

i.e., NVOCCs and ocean carriers handling the importer's/consignee's shipments. CBP agrees that the statute is designed to protect the identities of importers and consignees (and their shippers if desired) for reasons that are related to their own competitive well being, not for reasons related to the competitive well being of the NVOCCs and ocean carriers filing manifest information in accordance with the "24-hour rule."

Thus, upon review of the comments and further review of the matter, CBP recognizes that allowing these other parties to file confidentiality requests for their importer and consignee clients will not further the intent of the law's confidentiality provision to protect the interests of the importers/consignees, but will instead serve the interests of these other parties at the expense of users of manifest information whose interest this law is also intended to serve. Importers and consignees *already* enjoy the benefits of this law through the current regulation, which allows confidentiality requests to be made by their authorized employees, attorneys, or officials.

Moreover, CBP is further persuaded by several of the other comments opposing the proposed amendment and submits that the weight of these other comments, taken together, provides additional support for a decision to abandon the NPRM. Primary among these other reasons against adoption of the proposal are that the proposal, if adopted, would cause some degree of harm to certain elements of the trade community without producing a beneficial impact on the law's beneficiaries or achieving a result mandated by law; the proposal would create an unacceptable operational burden on CBP; and it would create additional operational burdens on all involved parties, including the importers and consignees who may request confidentiality under the current regulation without preparing a power of attorney or authorization letter. Also, the proposed amendment raised a number of significant questions, as made clear by the comments for and against, and as discovered by CBP during its further review of the matter, indicating that amending the process as proposed is more complicated and problematic than initially contemplated. This recommends to an additional extent abandonment of the project.

In summary, it is clear that there is no consensus among members of the trade community on the value of adopting the proposed regulation and that the greater weight of the comments is persuasively against adoption. Also, the proposed

regulation, if adopted, would have presented a considerable challenge to administrative efficiency for both CBP and importers and consignees.

Dated: August 7, 2003.

Robert C. Bonner,
Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[REG-209377-89]

RIN 1545-BA69

At-Risk Limitations; Interest Other Than That of a Creditor; Correction

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Correction to notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to a notice of proposed rulemaking relating to the treatment, for purposes of the at-risk limitations, of amounts borrowed from a person who has an interest in an activity other than that of a creditor or from a person related to a person (other than the borrower) with such an interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tara P. Volungis (202) 622-3080 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The proposed regulations that are the subject of this correction are under section 465 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Need for Correction

As published, the proposed regulations REG-209377-89, contains an error that may prove to be misleading and is in need of clarification.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication of the proposed regulations REG-209377-89, which is the subject of FR Doc. 03-17090, is corrected as follows:

1. On page 40583, column 3, in the preamble, under the paragraph heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** paragraph 1, lines 4 and 5, the language "requests for a public hearing, [Insert Name], 202-622-7180 (not toll-free)" is corrected to read "requests for a public

hearing, Sonya Cruse, 202-622-4693 (not toll-free)".

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Chief, Regulations Unit, Associate Chief Counsel (Procedure and Administration).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-7542-8]

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of intent to partially delete the Monticello Mill Tailings (USDOE) Superfund Site from the National Priorities List.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8 is issuing a notice of intent to partially delete the Monticello Mill Tailings (USDOE) Superfund Site (the Site) located in Monticello, Utah, from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comments on this notice of intent. The NPL, promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended, is found at appendix B of 40 CFR part 300 of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). The EPA has determined that all appropriate response actions under CERCLA, other than operation and maintenance and five-year reviews, have been completed. However, this partial deletion does not preclude future actions under Superfund. The State of Utah, through the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ), concurs with the decision for partial deletion of the Site from the NPL provided that no adverse comments are received during the public comment period.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of today's **Federal Register**, we are publishing a direct final notice of partial deletion of the Site without prior notice of intent to partially delete because we view this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipate no adverse comments. We have explained our reasons for this partial deletion in the preamble to the direct final partial deletion. If we receive no adverse comments on this notice of intent to partially delete or the direct

final notice of partial deletion, we will not take further action on this notice of intent to partially delete. If we receive adverse comments, we will withdraw the direct final notice of partial deletion and it will not take effect. In such case, we will, as appropriate, address all public comments in a subsequent final partial deletion notice based on this notice of intent to partially delete. We will not institute a second comment period on this notice of intent to partially delete. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time. For additional information, see the direct final notice of partial deletion which is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

DATES: Comments concerning this Site must be received by September 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Mr. Paul Mushovic (8EPR-F), Remedial Project Manager, U.S. EPA Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466, mushovic.paul@epa.gov, (303) 312-6662 or 1-800-227-8917.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding Site deletion, contact Mr. Paul Mushovic (8EPR-F), Remedial Project Manager, U.S. EPA Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466, mushovic.paul@epa.gov, (303) 312-6662 or 1-800-227-8917. For other general Site information, contact Mr. Art Kleinrath, Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), 2597 B ¾ Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81503, art.kleinrath@gjo.doe.gov, (970) 248-6037, or Mr. David Bird, Project Manager, State of Utah Department of Environmental Quality, 168 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116, (801) 536-4219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the Direct Final Notice of Partial Deletion which is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Information Repositories: Repositories have been established to provide detailed information concerning this decision at the following addresses: U.S. DOE Grand Junction Office Public Reading Room, 2597 B ¾ Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81503, (970) 248-6089, Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; U.S. DOE Repository Site Office, 7031 South Highway 191, Monticello, Utah 84535, (435) 587-2098, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 300

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Chemicals, Hazardous waste, Hazardous substances, Intergovernmental relations, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Water pollution control, Water supply.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1321(c)(2); 42 U.S.C. 9601-9657; E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351; E.O. 12580, 52 FR 2923, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193.

Dated: July 31, 2003.

Robert E. Roberts,

Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA Region 8.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

49 CFR Part 1152

[STB Ex Parte No. 647]

Class Exemption for Expedited Abandonment Procedure for Class II and Class III Railroads

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) has received a proposal to create a class exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for Class II and Class III railroads from the prior approval abandonment requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903. The Board intends to consider this proposal, and any other matters that interested persons may raise regarding the abandonment process generally, at an oral hearing to be held in the fall of this year. The Board is not seeking public comment at this time but will issue a subsequent notice setting forth the details for filing comments and participating in the Board's hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1600. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 15, 2003, sixty-five regional and short-line carriers¹ (petitioners) filed a

¹ The sixty-five carriers are: Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, Inc.; Bradford Industrial Rail, Inc.; Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc.; Carolina Coastal Railway, Inc.; Commonwealth Railway, Inc.; Chicago SouthShore & South Bend Railroad; Chattahoochee & Gulf Railroad Co., Inc.; Connecuh Valley Railroad Co., Inc.; Corpus Christi Terminal Railroad, Inc.; The Dansville & Mount Morris Railroad Company; Eastern Idaho Railroad, Inc.; Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Company; Golden Isles Terminal Railroad, Inc.; H&S Railroad Co.,

petition before the Board to use its exemption authority under 49 U.S.C. 10502. Petitioners ask the Board to adopt a new class exemption for use by small carriers in abandoning rail lines. Petitioners claim that the proposal would eliminate current regulatory incentives for small carriers to delay abandonment while letting the traffic base and physical condition of low-density lines deteriorate; subject exit and entry to the rail industry to market forces; and increase the dissemination of commercial information to facilitate the offer of financial assistance (OFA) procedures. In addition, petitioners claim that the proposal would reduce the administrative burdens on the Board.

The proposal would allow small carriers to file a notice of exemption whenever they make the business decision that a given line was no longer economically viable. Petitioners argue that their proposal would eliminate delays in the abandonment process and allow small carriers to quickly redeploy limited assets. This, petitioners maintain, would facilitate maintenance and infrastructure upgrades necessary for small carriers to continue in operation.

The proposed notices of exemption would include 36-months of traffic and revenue information, a description of the current physical condition of the line, an estimate of rehabilitation, the

Inc.; Illinois Indiana Development Company, LLC; Illinois & Midland Railroad Company, Inc.; Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.; Knoxville & Holston River Railroad Co., Inc.; Lancaster and Chester Railway Company; Laurinburg & Southern Railroad Co., Inc.; Louisiana & Delta Railroad, Inc.; Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company; Minnesota Prairie Line, Inc.; Montana Rail Link, Inc.; New York & Atlantic Railway Company; Pacific Harbor Line, Inc.; Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad, Inc.; Pennsylvania Southwestern Railroad, Inc.; Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad Inc.; Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, Inc.; Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.; Rochester & Southern Railroad, Inc.; Rocky Mount & Western Railroad Co., Inc.; St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company; Salt Lake City Southern Railroad Company; Savannah Port Terminal Railroad, Inc.; South Buffalo Railway Company; South Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad Company; Stillwater Central Railroad; Talleyrand Terminal Railroad, Inc.; Three Notch Railroad Co., Inc.; Timber Rock Railroad, Inc.; Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company; Utah Railway Company; Willamette & Pacific Railroad, Inc.; Wiregrass Central Railroad Company, Inc.; York Railway Company; AN Railway, LLC; Atlantic and Western Railway, Limited Partnership; Bay Line Railroad, LLC; Central Midland Railway; Copper Basin Railway, Inc.; East Tennessee Railway, L.P.; Galveston Railroad, L.P.; Georgia Central Railway, L.P.; The Indiana Rail Road Company; KWT Railway, Inc.; Little Rock & Western Railway, L.P.; M & B Railroad, L.L.C.; Tomahawk Railway, Limited Partnership; Valdosta Railway, L.P.; Western Kentucky Railway, LLC; Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company; Wilmington Terminal Railroad, L.P.; and Yolo Shortline Railroad Company.