

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #16236 and #16237;
TEXAS Disaster Number TX-00536]

**Administrative Declaration of a
Disaster for the State of Texas**

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business
Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an
Administrative declaration of a disaster
for the state of Texas

Dated 12/30/2019.

Incident: Petrochemical Plant
Explosion.

Incident Period: 11/27/2019.

DATES: Issued on 12/30/2019.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline
Date:* 02/28/2020.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan
Application Deadline Date:* 09/30/2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan
applications to: U.S. Small Business
Administration, Processing and
Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport
Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A.
Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance,
U.S. Small Business Administration,
409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050,
Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is
hereby given that as a result of the
Administrator's disaster declaration,
applications for disaster loans may be
filed at the address listed above or other
locally announced locations.

The following areas have been
determined to be adversely affected by
the disaster:

Primary Counties: Jefferson

Contiguous Counties:

Texas: Chambers, Hardin, Liberty,
Orange.

Louisiana: Cameron.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Avail- able Elsewhere	3.000
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	1.500
Businesses with Credit Avail- able Elsewhere	7.750
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.875
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.750
Non-Profit Organizations with- out Credit Available Else- where	2.750
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.875

	Percent
Non-Profit Organizations with- out Credit Available Else- where	2.750

The number assigned to this disaster
for physical damage is 16236 4 and for
economic injury is 16237 0.

The States which received an EIDL
Declaration # are Texas, Louisiana.

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Number 59008)

Christopher Pilkerton,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 479]

**Delegation of the Authority To Invoke
the Deliberative-Process Privilege**

Authority

By virtue of the authority vested in
the Secretary of State, including section
1 of the State Department Basic
Authorities Act, as amended (22 U.S.C.
2651a), and to the extent authorized by
law, I hereby delegate the authority to
assert the deliberative-process privilege
in judicial and administrative
proceedings.

Delegation

This authority is delegated to the
Assistant Secretaries of State and their
equivalents. For purposes of this
delegation, equivalents include but are
not limited to Ambassadors-at-Large,
Special Envoys, and the Legal Adviser.

The authority delegated herein may
be re-delegated to Deputy Assistant
Secretaries of State and their
equivalents.

Guidelines

The deliberative-process privilege
may be invoked only with respect to
internal or inter-agency records,
information, and communications that
are pre-decisional and deliberative.
Records, information, and
communications are pre-decisional if
they were created or shared prior to the
adoption of the policy being discussed,
regardless of whether the policy was
ever implemented. Records,
information, and communications are
deliberative if their release would
expose opinions, assessments, advice, or
recommendations offered in the course
of agency decision-making, or the
internal process of agency decision-
making.

The deliberative-process privilege
may be invoked only if disclosure of the
records, information, or
communications at issue would harm or
inhibit Department deliberations or
decision-making or would otherwise
harm legitimate Department interests.
The privilege may not be asserted for
the purpose of avoiding embarrassment.
The privilege may be asserted only in
coordination with the Office of the Legal
Adviser.

The individual invoking the privilege
must personally review the records,
information, or communications at
issue, and must have intimate
familiarity with the underlying subject
matter. The individual invoking the
privilege may consult with other
individuals or offices, as appropriate, to
obtain the required familiarity and make
the required determinations.

Exclusions

The authority to invoke other
discovery privileges, such as the state-
secrets privilege, is not delegated
herein.

Implementation

The Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and
Under Secretaries may exercise the
authority delegated herein. This
delegation does not repeal or affect any
delegation of authority currently in
effect.

This delegation does not rescind or
disapprove of any of the Department's
prior invocations of the deliberative-
process privilege.

This delegation of authority shall be
published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 17, 2019.

Michael R. Pompeo,

Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36366]

**Patton-Lowe RR, Inc.—Acquisition
Exemption—Consolidated Rail
Corporation**

Patton-Lowe RR, Inc. (PLRI), a
noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of
exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to
acquire from Consolidated Rail
Corporation (Conrail) an approximately
0.37-mile rail line extending from
milepost 64.43 at Craig¹ (east of the at-
grade crossing of Indiana SR 46, at a

¹ Craig is an unincorporated railroad location
immediately west of the boundary of the City of
Greensburg, Ind.