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U.S. Department
of Transportation

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**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 10981
(SEVENTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: February 28, 2010

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Austin Powder Company
Cleveland, OH
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of Explosives, blasting, Type E Division 1.5D contained in DOT Specification IM 102 portable tanks stowed below deck on privately owned or chartered, dedicated explosives vessels. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.
 - b. The safety analyses performed in development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with 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 §§ 172.101 table, column 10A and 10B, 173.62, 176.63, 176.83 and 176.84, except as specified herein.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of Austin Powder Company dated March 20, 2006, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.

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6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Proper Shipping Name/ Hazardous Materials Description	Hazard Class/ Division	Identi- fication Number	Packing Group
Explosive, blasting, Type E or Agent blasting, Type E	1.5D	UN0332	II
Explosive, blasting, Type B or Agent blasting, Type B	1.5D	UN0331	II

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES: Prescribed packagings are DOT Specification IM 102 portable tanks, (maximum allowable working pressure shall be less than 25.4 psig). Each tank must conform to all requirements of DOT Specification IM 102, including periodic maintenance and inspection. The portable tanks are authorized for stowage below deck on cargo vessels which are privately owned or chartered by Austin Powder Company and used in dedicated explosives service.

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 or its contents 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 loading operation must be conducted at Morgan City, Louisiana or Grand Chenier, Louisiana under the supervision and in accordance with the requirements of the local U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port.

d. MARKING - Each portable tank must be plainly marked on both sides near the middle, in letters at least two inches high on a contrasting background, "DOT-SP 10981".

e. Packagings permanently marked 'DOT-E 10981', prior to October 1, 2007 may continue to be used under this special

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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 10981'.

f. Shipping papers displaying 'DOT-E 10981' may continue to be used until October 1, 2007, provided the special permit remains valid.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle and cargo vessel.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each cargo vessel or 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, 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 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

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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 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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