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**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 20430
(FIRST REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: 2024-10-31

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Minnesota Commercial Railway Company
Saint Paul, MN
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the transportation by rail of hazardous materials without the use of buffer cars between the power locomotive and the hazardous material cars. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein. The most recent revision supersedes all previous revisions.
 - b. The safety analyses performed in the development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with the transportation in commerce.
 - c. No party status will 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 § 174.85(c) in that a buffer car need not be deployed between the power locomotive and placarded tank cars.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of Minnesota Commercial Railway Company ("MNCR") dated October 7, 2020, 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	Identi- fication Number	Packing Group
Styrene Monomer	3	UN2055	III
Maleic Anhydride	8	UN2215	III
Dicyclopentadiene	3	UN2048	III
Styrene Monomer Resin	3	UN1866	III
Ethylene Glycol	9	UN3082	III

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING: In accordance with 49 CFR § 174.9, the carrier must inspect each rail car in these trains containing the hazardous material, at ground level, for required markings, labels, placards, securement of closures, and leakage. This inspection may be done in conjunction with inspections required under 49 CFR parts 215 and 232.

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS:

(1) Each train crew shall have training on the provisions of this special permit and appropriate hazardous materials training for emergency purposes.

(2) This special permit applies only to trains moving hazardous materials to/from the Interplastic Corporation facility to a run-around track designated by MNRR as the Land o' Lakes Runaround, a distance of approximately 3,300 feet.

(3) The maximum speed of the train during movement shall not exceed 5 mph.

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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 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.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Rail freight.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each used to transport packages covered by this special permit.

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.

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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.:



for William Schoonover
Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D.C. 20590.

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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