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Dated: August 4, 1999.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

Secretary.

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**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 applications 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.

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Key to "Reasons for Delay"

1. Awaiting additional information from applicant
2. Extensive public comment under review
3. Application is technically very complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis
4. Staff review delayed by other priority tissues or volume of exemption applications

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

- N—New application
- M—Modification request.
- PM—Party to application with the modification request

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**J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,**

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemption and Approval.

NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
11699-N	GEO Specialty Chemicals, Bastrop, LA	4	08/31/1999
11767-N	Ausimont USA, Inc., Thorofare, NJ	4	08/31/1999
11817-N	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA	1, 4	08/31/1999
11862-N	The BOC Group, Murray Hill, NJ	4	08/31/1999
11894-N	Quicksilver Fiberglass Manufacturing Ltd., Strome, Alberta, CN	4	08/31/1999
11927-N	Alaska Marine Lines, Inc., Seattle, WA	4	08/31/1999
12020-N	Rhone-Poulenc, Inc., Shelton, CT	4	08/31/1999
12029-N	NACO Technologies, Lombard, IL	4	08/31/1999
12032-N	Physical Acoustics Quality Services, Lawrenceville, NJ	4	08/31/1999
12033-N	PPG Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA	4	08/31/1999
12051-N	General American Transportation Corporation, Chicago, IL	4	08/31/1999
12064-N	Occident Chemical Corp., Webster, TX	4	08/31/1999
12071-N	Pennwalt India Limited, Worli, Mumbai, IN	4	08/31/1999
12106-N	Air Liquide America Corporation, Houston, TX	4	08/31/1999
12123-N	Eastman Chemical Co., Kingsport, TN	4	08/31/1999
12125-N	Mayo Foundation, Rochester, MN	4	08/31/1999
12126-N	LaRoche Industries Inc., Atlanta, GA	4	08/31/1999
12142-N	Aristech Chemical Corp., Pittsburgh, PA	4	08/31/1999
12144-N	Sea-Land Service, Inc., Charlotte, NC	4	08/31/1999
12146-N	Luxfer Gas Cylinders, Riverside, CA	4	08/31/1999
12148-N	Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, NY	4	08/31/1999
12156-N	Columbia Falls Aluminum Co., Columbia Falls, MT	4	08/31/1999
12158-N	Hickson Corporation, Conley, GA	4	08/31/1999
12164-N	Rhodia Inc., Shelton, CT	4	08/31/1999
12166-N	Dow Corning Corp., Midland, MI	4	08/31/1999
12171-N	Arichell Technologies, Inc., West Newton, MA	4	08/31/1999
12173-N	ARCO Alaska, Inc., Anchorage, AK	4	08/31/1999
12181-N	Aristech, Pittsburgh, PA	4	08/31/1999
12194-N	Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA	4	08/31/1999
12203-N	Celanese Ltd., Dallas, TX	4	08/31/1999
12204-N	Express Service & Lockheed Martin, Princeton, NJ	1	08/31/1999
12205-N	Independent Chemical Corp., Glendale, NY	4	08/31/1999
12206-N	General Electric Silicones, Waterford, NY	4	08/31/1999

## MODIFICATIONS TO EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
3415-M	U.S. Department of Defense (MTMC), Falls Church, VA	4	8/31/1999
4354-M	PPG Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA	1	8/31/1999
6611-M	Gardner Cryogenics, Lehigh Valley, PA	4	8/31/1999
6765-M	Gardner Cryogenics Lehigh Valley, PA	4	8/31/1999
9266-M	ERMEWA, Inc., Houston, TX	4	8/31/1999
9419-M	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA	4	8/31/1999
10677-M	Suunto USA, Carlsbad, CA	4	8/31/1999
10921-M	The Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, OH	4	8/31/1999
10929-M	Consolidated Rail Corporation, Philadelphia, PA	4	8/31/1999
10977-M	Federal Industries Corporation Plymouth, MN	4	8/31/1999
11173-M	Olin Corporation, Norwalk, CT	4	8/31/1999
11327-M	Phoenix Services Limited Partnership, Pasadena, MD	4	8/31/1999
11613-M	Solutia, Inc., St. Louis, MO	1	9/30/1999
11769-M	HCI USA Distribution Co., Inc., Irvine, CA	4	7/30/1999
11173-M	Olin Corporation, Norwalk, CT	4	8/31/1999
11327-M	Phoenix Services Limited Partnership, Pasadena, MD	4	8/31/1999
11613-M	Solutia, Inc., St. Louis, MO	1	9/30/1999
11769-M	HCI USA Distribution Co., Inc., Irvine, CA	4	7/30/1999
11856-M	Olin Corp/Motorola Corp	1	9/30/1999
12013-M	HCI USA Distribution Companies Incorporated, Irvine, CA	4	7/31/1999

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

#### Quarterly Performance Review Meeting on the Contract "Detection of Mechanical Damage in Pipelines" (Contract DTRS-56-96-C-0010)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** RSPA invites the pipeline industry, in-line inspection ("smart pig") vendors, and the general public to the last quarterly performance review meeting of progress on the contract "Detection of Mechanical Damage in Pipelines." The meeting is open to anyone, and no registration is required. This contract is being performed by Battelle Memorial Institute (Battelle), along with the Southwest Research Institute, and Iowa State University. The contract is a research and development contract to develop electromagnetic in-line inspection technologies to detect and characterize mechanical damage and stress corrosion cracking. The meeting will cover a review of the overall project plan, the status of the contract tasks, progress made during the past quarter, and projected activity for the remainder of the contract.

**DATES:** The last quarterly performance review meeting will be held on Monday, August 30, 1999 beginning at 1 p.m. and ending around 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The quarterly review meeting will be held at The Antlers Adam's Mark Hotel, 4 South Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. The hotel's telephone number is (719) 473-5600.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lloyd W. Ulrich, Contracting Officer's Technical Representative, Office of Pipeline Safety, telephone: (202) 366-4556, FAX: (202) 366-4566, e-mail: lloyd.ulrich@rspa.dot.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

RSPA is conducting quarterly meetings on the status of its contract "Detection of Mechanical Damage in Pipelines" (Contract DTRS-56-96-C-0010) because in-line inspection research is of immediate interest to the pipeline industry and in-line inspection vendors. The research contract with Battelle is a cooperative effort between the Gas Research Institute (GRI) and DOT, with GRI providing technical guidance. The meetings allow disclosure of the results to interested parties and provide an opportunity for interested parties to ask Battelle questions concerning the research. Attendance at this meeting is open to all and does not require advanced registration nor advanced notification to RSPA.

We specifically want that segment of the pipeline industry involved with in-line inspection to be aware of the status of this contract. To assure that a cross section of industry is well represented at these meetings, we have invited the major domestic in-line inspection company (Tuboscope Vetco Pipeline

Services) and the following pipeline industry trade associations: American Petroleum Institute, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, and the American Gas Association. Each has named an engineering/technical representative and, along with the GRI representative providing technical guidance, form the Industry Review Team (IRT) for the contract.

The original objective was to open each quarterly performance review meeting to the public. The first quarterly meeting was conducted on October 22, 1996, in Washington, DC. However, preparing for a formal briefing each quarter takes a considerable amount of time and resources on Battelle's part that could be better used to conduct the research. Therefore, Battelle requested and RSPA concurred that future public meetings would be conducted semi-annually. Conducting public meetings semi-annually will provide all interested parties with sufficient update of progress in the research. Only the IRT and RSPA staff involved with the contract will be invited to the quarterly performance review meetings held between the public semi-annual meetings.

Another objective is to conduct many of the semi-annual meetings at the same location and either before or after a meeting of GRI's Nondestructive Evaluation Technical Advisory Group to enable participation by pipeline technical personnel involved with nondestructive evaluation. This meeting is being held in Colorado Springs the day before a meeting of the GRI Nondestructive Technical Advisory Group. Each of the semi-annual