

69 FR 53493; 69 FR 62742; 71 FR 53489; 71 FR 62148; 73 FR 61925; 75 FR 59327; 77 FR 64583; 79 FR 56117; 81 FR 71173);

David W. Brown (TN)  
Jeffrey M. Keyser (OH)  
Zbigniew P. Pietranik (WI)  
Monty G. Calderon (OH)  
David G. Meyers (NY)  
Joseph F. Wood (MS)  
Zane G. Harvey, Jr. (VA)  
Rodney M. Pegg (PA)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2000–7165; FMCSA–2004–18885. Their exemptions are applicable as of October 27, 2018, and will expire on October 27, 2020.

As of October 31, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following ten individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (77 FR 56261; 77 FR 65933; 79 FR 58856; 79 FR 59348; 79 FR 72754; 81 FR 71173):

Donald L. Blakeley II (NV)  
Sanford L. Goodwin (TX)  
Steven W. Miller (PA)  
Scott E. Tussey (KY)  
Marty R. Brewster (KS)  
Thomas J. Long III (PA)  
James J. Monticello (IN)  
Henry L. Chrestensen (IA)  
Matthew J. Mantooth (KY)  
Klifford N. Siemens (KS)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2012–0216; FMCSA–2014–0296. Their exemptions are applicable as of October 31, 2018, and will expire on October 31, 2020.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315, each exemption will be valid for two years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315.

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**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2018–0077]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on September 24, 2018, Strasburg Rail Road Company (SRC) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 243. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2018–0077.

Specifically, SRC seeks relief from 49 CFR part 243, *Training, Qualification, and Oversight, of Safety-Related Railroad Employees*. SRC believes its existing training methodology works well as evidenced by no training-related incidents in the past 60 years. SRC states that given the nature of its operations, (*i.e.* historic, tourist, and excursion utilizing steam locomotives and vintage passenger equipment), size, and limited resources, 49 CFR part 243 is unnecessary, time consuming, arbitrary, and completely inappropriate. SRC believes that their participation in the Confidential Close Call Reporting System enables their employees to take a proactive role in railroad safety by reporting and recommending solutions to systemic risks on the railroad before harm occurs to any person, property, or equipment.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be

submitted by any of the following methods:

- *website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by March 25, 2019 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Robert C. Lauby,**

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety Chief Safety Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2018–0100]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on November 15, 2018, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS), petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 232, *Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices*. FRA

assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2018-0100.

Specifically, NS proposes to create a 3D simulation using web-based software to satisfy the "hands-on" portion of the training required by 49 CFR 232.203(e), in connection with periodic refresher training. Refresher training is required at intervals not to exceed 3 years, and shall consist of classroom and hands-on training, as well as testing. NS states that due to the velocity of their operations network, it is often difficult to provide a consistent training and testing environment regarding car selection, defects, and availability. Further, NS contends that this proposal's one-on-one training will be more conducive to learning than a group setting.

The NS proposal will simulate a Class I Brake Test and places the user in a virtual 3D scenario requiring concrete responses to an array of preprogrammed defects on various types of freight cars and brake systems while performing the brake test. To successfully complete the scenario, the user must identify key components and identify and correct all defects, including but not limited to closed cut-out cocks, uncoupled air hoses, closed angle cocks, wrongly positioned retainer valves, and fouled brake rigging.

NS seeks to apply this waiver system wide to all NS craft personnel responsible for performing freight air brakes tests, including supervisors, freight car repair personnel, and conductors.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the

comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

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**Robert C. Lauby,**

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety Chief Safety Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

#### Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Special Permits

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

**ACTION:** List of applications for 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. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit 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 March 8, 2019.

**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:

Ryan Paquet, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Approvals and Permits Division, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington DC or at <http://regulations.gov>.

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)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 1, 2019.

**Donald P. Burger,**

*Chief, General Approvals and Permits Branch.*