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U.S. Department
of Transportation

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**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 11583
(FOURTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: December 31, 2009

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.105.)

1. GRANTEE: Alaska Railroad Corporation
Anchorage, Alaska
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the transportation, in commerce, of class/division 2.1, 2.2, 3, combustible liquids, 6.1 PG II and III, 8 and/or 9 materials in mixed trains. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated.
 - b. The safety analyses performed in development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce.
 - c. Party status will not be granted to this special permit.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR § 174.82(b), except as specified herein.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of Alaska Railroad Corporation dated December 30, 2005 submitted in accordance with § 107.109.

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Hazardous materials in class/division 2.1, 2.2, 3, combustible liquid, 6.1 PG II or III, 8 and/or 9. The proper shipping description authorized under the terms of this special permit must be as specified in 49 CFR Subpart B of Part 172, a special permit issued under 49 CFR Subpart B of Part 107, or as authorized in accordance with § 171.12 or § 171.12a.

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. Each railcar containing hazardous materials must be separated from each occupied passenger railcar by a minimum of six railcars that do not contain hazardous materials.

b. Railcars containing hazardous materials must be placed in the train behind all occupied passenger railcars.

c. Each transport vehicle, freight container, or rail car containing any quantity of hazardous material must be placarded on each side and each end with the type of placards specified for hazard class in § 172.504(e), Table 2. This section applies regardless of the amount of hazardous materials contained within the transport vehicle, freight container or rail car,

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. The shipping paper notations specified in § 172.203(a) are waived.

b. Packagings permanently marked 'DOT-E 11583', prior to October 1, 2007 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, 2007 must be marked 'DOT-SP 11583'.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Rail freight.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is to be notified if any unusual incident occurs, such as derailment, during the movement by contacting the:

Federal Railroad Administration
Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance
RRS-12, Mail Stop 25
1120 Vermont Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590
(202) 493-6247 or 493-6229

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 Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. § 5101 et seq:
- All terms and conditions prescribed in this special permit and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
 - 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.
 - 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 this training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this special permit, including display of its number, when the 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

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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 "Robert A. McGuire".

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.

Copies of this special permit may be obtained by accessing the Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at http://hazmat.dot.gov/sp_app/special_permits/spec_perm_index.htm Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this special permit are permitted. Any alteration of this special permit is prohibited.

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