

The State of Ohio initially participated in the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Program and in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 327, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with FHWA for the FHWA NEPA Assignment Program in Ohio. The FHWA NEPA Assignment MOU between the State, acting through ODOT, and FHWA became effective December 11, 2015, was amended on June 6, 2018, and renewed on December 14, 2020. Since being accepted into the FHWA NEPA Assignment Program, the State has successfully completed four audits, eight self-assessments, and two monitoring events. FHWA has consistently publicly stated that the State continues to meet all requirements of the FHWA NEPA Assignment Program. The State will have participated in the Program for 11 years on December 11, 2026.

ODOT published its application to assume FRA's environmental review responsibilities for railroad projects ("FRA NEPA Assignment") on June 2, 2024, and made it available for public comment for 30 days. After considering public comments, ODOT submitted its application to FRA on July 22, 2024. The application served as the basis for developing an MOU that identifies the responsibilities and obligations that ODOT would assume. The FRA published a notice of the draft MOU in the **Federal Register** on September 9, 2024, with a 30-day comment period to solicit the views of the public and Federal agencies. After the close of the comment period, FRA and ODOT considered comments and proceeded to execute the MOU pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 (Section 327 MOU). Effective December 3, 2024, ODOT assumed FRA's responsibilities under NEPA, and the responsibilities for NEPA-related Federal environmental laws described in the Section 327 MOU.

Section 327(g) of Title 23, U.S.C., requires the Secretary to conduct annual audits during each of the first 4 years of State participation. After the fourth year, the Secretary shall monitor the State's compliance with the written agreement. The results of each audit must be made available for public comment. FRA is issuing this notice to advise the public that it has conducted the first-year audit of the State of Ohio, acting through ODOT. This notice announces the availability of the first draft audit report for ODOT's FRA NEPA Assignment Program and solicits public comment for a 30-day period in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 327(g). No later than 60 days after the close of the comment period, FRA will publish the final audit report in the **Federal Register**. FRA will consider the comments submitted on the draft audit report for ODOT's FRA NEPA Assignment Program.

*Authority:* 23 U.S.C. 327; 42 U.S.C. 4331, 4332; 23 CFR part 773; and 49 CFR 264.101.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline And Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

#### Hazardous Materials: Notice of Actions on Special Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of actions on special permit applications.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has granted or denied the application described herein.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 16, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-6, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington DC.

This notice of receipt of applications for 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)).

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**Donald P. Burger,**

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| Application No.                     | Applicant                              | Regulation(s) affected                                                         | Nature of the special permits thereof                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Special Permits Data—Granted</b> |                                        |                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11215-M .....                       | Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation.  | 172.300, 172.400, 172.500, 173.62, 175.75, 172.101(j)(1), 172.102(c), 172.200. | To modify the special permit to authorize additional departure and return airports.                                                                            |
| 14951-M .....                       | Hexagon Lincoln, LLC .....             | 173.301(f), 173.302(a) .....                                                   | To modify the special permit to authorize a new conversion rate and testing requirements.                                                                      |
| 20274-M .....                       | Ceva Air & Ocean International.        | 172.101(j), 172.300, 172.400, 173.301, 173.302a(a)(1), 173.304a(a)(2).         | To modify the special permit to authorize additional hazardous materials and modes of transportation.                                                          |
| 21999-M .....                       | City of Phoenix .....                  | 172.101(j), 173.220(b)(4)(iii), 173.27(b)(3), 175.10(a)(22).                   | To modify the special permit to authorize additional hazardous materials.                                                                                      |
| 22151-M .....                       | Zhejiang Rein Gas Equipment Co., Ltd.. | 178.71 .....                                                                   | To modify the special permit to authorize additional hazardous materials.                                                                                      |
| 22159-N .....                       | Americase, LLC .....                   | 173.185(b)(6) .....                                                            | To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of UN specification 50B and 50A Large Packagings that are intended to contain multiple lithium ion batteries. |

| Application No.                       | Applicant                                 | Regulation(s) affected                                               | Nature of the special permits thereof                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 22179-N .....                         | BAE Systems Space & Mission Systems Inc.. | 173.24(g), 173.301(f), 173.302(a), 173.304(a).                       | To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain non-DOT specifications packagings (spacecraft) containing Division 2.1 and 2.2 compressed gases and lithium ion batteries installed in equipment.                                                                             |
| 22239-N .....                         | Hillcrest Aircraft Company .....          | 172.200, 172.204(c)(3), 172.300, 173.27(b)(2), 175.30(a)(1), 175.75. | To authorize the transportation in commerce of hazardous by rotorcraft external load operations in remote areas of the United States.                                                                                                                                                |
| 22301-M .....                         | Cargolux Airlines International, SA.      | 172.101(j) .....                                                     | To modify the special permit to not explicitly reference a specific special permit number for the articles containing anhydrous ammonia.                                                                                                                                             |
| 22302-N .....                         | Aerospacelab .....                        | 172.102(c)(2), 173.185(a), 173.232(b).                               | To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain ISO 11119-2 specification aluminum-lined composite over-wrapped pressure vessels (COPVs) containing xenon and lithium ion batteries via cargo-only aircraft.                                                                  |
| 22331-N .....                         | Air Transport International, Inc.         | 172.101(j), 173.27(b)(2), 173.27(b)(3), 175.1(a).                    | To authorize the one-time movement of certain Division 1.1 and 1.4 explosives which are forbidden or exceed quantities authorized for transportation aboard cargo-only aircraft.                                                                                                     |
| 22336-N .....                         | Precision Impacts, LLC .....              | 173.167(a), 173.304(a), 173.304(d).                                  | To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of a non-refillable, non-DOT specification inside metal container conforming to all regulations applicable to DOT specification 2Q for the transportation in commerce of the hazardous materials authorized in the special permit. |
| 22338-N .....                         | OHB System AG .....                       | 172.300, 172.400, 173.185(a), 173.301(f), 173.302a(a)(1).            | To authorize the transportation in commerce of an outer transport container enclosing an article (satellite) containing non-flammable, non-toxic gases and low production lithium ion batteries.                                                                                     |
| 22351-N .....                         | Tedia Company, LLC .....                  | 173.35(a), 173.35(j), 173.243(d), 178.709(a)(1)(iii).                | To authorize the one-way transportation in commerce of intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) marked with a Y, containing Piperidine, a PG I liquid.                                                                                                                                    |
| 22378-N .....                         | Environmental Protection Agency.          | 49 CFR Parts 171-180 .....                                           | To authorize the transportation in commerce of hazardous materials in support of the recovery and relief operations from and within Washington fire disaster areas listed in FEMA-EM-36550 under conditions that may not meet the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR).             |
| <b>Special Permits Data—Denied</b>    |                                           |                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 22110-M .....                         | Blue Origin, LLC .....                    | 172.300, 172.400, 173.301(f)(1), 173.302(a)(1), 173.56(b), 178.1.    | To modify the special permit to add locations, initiators to the power device cartridges in the GS1 Aft Module, and to remove Paragraph 7(b)(3).                                                                                                                                     |
| 22320-N .....                         | H2 Manufacturing LLC .....                | 173.301(f), 173.301(g) .....                                         | To authorize the transportation in commerce of compressed hydrogen in module assemblies containing non-DOT specification carbon fiber reinforced composite cylinders manufactured under DOT-SP 14576 without pressure relief devices.                                                |
| <b>Special Permits Data—Withdrawn</b> |                                           |                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 22289-N .....                         | Macdonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd.. | 173.301(f), 173.302a(a)(1) .....                                     | To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of a non-specification composite overwrapped pressure vessel for use in satellites.                                                                                                                                                |
| 22361-N .....                         | IPG Defense Corporation .....             | 107.1, 171.1, 172. ....                                              | To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium ion batteries that exceed 35kg in non-DOT specification packaging aboard cargo-only aircraft.                                                                                                                                 |

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration****Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Modification to Special Permits**

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

**ACTION:** List of applications for modification of special permits.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 1, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety