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Washington, D.C. 20590

**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 14971
(FIRST REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: February 29, 2016

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Northrop Grumman Corporation
Baltimore, MD
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the controlled release of nitrogen and air from cylinders during transportation to maintain an inert atmosphere in a shipping container which is required to protect the electronic sensors for a satellite. 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 § 173.24(b)(1) in that small amounts of gas may be released into the environment, and § 177.834(h) in that controlled discharge of gas from the cylinders is authorized during transportation.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of Northrop Grumman Corporation dated February 24, 2012, submitted in accordance with § 107.109 and additional information of July 19, 2012.

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Air, compressed	2.2	UN1002	N/A
Nitrogen, compressed	2.2	UN1066	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Packaging's prescribed are DOT Specification 3AA cylinders (49 CFR 178.35 and 178.37) and cylinders authorized in accordance with special permit DOT-SP 9909. The cylinders must be manifolded, securely mounted to the frame of a shipping container, and protected from impact in accordance with the Northrop Grumman drawings and application for special permit on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals. In addition, in accordance with the application for special permit, the contents of the cylinders must be discharged into the shipping container in a controlled manner in order to maintain a contaminant-free and corrosion-resistant atmosphere for the electronic space (satellite) sensors within.

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS - The shipping container must be equipped with pressure relief devices (prd's) that meet SAE Specification AS27166. These prd's must automatically relieve pressure if the internal pressure within the shipping container exceeds 0.25 psig.

c. TESTING - Each cylinder must be requalified as specified in 49 CFR 180.209 for DOT Specification 3AA cylinders or in accordance with the requirements of DOT-SP 9909, as applicable.

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

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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.

c. The outside of each shipping container must be plainly and durably marked on two opposite sides "DOT-SP 14971". This special permit number is not required to be marked on each cylinder.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor Vehicle.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each motor vehicle 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 notices 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 Dr. Magdy El-Sibaie
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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