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**James E. Jackson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Policy Statement No. PS-ANM100-2004-10021]

#### Installation of "No Stowage" Placards on a Surface Not Designed or Intended To Be Used for Stowage

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed policy; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of proposed policy on installation of "no stowage" placards on surfaces not designed or intended to be used for stowage.

**DATES:** Send your comments on or before April 26, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Address your comments to the individual identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael T. Thompson, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Airframe and Cabin Safety Branch, ANM-115, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-1157; fax (425) 227-1232; e-mail: [Michael.T.Thompson@faa.gov](mailto:Michael.T.Thompson@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

The proposed policy is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.airweb.faa.gov/rgl>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the policy by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The FAA invites your comments on this proposed policy. We will accept your comments, data, views, or arguments by letter, fax, or e-mail. Send your comments to the person indicated in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Mark your comments, "Comments to

Policy Statement No. PS-ANM100-2004-10021."

Use the following format when preparing your comments:

- Organize your comments issue-by-issue.
- For each issue, state what specific change you are requesting to the proposed policy.
- Include justification, reasons, or data for each change you are requesting.

We also welcome comments in support of the proposed policy.

We will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments. We may change the proposed policy because of the comments received.

#### Background

If has been brought to the attention of the Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff that an aircraft certification office has, in some instances, required an applicant to install "No Stowage" or "No Stowage During Taxi, Takeoff and Landing" placards on some surfaces that were not designed or intended to be used for stowage. Although not designed for stowage, these surfaces could, because of their shapes and locations, accommodate the placement of articles upon them. The placards were intended to address a concern that carry-on or other articles, not on the airplane type design, could be inappropriately stowed there and, in case of an accident or severe turbulence, become injurious projectiles. The Staff has investigated this practice and determined that the part 25 regulations relating to the stowage of cargo, baggage, carry-on articles and equipment do not require the installation of these placards for surfaces such as these. Therefore, while an applicant may be encouraged to install such placards, they cannot be required to install the placards.

This policy memorandum is meant to address surfaces that are clearly not intended to be stowage compartments, which must meet the requirements of § 25.787.

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**Michael Kaszycki,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Notice To Rescind a Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS): Pulaski County, AK

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Rescind Notice of Intent to prepare a SDEIS.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent published on February 18, 1999 to prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for a proposed highway project in Pulaski County, Arkansas is being rescinded.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randal J. Looney, Environmental Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, Arkansas Division, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Room 3130, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-3298, Telephone: (501) 324-6430.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, is rescinding the notice of intent to prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) on a proposal to construct the North Belt Freeway, a four-lane, divided, fully controlled access facility located on new alignment in northern Pulaski County.

In 1994, a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and a Record of Decision (ROD) identified a selected alignment (1A). However, a portion of this alignment was not compatible with the City of Sherwood's Master Street Plan, and the project was not included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) developed by Metroplan, the responsible Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). On February 18, 1999, FHWA published a NOI to prepare a SDEIS as part of the development process for the construction of this proposed freeway project.

The proposed project will primarily serve central Arkansas including Little Rock, North Little Rock, Sherwood, Jacksonville, and northern Pulaski County, Arkansas. The SDEIS was to have addressed a new alignment alternative (1B) proposed by the City of Sherwood and three previously studied alternatives located between the Highway 107/Brockington Road interchange and the eastern boundary of

Camp Robinson near Maryland Avenue and Batesville Pike. The three previously studied alternatives were evaluated in the project's Draft EIS in 1991 and in the project's Final EIS in 1994.

The SDEIS was to focus on a limited study area between Batesville Pike and Brockington Road in northern Pulaski County, since this is the portion of the proposed corridor where several alternative alignments were still being considered. The remaining portions of the selected and approved North Belt Freeway alignment to the east toward Highway 67 and to the west through Camp Robinson ending at the I-40/I-430 interchange were to be reviewed only to a level necessary to document if any substantial changes have taken place since the completion and approval of the project's FEIS and ROD.

A preliminary study of the project alignments completed in 2003 attempted to establish if the local community and MPO could support the originally selected project alternative. The public involvement process associated with this reevaluation indicated public opposition for the originally selected alignment alternative. The City of Sherwood and Metroplan, citing the project's incompatibility with local and regional plans, refused to endorse the originally selected alignment alternative as the locally preferred route. Therefore, an SDEIS will be conducted to evaluate all feasible alternatives, possibly including alignments not evaluated in the project's original DEIS and FEIS. The original NOI for the SDEIS is being rescinded because it limited the area of study. A notice of intent to announce an SDEIS with an expanded study area for this

project will be published subsequent to this NOI.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties regarding this action to rescind the NOI published on February 18, 1999 for the proposed North Belt Freeway. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to the FHWA Arkansas Division at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation of Federal programs and activities apply to this program.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

#### Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Application for Exemptions

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** List of applications for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's

Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular exemption is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 26, 2004.

**ADDRESS COMMENTS TO:** Record Center, Research and Special Programs 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 exemption number.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of exemption 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, on March 23, 2004.

**R. Ryan Posten,**

*Exemptions Program Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions & Approvals.*

## NEW EXEMPTIONS—FEBRUARY 2004

Application number	Docket number	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
13482-N .....	.....	U.S. Vanadium Corporation (Subsidiary of Straegic Minerals Corporation), Niagara Falls, NY.	49 CFR 172.102 (SP B14).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain uninsulated DOT specification 51 portable tanks that are currently authorized for certain hazardous materials, except that the portable tanks do not meet the provisions of Section 172.101 SP B14. (modes 1, 3).
13483-N .....	.....	Norris Cylinder Company, Longview, TX.	49 CFR 173.301(a)(1); 173.301(a)(2); 173.302a(a)(1).	To authorize the transportation of a non-DOT specification cylinder conforming in part with the DOT-3AA specification, for use in transporting non-liquefied compressed gases. (modes 1, 4).
13484-N .....	.....	Air Liquide America L.P., Houston, TX.	49 CFR 177.834 .....	To authorize cargo tanks to remain connected while standing without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 1).
13485-N .....	.....	Taylor-Wharton (Harsco Gas and Fluid Control Group), Harrisburg, PA.	49 CFR 173.301(a); 173.302a; 173.304a(a); 173.3; 180.205(c)(f)(g).	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of a non-DOT specification cylinder conforming with all regulation applicable to a DOT-3AA specification cylinder for use in transporting Division 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 hazardous materials. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).