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**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 14606

EXPIRATION DATE: March 31, 2008

1. GRANTEE: California State, local, tribal and Federal Government officials and persons conducting operations under the direction of those government officials within the Southern California fire disaster areas.
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This emergency special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of hazardous materials used to support the recovery and relief efforts from and within the Southern California Fire disaster areas, under conditions that may not meet the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR). This special permit provides no relief from the 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. The safety analyses did not consider the hazards and risks associated with consumer use, use as a component of a transport vehicle or other device, or other uses not 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 Parts 171 through 180, except as specified.
5. BASIS: This emergency special permit is based on the application of U.S. EPA, Region 9, on behalf of California

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State, local, tribal and the Federal Government, dated November 5, 2007, submitted in accordance with § 107.117 and a determination that it is necessary to avoid a risk of significant harm to persons or property by facilitating expedited transportation of hazardous materials from or within the California fire disaster areas.

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper shipping name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identi- fication Number	Packing Group
Hazardous Materials listed in the 49 CFR other than radioactive materials	Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9	As appli- cable	As appli- cable

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. Compliance with the HMR is required to the extent practicable. When compliance with the HMR is not possible or practicable, shipments may be offered or transported under alternative safety requirements imposed by the grantee.

b. Specifically, grantees will segregate and transport hazardous materials utilizing appropriate safety practices to designated collection facilities. Relief from the HMR shipping paper and hazard communication requirements will apply only for strike teams which will be performing recon, field screening and emergency packing/segregation in the field, up to the point of delivery to designated collection facilities.

c. Vehicles loaded by field teams will use the Dangerous placard and/or load specific hazard class placards and will be escorted to collection facilities by grantee representatives.

d. All applicable HMR provisions (including UN specification packaging, lab-pack requirements, hazard communication and shipping paper requirements) will apply at designated collection centers.

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8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS: Operations under this special permit are limited to the grantee.
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.

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.

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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.:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Theodore L. Willke", is written over a horizontal line.

for Theodore L. Willke
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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