

by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

*Docket Number:* OST-1998-3727.

*Date Filed:* June 19, 2006.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* July 10, 2006.

*Description:* Second Application of Ethiopian Airlines Enterprise requesting a further amendment to its application for an initial foreign air carrier permit to encompass the full extent of operating authority authorized under Annex I and Annex II of the U.S.-Ethiopia Open Skies Agreement.

*Docket Number:* OST-2004-19617.

*Date Filed:* June 22, 2006.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* July 13, 2006.

*Description:* Application of Eos Airlines, Inc., requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to engage in foreign scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail between the United States and the United Kingdom (excluding London's Heathrow and Gatwick Airports), the Netherlands, and Germany, via intermediate points and to points beyond. By this application, Eos seeks to amend its certificate to add France as an additional point in Europe, i.e., to add the following authority: Between the United States via intermediate points, on the one hand, and France and beyond, on the other hand.

**Renee V. Wright,**

*Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-23727]

#### Notice of Intent To Survey Medical Examiners Who Certify the Physical Qualifications of Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below has been sent to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR describes a proposed collection activity and its expected cost and burden. The **Federal Register** notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on the ICR was published on September 29, 2005. Three comments were received supporting the concept of a national registry of qualified medical examiners, but none specifically addressed the information collection process.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 14, 2006. OMB must receive your comments by this date to act quickly on the request.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: DOT/FMCSA Desk Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Chief, Physical Qualifications Division, (202) 366-4001, [maggi.gunnels@dot.gov](mailto:maggi.gunnels@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 8301, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 4116 of The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (Pub. L. 109-59, 119 Stat.1144 (August 10, 2005)) requires the Secretary of Transportation "to establish and maintain a current national registry of medical examiners who are qualified to perform examinations and issue medical certificates." To implement this requirement, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is developing the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (NRCME) program that was announced at a June 22, 2005, public meeting in Arlington, Virginia (70 FR 28596; May 18, 2005). The NRCME would be comprised, in part, of a training and testing program and include a database of qualified medical examiners. These examiners would conduct medical examinations of interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers and determine their physical qualifications to operate CMVs in interstate commerce as defined in 49 CFR part 391. The NRCME program would require training using a standardized curriculum, a certification test, and procedures to maintain the quality of the program in accordance with national accreditation standards.

Once the program is implemented, FMCSA would accept as valid only medical examinations conducted only by NRCME medical examiners.

A Role Delineation Study is a critical component of developing a standardized training curriculum and valid, reliable, and fair certification test. The goal of the Role Delineation Study is to inform the policies that guide the NRCME program in accordance with national accreditation standards. The study is an assessment of the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for a medical examiner to perform competently. The Role Delineation Study incorporates the following components: (1) Develop a medical examiner task list through a variety of techniques; (2) measure agreement on each task in the list by a representative sample of medical examiners; (3) disqualify tasks lacking sufficient agreement; (4) identify critical tasks; and (5) create specifications for a certification test. The information derived from the Role Delineation Study is necessary to form the basis of a professionally sound quality management system that supports accreditation of the certification program. A survey of medical examiners is one of the techniques for gathering data from FMCSA medical examiners for the Role Delineation Study.

*Respondents:* Members of the five medical examiner professional categories: Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs), Doctors of Chiropractic (DCs), Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs), Medical Doctors (MDs), and Physician Assistants (PAs) who are currently performing FMCSA physical examinations of CMV drivers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,000.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Average Burden per Response:* The estimated average burden per response for each survey is 60 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* The estimated total annual burden is 4,000 hours for the information collection based on the following requirement for statistical significance: 800 responses for each of the five medical examiner professional categories; [4,000 respondents per survey × 1 hour per respondent = 4,000 hours].

We particularly request comments on the necessity and usefulness of the collection of information for FMCSA to meet its goal of reducing truck and bus crashes; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the information collected; suggestions to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and suggestions to minimize the burden of the collection of

information on respondents, including using automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued on: July 3, 2006.

**John H. Hill,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

**Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Special Permit Applications**

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

**ACTION:** List of applications delayed more than 180 days.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), PHMSA is publishing the following list of special permit applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reasons(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Mazzullo, Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

**Key to "Reason for Delay"**

1. Awaiting additional information from applicant.
2. Extensive public comment under review.

3. Application is technically complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis.

4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of special permit applications.

**Meaning of Application Number Suffixes**

- N—New application.
- M—Modification request.
- X—Renewal.
- PM—Party to applicant with modification request.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 10, 2006.

**R. Ryan Posten,**

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**NEW SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
13563-N	Applied Companies, Valencia, CA	1	07-31-2006
14184-N	Global Refrigerants, Inc., Denver, CO	4	07-31-2006
14229-N	Senex Explosives, Inc., Cuddy, PA	4	07-31-2006
14239-N	Marlin Gas Transport, Inc., Odessa, FL	1	07-31-2006
14257-N	Origin Energy American Samoa, Inc., Pago Pago, AS	4	07-31-2006
14266-N	NCF Industries, Inc., Santa Maria, CA	3	08-31-2006
14277-N	Ascus Technologies, Ltd., Cleveland, OH	3, 4	08-31-2006
14285-N	INO Therapeutics LLC, Port Allen, LA	4	08-31-2006
14289-N	City Machine & Welding, Inc., Amarillo, TX	4	08-31-2006
14301-N	Triple S Gas Tanks (PTY) Ltd dba, Gascon, Elsiesriver, South Africa	4	08-31-2006
14298-N	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA	4	08-31-2006
14283-N	U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Washington, DC	1	07-31-2006
14237-N	Advanced Technology Materials, Inc., (ATMI), Danbury, CT	1	08-31-2006
14232-N	Luxfer Gas Cylinders—Composite, Cyclinder Division, Riverside, CA	4	07-31-2006

**MODIFICATION TO SPECIAL PERMIT**

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
11903-M	Comptank Corporation, Bothwell, ON	4	07-31-2006
13583-M	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA	3, 4	07-31-2006
11691-M	Sensient Flavors, Inc., Indianapolis, IN	4	07-31-2006
12677-M	Austin Powder Illinois Company, Cleveland, OH	1	08-31-2006

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

[Docket No. PHMSA-04-19091; Grant 2]

**Pipeline Safety: Petition for Waiver; Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company**

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

**ACTION:** Grant; petition for waiver.

**SUMMARY:** Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company (Tuscarora) requests a waiver of the pipeline safety regulation on valve spacing from PHMSA. The pipeline safety regulation requires each point on a pipeline in a Class 1 location be within 10 miles of a block valve. This document grants Tuscarora's request for waiver.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The pipeline safety regulation at 49 CFR 192.179(a)(4) requires each point