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**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 12396
(FIFTH REVISION)

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: (See individual authorization letter)
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of nitrogen gas in certain non-DOT specification cylinders. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.
 - b. The safety analyses performed in development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR § 173.301(f) in that the cylinder is not equipped with a pressure relief device and §§ 173.302a(a) and 175.3 in that a non-DOT specification cylinder is not authorized, except as specified herein.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of United Space Alliance (USA) dated February 6, 2004, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.

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6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Nitrogen, compressed	2.2	UN1066	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Prescribed packagings are non-DOT specification cylinders which are part of the Simplified Aid For Extra-vehicular Activity Rescue (SAFER) assembly described in USA's application on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals (OHMSPA).

(1) Each cylinder is a filament-wound carbon fiber reinforced stainless steel lined pressure vessel. The liner must be made of type 304L stainless from a configuration of 2 seamless hemispherical domed heads containing integral bosses circumferentially welded to form a cylinder. The overwrap must be T-1000 carbon graphite fiber with a REZ100 epoxy resin. The cylinder must comply with all NASA standards and specifications relating to SAFER, on file with the OHMSPA. The nominal volumetric capacity of the cylinder is approximately 170 cubic inches with a rated service pressure of 8,000 psi at 70°F. The cylinder is not equipped with safety relief devices.

(2) Only 6 cylinders are authorized to be used under the terms of this special permit.

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS - The pressurized cylinders may only be shipped, installed in the SAFER assembly, in the container as described in the United Space Alliance application on file with the OHMSPA.

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8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. A person who is not a holder of this special permit who receives a package covered by this special permit may reoffer it for transportation provided no modification or change is made to the package or its contents and it is reoffered for transportation in conformance with this special permit and the HMR.

b. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.

c. The cylinder is only authorized 15 years from the date of manufacture or 100 pressurizations, whichever occurs first.

d. The cylinders must be used exclusively as a component of the space shuttle program.

e. Each cylinder must be shipped in strong outside packagings in accordance with § 173.301(a)(9).

f. MARKING - The SAFER shipping container must be marked "DOT-SP 12396" on two opposite sides in letters at least 2 inches in height on the contrasting background.

g. Packagings permanently marked 'DOT-SP 12396', prior to October 1, 2006 may continue to be used under this special permit for the remaining service life of the packaging or until the special permit is no longer valid. Packagings marked on or after October 1, 2006 must be marked 'DOT-SP 12396'.

h. Shipping papers displaying 'DOT-E 12396' may continue to be used until October 1, 2006, provided the special permit remains valid.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle and cargo aircraft only.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each aircraft or motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this special permit. The shipper must furnish a copy of this special permit to the air carrier before or at the time the shipment is tendered.

11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this special permit and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:

- o All terms and conditions prescribed in this special permit and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
- o Persons operating under the terms of this special permit must comply with the security plan requirement in Subpart I of Part 172 of the HMR, when applicable.
- o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this special permit must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this special permit in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this special permit, including display of its number, when this special permit has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

Under Title VII of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)- 'The Hazardous Materials Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005' (Pub. L. 109-59), 119 Stat. 1144 (August 10, 2005), amended the Federal hazardous materials transportation law by changing the term 'exemption' to 'special permit' and authorizes a special permit to be granted up to two years for new special permits and up to four years for renewals.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Shipments or operations conducted under this special permit are subject to the Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting requirements specified in 49 CFR §§ 171.15 - Immediate notice of certain hazardous materials incidents, and 171.16 - Detailed hazardous materials incident reports. In addition, the grantee(s) of this special permit must notify the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, in writing, of any incident involving a package, shipment or operation conducted under terms of this special permit.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Ryan Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

for Robert A. McGuire
Associate Administrator for
Hazardous Materials Safety

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous
Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety
Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C.
20590. Attention: PHH-31.

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