

town of Grundy advising that effective October 31, 2019, the town will be permanently closing Grundy Municipal Airport (GDY), Grundy, Virginia.

DATES: The permanent closure of the airport is effective as of October 31, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John M. Robinson, Airport Engineer, Washington Airports District Office, Federal Aviation Administration, 13873 Park Center Road, Suite 490S, Herndon, VA 20171, (703) 487-3976.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GDY is a small 89-acre non-towered, general aviation airport, that is listed in the national plan of integrated airport systems. It has been owned and operated by the town of Grundy since 1963. Although the town of Grundy has been the recipient of grant funding from the FAA in the past, the FAA recognizes that the town is no longer contractually obligated by these previous grant agreements to continue operating GDY as an airport. Section 46319 of Title 49 of the United States Code [49 U.S.C. 46319] provides that a public agency (as defined in 49 U.S.C. 47102) may not permanently close an airport listed in the national plan of integrated airport systems under 49 U.S.C. 47103 without providing written notice to the Administrator of the FAA at least 30 days before the date of the closure. The FAA recognizes the letter received September 4, 2019 from the town of Grundy meets that requirement. The FAA is publishing the town of Grundy's notice of permanent closure of Grundy Municipal Airport in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 46319(b).

Issued in, Herndon, VA, on September 18, 2019.

Matthew J. Thys,

Manager, Washington Airports District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Research, Engineering, and Development Advisory Committee (REDAC); Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Research, Engineering, and Development Advisory Committee (REDAC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 10, 2019, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. EDT. Requests for accommodations to a disability must be received by September 26, 2019. Individuals requesting to speak during the meeting must submit a written copy of their remarks to DOT by September 26, 2019. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than September 26, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the FAA Headquarters, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591. Copies of the meeting minutes will be available on the REDAC internet website at <http://www.faa.gov/go/redac>. A final agenda will be posted on the REDAC internet website at <http://www.faa.gov/go/redac> at least one week in advance of the meeting. You can visit the REDAC internet website at <http://www.faa.gov/go/redac>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chinita A. Roundtree-Coleman, REDAC PM/Lead, FAA/U.S. Department of Transportation, at chinita.roundtree-coleman@faa.gov or (609) 485-7149. Any committee-related request should be sent to the person listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Research, Engineering, and Development Advisory Committee was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), in accordance with Public Law 100-591 (1988) and Public Law 101-508 (1990) to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator in support of the Agency's Research and Development (R&D) portfolio.

II. Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- FAA Research and Development Landscapes
- Emergence of new entrant vehicles and operations into the National Airspace System

III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, as space is limited. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

There will be 45 minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for each commenter may be limited. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, the FAA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to REDAC members. All prepared remarks submitted on time will be accepted and considered as part of the record. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Chinita A. Roundtree-Coleman,
REDAC PM/Lead, Federal Aviation Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0032]

Commercial Driver's License Standards: Application for Exemption; Daimler Trucks North America (Daimler)

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that Daimler Trucks North America (Daimler) has requested an exemption for one commercial motor vehicle (CMV) driver from the Federal requirement to hold a U.S. commercial driver's license (CDL). Daimler request an exemption for Mr. Thomas Passegger, Project Engineer in Autonomous Trucks for Daimler. Mr. Passegger holds a valid German commercial license and wants to test drive Daimler vehicles on U.S. roads to better understand product requirements in "real world" environments, and verify results. Daimler states that the requirements for a German commercial license ensure that operation under the exemption will likely achieve a level of safety

equivalent to or greater than the level that would be obtained in the absence of the exemption. FMCSA requests public comments on Daimler's application for exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 24, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA-2012-0032 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the *Privacy Act* heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to www.regulations.gov at any time or visit Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The on-line FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year.

Privacy Act: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Clemente, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; Telephone: (202) 366-4225. Email: MCPSD@dot.gov. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2012-0032), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for suggestions or recommendations. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to www.regulations.gov and put the docket number, "FMCSA-2012-0032" in the "Keyword" box, and click "Search." When the new screen appears, click on "Comment Now!" button and type your comment into the text box in the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may grant or not grant this application based on your comments.

II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 to grant exemptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must also provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the safety analyses and the public comments, and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305).

The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)) with the reason for the grant or denial, and, if granted, the specific person or class of persons receiving the exemption, and the regulatory provision or provisions from which exemption is granted. The notice must also specify the effective period of the exemption (up to 5 years), and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

Request for Exemption

Daimler has applied for an exemption for Thomas Passegger from 49 CFR 383.23, which prescribes licensing requirements for drivers operating CMVs in interstate or intrastate commerce. Thomas Passegger, holds a valid German commercial license but is unable to obtain a CDL in any of the U.S. States due to residency requirements in the United States. A copy of the application is in Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0032.

The exemption would allow Mr. Passegger to operate CMVs in interstate or intrastate commerce to support Daimler field tests designed to meet future vehicle safety and environmental requirements and to develop improved safety and emission technologies. Mr. Passegger will typically drive for no more than 6 hours per day for one to two days, and 10 percent of the test driving will be on two-lane State highways, while 90 percent will be on interstate highways. The driving will consist of no more than 200 miles per day. He will in all cases be accompanied by a holder of a U.S. CDL who is familiar with the routes to be traveled. Daimler requests that the exemption cover the maximum allowable duration of five years.

Mr. Passegger holds a valid German commercial license, and as explained by Daimler in its exemption requests, the requirements for that license ensure that the same level of safety is met or exceeded as if this driver had a U.S. CDL. Daimler request that the exemption cover the maximum allowable duration of five years.

IV. Method To Ensure an Equivalent or Greater Level of Safety

FMCSA has previously determined that the process for obtaining a German commercial license is comparable to, or as effective as, the requirements of part 383, and adequately assesses the driver's ability to operate CMVs in the U.S. Since 2015, FMCSA has granted Daimler drivers similar exemptions: [March 27, 2015 (80 FR 16511); October 5, 2015 (80 FR 60220); December 7,

2015 (80 FR 76059); December 21, 2015 (80 FR 79410); July 12, 2016 (81 FR 45217); July 25, 2016 (81 FR 48496); August 17, 2017 (82 FR 39151); September 10, 2018 (83 FR 45742).]

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

National Hazardous Materials Route Registry

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice; revisions to the listing of designated and restricted routes for hazardous materials.

SUMMARY: This notice provides revisions to the National Hazardous Materials Route Registry (NHMRR) reported to the FMCSA from April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. The NHMRR is a listing, as reported by States and Tribal governments, of all designated and restricted roads and preferred highway routes for transportation of highway route controlled quantities of Class 7 radioactive materials and non-radioactive hazardous materials.

DATES: These revisions are effective September 24, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Vincent Babich at (202) 366-4871, or vincent.babich@dot.gov; or Ms. Melissa Williams at (202) 366-4163 or melissa.williams@dot.gov, Hazardous Materials Division, Office of Enforcement and Compliance, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET., Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays.

Legal Basis and Background

Paragraphs (a)(2) and (b) of section 5112 of title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) permit States and Tribal governments to designate and limit highway routes over which hazardous materials (HM) may be transported, provided the State or Tribal government complies with standards prescribed by the Secretary of Transportation (the Secretary) and meets publication requirements in section 5112(c). To establish standards under paragraph (b), the Secretary must consult with the States, and, under section 5112(c),

coordinate with the States to “update and publish periodically” a list of currently effective HM highway routing designations and restrictions. The requirements that States and Tribal governments must follow to establish, maintain, or enforce routing designations for the transport of placardable quantities of non-radioactive hazardous materials (NRHM) are set forth in 49 CFR part 397, subpart C. Subpart D of part 397 sets out the requirements for designating preferred routes for highway route controlled quantities of Class 7 radioactive materials (HRCQ/RAM) shipments as an alternative, or in addition, to Interstate System highways. For HRCQ/RAM shipments, § 397.101 defines a preferred route as an Interstate Highway for which no alternative route is designated by the State; a route specifically designated by the State; or both. (See § 397.65 for the definition of “NRHM” and “routing designations.”)

Under a delegation from the Secretary,¹ FMCSA has authority to implement 49 U.S.C. 5112.

Currently, 49 CFR 397.73 establishes public information and reporting requirements for NRHM. States or Tribal governments are required to furnish information regarding any new or changed routes to FMCSA within 60 days after establishment. Under 49 CFR 397.103, a State routing designation for HRCQ/RAM routes (preferred routes) as an alternative, or in addition, to an Interstate System highway, is effective when the authorized routing agency provides FMCSA with written notification, FMCSA acknowledges receipt in writing, and the route is published in FMCSA’s NHMRR. The Office of Management and Budget has approved these collections of information under control number 2126-0014, Transportation of Hazardous Materials, Highway Routing.

In this notice, FMCSA is merely performing the ministerial function of updating and publishing the NHMRR based on input from its State and Tribal partners under 49 U.S.C. 5112(c)(1). Accordingly, this notice serves only to provide the most recent revisions to the NHMRR; it does not establish any new public information and reporting requirements.

Updates to the NHMRR

FMCSA published the full NHMRR in a **Federal Register** Notice on April 29, 2015 (80 FR 23859). Since publication of the 2015 notice, FMCSA published two updates to the NHMRR in **Federal Register** Notices on August 8, 2016 (81

FR 52518) and August 9, 2018 (83 FR 39500).

This notice provides revisions to the NHMRR, reported to the FMCSA from April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. The revisions to the NHMRR listings in this notice supersede and replace corresponding NHMRR listings published in the April 29, 2015 notice and corresponding revisions to the NHMRR listings published in the August 8, 2016 and August 9, 2018 notices. Continue to refer to the April 29, 2015 notice for additional background on the NHMRR and the August 8, 2016 notice for the procedures for State and Tribal government routing agencies to update their Route Registry listings and contact information.

The full current NHMRR for each state is posted on the FMCSA’s internet website at: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/hazardous-materials/national-hazardous-materials-route-registry>.

Revisions to the NHMRR in This Notice

In accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR 397.73 and 397.103, the NHMRR is being revised as follows:

Table 2.—California—Designated NRHM Routes

Route Order Designator “A6A-3.0-B3” is revised to remove “B” designation.

Route Order Designator “A10Q-3.0” is deleted.

Route Order Designator “A11P-1.0-A (“B” designation)” is revised to remove QA comment.

Route Order Designator “A11P-1.0-B” is revised.

Route Order Designator “A11Q-3.0” is deleted.

Route Order Designator “A12P-1.0-A1” is deleted.

Route Order Designator “A12P-2.0-C1” is revised.

Route Order Designator “A12Q-3.0” is deleted.

Route Order Designator “A17Q-1.0-A” is deleted.

Route Order Designator “A18Q-1.0-A” is deleted.

Route Order Designator “A19Q-1.0-A” is deleted.

Route Order Key

Each listing in the NHMRR includes codes to identify each route designation and each route restriction reported by the State. Designation codes identify the routes along which a driver may or must transport specified HM. Among the designation codes is one for preferred routes, which apply to the transportation of a highway route controlled quantity of Class 7

¹49 CFR 1.87(d)(2).