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**John Karl Alexy,**  
Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Railroad Safety.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2019-0029]

#### Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System

Under part 235 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by a document received March 27, 2019, Lake Superior and Ishpeming Railroad (LSIR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2019-0029.

**Applicant:** Lake Superior and Ishpeming Railroad, Mr. Jesse Zimmerman, Supervisor Track, Structures, Signals, 311 M-35, Negaunee, MI 49866.

The LSIR requests approval to replace power-operated switches at control point (CP) Empire Mine, Milepost (MP) Q70.78, and CP Tilden Junction, MP Q71.23 on the Ore Subdivision, with hand-operated switches lined and locked for Main Line movements. Two switch point indicators will also be removed.

LSIR states the reason for the proposed change is the idling of the Empire Mine property that these switches serve. The Canadian National (CN) was using these switches as they had been the main carrier shipping out of the Empire Mine. Now that the Empire Mine is idled, CN no longer enters the property through these switches.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2018-0100; Notice No. 2019-03]

#### Hazardous Materials: Emergency Waiver No. 13

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

**ACTION:** Notice of emergency waiver order.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is issuing an emergency waiver order to persons

conducting operations under the direction of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 or United States Coast Guard (USCG) Eighth District within the Nebraska and Iowa disaster area. The Waiver is granted to support the EPA and USCG in taking appropriate actions to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a threat to public health, welfare, or the environment caused by actual or potential oil and hazardous materials incidents resulting from the Nebraska and Iowa disasters. This Waiver Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 60 days from the date of issuance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Adam Horsley, Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, telephone: (202) 366-4400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5103(c), the Administrator for PHMSA hereby declares that an emergency exists that warrants issuance of a Waiver of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR, 49 CFR parts 171-180) to persons conducting operations under the direction of EPA Region 7 or USCG Eighth District within the Nebraska and Iowa disaster areas. The Waiver is granted to support the EPA and USCG in taking appropriate actions to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a threat to public health, welfare, or the environment caused by actual or potential oil and hazardous materials incidents resulting from the Nebraska and Iowa disasters.

On March 21, 2019, the President issued an Emergency Declaration for the Nebraska Severe Winter Storm, Straight-line Winds, And Flooding (DR-4420) for the counties of Banner, Box Butte, Butler, Cass, Cuming, Dodge, Douglas, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Morrill, Polk, Sarpy, Saunders, Sheridan, Sioux, Thurston, and Wayne. On March 23, 2019, the President issued an Emergency Declaration for Iowa Severe Storms and Flooding (DR-4421) for the counties of Adair, Allamakee, Audubon, Boone, Bremer, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Dallas, Decatur, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Franklin, Fremont, Greene, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Iowa, Jasper, Kossuth, Lyon, Madison, Mahaska, Marshall, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, O'Brien, Osceola, Page, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Polk, Pottawattamie, Sac, Shelby, Sioux, Tama, Union, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Woodbury, and Wright.

This Waiver Order covers all areas identified in the declaration, as amended. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5103(c), PHMSA has authority delegated by the Secretary (49 CFR 1.97(b)(3)) to waive compliance with any part of the HMR provided that the grant of the waiver is: (1) In the public interest; (2) not inconsistent with the safety of transporting hazardous materials; and (3) necessary to facilitate the safe movement of hazardous materials into, from, and within an area of a major disaster or emergency that has been declared under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*).

Given the continuing impacts caused by the Nebraska and Iowa disasters, PHMSA's Administrator has determined that regulatory relief is in the public interest and necessary to ensure the safe transportation in commerce of hazardous materials while the EPA and USCG execute their recovery and cleanup efforts in the disaster areas. Specifically, PHMSA's Administrator finds that issuing this Waiver Order will allow the EPA and USCG to conduct their Emergency Support Function #10 response activities under the National Response Framework to safely remove, transport, and dispose of hazardous materials. By execution of this Waiver Order, persons conducting operations under the direction of EPA Region 7 or USCG Eighth District within the Nebraska and Iowa disaster areas are authorized to offer and transport non-radioactive hazardous materials under alternative safety requirements imposed by EPA Region 7 or USCG Eighth District when compliance with the HMR is not practicable. Under this Waiver Order, non-radioactive hazardous materials may be transported to staging areas within 50 miles of the point of origin. Further transportation of the hazardous materials from staging areas must be in full compliance with the HMR.

This Waiver Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 60 days from the date of issuance.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 29, 2019.

**Howard R. Elliott,**

*Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0747]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 10, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-00747" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Danny S. Green, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 421-1354 or email [danny.green2@va.gov](mailto:danny.green2@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0747" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

*Title:* Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits (VA Form 21-526EZ).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0747.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-526EZ is used to collect the information needed to process a fully developed claim for disability compensation and/or related compensation benefits. Though the law requires the claimant submit a certification in writing that states no additional information or evidence is available or needs to be submitted in order for the claim to be adjudicated via the fully developed claim program, it