

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #20484 and #20485; KENTUCKY Disaster Number KY-20004]

**Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Kentucky (FEMA-4804-DR), dated 07/23/2024.

*Incident:* Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, Landslides, and Mudslides.

*Incident Period:* 05/21/2024 through 05/27/2024.

**DATES:** Issued on 07/23/2024.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 09/23/2024.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 04/23/2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vanessa Morgan, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 07/23/2024, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):* Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Christian, Clay, Greenup, Hopkins, Knox, Logan, Muhlenberg, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Warren, Whitley.

*Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):*

Kentucky: Allen, Barren, Bell, Boyd, Carter, Crittenden, Edmonson, Graves, Grayson, Jackson, Laurel, Leslie, Lewis, Lyon, Marshall, McCreary, McLean, Ohio, Owsley, Perry, Webster

Ohio: Lawrence, Scioto

Tennessee: Campbell, Claiborne, Henry, Montgomery, Robertson,

Sumner, Stewart  
The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.375
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.688
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.250
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.250
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.250

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 20484C and for economic injury is 204850.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 816X)]

**CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Pike County, KY**

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 5.1-mile rail line that runs between milepost CML 9.0 and milepost CML 14.1, Louisville Division, Winns Branch-Big Sandy Subdivision, in Pike County, Ky. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 41557 and 41501.

CSXT has certified that: (1) no local freight traffic has moved over the Line during the past two years; (2) any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line is pending with either the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the

two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(b) and 1105.8(c) (notice of environmental and historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to government agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received,<sup>1</sup> this exemption will be effective on August 30, 2024, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues<sup>2</sup> must be filed by August 9, 2024. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 12, 2024.<sup>3</sup> Petitions to reopen and requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 20, 2024.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 816X), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on CSXT's representative, Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

CSXT has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the potential effects, if any, of

<sup>1</sup> Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (*i.e.*, subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

<sup>2</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>3</sup> Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.