inc. Pittsburgh, PA.	49 CFR 171–180	12744	To modify the exemption to authorize a Division 4.3, PGI material be allowed to be transported as a “material of trade” item.
13321-M	RSPA-03–16598	Quest Diagnostics, Inc. Collegeville, PA.	49 CFR 173.28(b)(3)	13321	To modify the exemption to authorize passenger-carrying aircraft as an additional mode of transportation for certain Division 6.2 materials.
13442-M		PRC-DeSoto International Mojave, CA.	49 CFR 173.173(b)(2).	13442	To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for a Class 3 material in inner plastic packagings not exceeding 5 L capacity in addition to the glass and metal packagings.
13796-M	RSPA-04–18891	Rhodia Inc. Cranbury, NJ.	49 CFR 173.188	13796	To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for the transportation of a Division 4.2 material while under water in alternative packaging.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Potential for Damage to Pipeline Facilities Caused by the Passage of Hurricane Ivan

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of advisory bulletin.

SUMMARY: RSPA is issuing this advisory bulletin to owners and operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines to communicate the potential for damage to pipeline facilities caused by the passage of Hurricane Ivan on September 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: This document can be viewed on the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) home page at: <http://ops.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Huriaux, (202) 366–4565, or by e-mail at richard.huriaux@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The purpose of this advisory bulletin is to warn all operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico and adjacent state waters that pipeline safety problems may have been caused by the passage of Hurricane Ivan on September 16, 2004. RSPA received several reports of damage to pipeline facilities in the offshore and inland areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and the Florida Panhandle.

It was reported in newspapers that officials with Houston-based Transocean found the semi-submersible drilling rig Deepwater Nautilus late Thursday, 70 miles from its original mooring site south of Mobile, Ala. No crew was aboard the rig, which likely rode through winds in excess of 140 mph and seas as high as 40 feet. The rig is built to handle winds of 120 mph, according to company data.

It was also reported that Diamond Offshore Drilling reported one of its rigs, the Ocean Star, was found drifting 12 miles from its mooring 80 miles south of Mobile, Ala.

Energy companies evacuated workers from 545 platforms and 69 drilling rigs in the Gulf, shutting in almost 4 million barrels of oil and 17 billion cubic feet of natural gas according to the U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service.

The Federal pipeline safety regulations at 49 CFR parts 192 and 195 require operators to shut down and start up pipeline facilities in a safe manner and to conduct periodic pipeline patrols to detect unusual operating and maintenance conditions and to take corrective action if conditions are unsafe. Because this patrolling is generally by aircraft, pipelines exposed or damaged on the sea floor may not be visually detected. It is likely that some pipeline facilities and pipelines located in the area of Hurricane Ivan's impact are damaged or exposed.

The gas and hazardous liquid pipeline safety regulations require that operators mitigate the safety condition if a pipeline facility is damaged or if a pipeline is exposed on the sea floor or constitutes a hazard to navigation. The regulations require that damaged pipeline facilities or exposed pipelines must be repaired, replaced, or reburied