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This notice of receipt of applications for modification of special permit 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, January 28, 2016.

Don Burger,

Chief, General Approvals and Permits.

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of special permit thereof				
MODIFICATION SPECIAL PERMITS								
7573–M		U.S. Department of Defense, Scott AFB, IL.	49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B; Part 172; Part 175.	To modify the special permit to identify the DOE as an offeror of hazardous materials and to clarify the authorized airports and update the loading and stowage requirements.				
9232-M		U.S. Department of Defense, Scott AFB, IL.	49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B; Part 172; Subparts C, D except 172.312.	To modify the special permit to identify the DOE as an offeror of hazardous materials and to clarify certain operational requirements by replacing AFR 71–4 with AFMAN 24–204 PRE PARING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FOR MILITARY AIR SHIPMENTS.				
13173–M		Luxfer Canada Limited, Calgary, AB.	49 CFR 173.302a	To modify the special permit to authorize additional Division 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 materials, to clarify the requirements for tensile stress a burst, to authorize hydraulic proof pressure testing and to modify the design requirements for the cylinder mounting frames.				
14429–M		Bayer Healthcare, LLC, Cleveland, TN.	40 CFR 173.306(a)(3)(v)	To modify the special permit to authorize an additional DOT specification 2P aluminum non-refillable inside container, add an additional Division 2.2 material, update "Consumer Commodity" to "Limited Quantity", change the capacity from volumetric "ounces" to "Net Weight Ounces" and update the drawing numbers of the inside containers.				
14453–M		FIBA Technologies, Inc., Milbury, MA.	49 CFR 180.209	To modify the special permit to authorize an additional Division 2.2 material.				
16146–M		U.S. Department of Defense, Scott AFB, IL.	49 CFR 171.22(e), 172.101 Haz- ardous Materials Table, Column (9B), International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical In- structions Part 3, Chapter 2, Table 3–1, Columns 12 and 13.	To modify the special permit to authorize Division 1.4 explosives and add optional packaging requirements AFMAN 24–204 PREPARING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FOR MILITARY SHIPMENTS.				
16510–M		Apple, Inc., Cupertino, CA.	49 CFR Subparts C through H of Part 172, 173.185(f).	To modify the special permit originally issued or an emergency basis to authorize an additiona two years.				
16531–M		NVIDIA Corporation, Santa Clara, CA.	49 CFR 173.185(c)(3); 173.185(f)	To modify the special permit originally issued or an emergency basis to authorize an additiona two years.				
16572-M		Samsung Austin Semi- conductor, LLC, Aus- tin, TX.	49 CFR 173.158(b), 173.158(e), 173.158 (f).	To modify the special permit originally issued or an emergency basis to authorize an additiona two years and to authorize drums to be emptied no more than 26 weeks after the ini- tial date of filling instead of the current 6 months.				

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Hazardous Materials: Delayed Applications

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

ACTION: List of application delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), PHMSA is publishing the following list of special permit 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:

Ryan Paquet, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, 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

 Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of special permit applications

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

N—New application M—Modification request R—Renewal Request P—Party To Exemption Request
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2016.

Donald Burger,

Chief, General Approvals and Permits.

MODIFICATION TO SPECIAL PERMITS

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
15628-M 15610-M 15537-M 7607-M 16035-M	Nantong CMC Tank Equipment Co. Ltd. Jiangsu, Province Chemours Company FC, LLC Wilmington, DE TechKnowServ Corp. State College, PA Alaska Pacific Powder Company Watkins, CO Thermo Fisher Scientific Franklin, MA LCF Systems, Inc. Scottsdale, AZ Columbiana Boiler Company (CBCo), LLCColumbiana, OH	4 4	03-31-2016 03-31-2016 03-31-2016 04-15-2016 03-31-2016 04-30-2016 02-15-2016

NEW SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
15767–N	Union Pacific Railroad Company Omaha, NE	3	02–29–2016
16001-N	VELTEK ASSOCIATES, INC. Malvern, PA	3	03-31-2016
16477-N	Hydroid, Inc. Pocasset, MA	4	03-15-2016
16495-N		4	03-31-2016
16524-N	Quantum Fuel Systems Technologies Worldwide, Inc. Lake Forest, CA	4	03-15-2016
16463-N	Salco Products Lemont, IL	3	03-31-2016
16571-N	Chevron USA Inc. San Ramon, CA	4	04-15-2016
16559-N	HTEC Hydrogen Technology & Energy Corporation North Vancouver, BC; Canada	4	04-30-2016
16560–N	LightSail Energy, Inc. Berkeley, CA	4	04–30–2016

PARTY TO SPECIAL PERMITS APPLICATION

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
16279-P	AEG Environmental Products & Services, Inc.; Westminster, MD	4	03–31–2016

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Contracting Initiative

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The DOT has extended the contracting initiative pilot program for a period of 1 year until March 6, 2017.

DATES: This pilot program became effective on March 6, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information: Mr. Michael Harkins, Deputy Assistant General Counsel for General Law, Office, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington,

DC 20590, 202–366–0590 (telephone), *Michael.Harkins@dot.gov* (email).

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Background

On March 6, 2015, DOT published a notice in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 12257) establishing a contracting initiative pilot program under which, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recipients and subrecipients could utilize various contracting requirements that generally have been disallowed due to concerns about adverse impacts on competition. The purpose of the pilot program is to

determine whether the use of such requirements "unduly limit competition," as provided in an August 23, 2013, opinion from the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel (OLC). DOT established the pilot program for a period of 1 year unless extended. DOT has decided to extend this pilot program for a period of 1 additional year until March 6, 2017. The extension of this pilot program will provide FHWA and FTA recipients and subrecipients flexibility to continue operating under the pilot program while DOT conducts its evaluation as well as provide DOT with additional projects to consider in evaluating the impacts on competition. The Department extended the pilot program on March 4, 2016. A notice of extension was posted on the Department's Web site at https:// www.transportation.gov/regulations/ whats-new.

Please note that Section 415 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016,