

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration****Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Exemption Applications**

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of application delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), RSPA is publishing the following list of exemption 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 Billings, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., 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 exemption applications.

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

N—New application.

M—Modification request.

PM—Party to application with modification request.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 1, 2004.

R. Ryan Posten,

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

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
New Exemption Applications			
11927-N	Alaska Marine Lines, Inc., Seattle, WA	4	12-31-2004
12381-N	Ideal Chemical & Supply Co., Memphis, TN	2	01-31-2005
12412-N	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	3	01-31-2005
12751-N	Defense Technology Corporation, Casper, WY	4	12-31-2004
12950-N	Walnut Industries, Inc., Bensalem, PA	4	01-31-2005
13054-N	CHS Transportation, Mason City, IA	4	12-31-2004
13176-N	Union Pacific Railroad Company, Omaha, NE	4	01-31-2005
12949-N	Railway Progress Institute, Inc., Alexandria, VA	4	01-31-2005
13281-N	The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI	4	01-31-2005
13347-N	ShipMate, Inc., Torrance, CA	4	12-31-2004
13341-N	National Propane Gas Association, Washington, DC	1	12-31-2004
13302-N	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA	4	12-31-2004
13314-N	Sunoco Inc., Philadelphia, PA	4	01-31-2005
13309-N	OPW Engineered Systems, Lebanon, OH	4	01-31-2005
13295-N	Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA	1	12-31-2004
13266-N	Luxfer Gas Cylinders, Riverside, CA	1	12-31-2004
13265-N	Aeropress Corporation, Shreveport, LA	4	12-31-2004
13228-N	AirSep Creekside Corp., Buffalo, NY	4	12-31-2004
13563-N	Applied Companies, Valencia, CA	4	01-31-2005
13560-N	Texaco Ovonic Hydrogen Systems L.L.C. (TOHS), Rochester Hills, MI	4	12-31-2004
13554-N	The Fertilizer Institute, Washington, DC	4	12-31-2004
13547-N	CP Industries, McKeesport, PA	4	01-31-2005
13484-N	Air Liquide America, L.P., Houston, TX	4	12-31-2004
13482-N	U.S. Vanadium Corporation (Subsidiary of Straeigic Minerals Corporation), Niagara Falls, NY	4	12-31-2004
13443-N	Koch Materials Company, Wichita, KS	4	12-31-2004
13461-N	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA	4	12-31-2004
13346-N	Stand-By-Systems, Inc., Dallas, TX	1	12-31-2004
13585-N	Texaco Ovonic Hydrogen Systems, L.L.C., Rochester Hills, MI	4	12-31-2004
13582-N	Linde Gas LLC (Linde), Independence, OH	4	01-31-2005
13422-N	Puritan Bennett, Plainfield, IN	3	12-31-2004
13188-N	General Dynamics, Lincoln, NE	1	12-31-2004
13183-N	Becton Dickinson, Sandy, UT	4	12-31-2004
13077-N	MacIntyre, Middlebury, VT	4	01-31-2005
12797-N	Environmental Quality Co., Belleville, MI	4	01-31-2005
Modification to Exemptions			
11769-M	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	2	01-31-2005
12065-M	Petrolab Company, Latham, NY	4	12-31-2004
10019-M	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA	3	12-31-2004
11241-M	Rohm and Haas Co., Philadelphia, PA	1	01-31-2005
11537-M	Hawkins, Inc., Minneapolis, MN	2	01-31-2005
7280-M	Department of Defense, Ft. Eustis, VA	4	12-31-2004
10915-M	Luxfer Gas Cylinders (Composite Cylinder Division), Riverside, CA	1	01-31-2005
10878-M	Tankcon FRP Inc., Boisbriand, Qc	1, 3	01-31-2005
9421-M	Taylor-Wharton (Gas & Fluid Control Group), Harrisburg, PA	4	12-31-2004
12022-M	Taylor-Wharton (Gas & Fluid Control Group), Harrisburg, PA	4	12-31-2004
11537-M	Interstate Chemical Company, Inc., Hermitage, PA	2	01-31-2005

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10882-M	Espar Products, Inc., Mississauga, Ontario, Canada	4	01-31-2005
13027-M	Hernco Fabrication & Services, Midland, TX	4	01-31-2005
11579-M	Dyno Nobel, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT	4	01-31-2005
11537-M	American Development Corporation, Vanceboro, NC	3	01-31-2005
8718-M	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA	3	12-31-2004
8162-M	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA	3	12-31-2004
7277-M	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA	3	12-31-2004
7060-M	Federal Express, Memphis, TN	4	12-31-2004
11769-M	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	2	01-31-2005
11537-M	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., Milford, VA	2	01-31-2005
11769-M	Hydrite Chemical Company, Brookfield, WI	2	01-31-2005

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34531]¹

The Indiana Rail Road Company— Acquisition Exemption—Line of Monon Rail Preservation Corporation

The Indiana Rail Road Company (INRD), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.45 to acquire from Monon Rail Preservation Corporation (Monon), approximately 3.98 miles of rail line between milepost Q217.67 at Hunters, IN, and milepost Q213.69 at Ellettsville, IN, in Monroe County, IN.² In 2001, INRD entered into an operating agreement with Monon, whereby INRD became the operator of the line.³

INRD indicates that the parties would like to consummate the transaction on or shortly after December 6, 2004.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34531, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on John

Broadley, 1054 31st Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20007.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: November 22, 2004.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The TAP will be discussing issues pertaining to lessening the burden for individuals. Recommendations for IRS systemic changes will be developed.

DATES: The meeting will be held Monday, January 3, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary O'Brien at 1-888-912-1227, or 206-220-6096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Monday, January 3, 2005 from 1 p.m. eastern time to 2 p.m. eastern time via a telephone conference call. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096, or write to Mary O'Brien, TAP Office, 915

2nd Avenue, MS W-406, Seattle, WA 98174 or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Mary O'Brien. Ms. O'Brien can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: December 3, 2004.

Bernard Coston,

Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Wage & Investment Reducing Taxpayer Burden (Notices) Issue Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Wage & Investment Reducing Taxpayer Burden (Notices) Issue Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, January 6, 2005 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. e.t.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sallie Chavez at 1-888-912-1227, or 954-423-7979.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Wage & Investment Reducing Taxpayer Burden (Notices) Issue Committee of the

¹ This notice corrects one served and published in this docket on November 30, 2004, to reflect that the verified notice of exemption was filed under 49 CFR 1150.45 and to make a conforming change.

² In a decision in this proceeding served on November 22, 2004, the Board granted a request by INRD for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirement of 49 CFR 1150.42(e).

³ See The Indiana Rail Road Company-Operation Exemption-Monon Rail Preservation Corporation, STB Finance Docket No. 33670 (STB served Feb. 21, 2001).