



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

DOT-SP 21756

EXPIRATION DATE: 2027-04-30

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: BNSF Railway Company
Fort Worth, TX
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of hazardous materials identified in Table 1 to Appendix A—Hazardous Substances Other Than Radionuclides as being of a reportable quantity when a reportable quantity of the substance is not present within a package. 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 § 172.203(c)(2) in that a shipping paper may be marked with the letters, “RQ”, when a reportable quantity is not present in a package and § 172.324(b) in that when a shipping paper identifies a reportable quantity of a hazardous substance, packages need not be marked with the letters, “RQ”.

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5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of BNSF Railway Company dated April 26, 2024, submitted in accordance with § 107.105 and the public proceeding thereon.
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR 172.101):

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Hazardous Substances listed in Appendix A to § 172.101—List of Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities*	Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9	As applicable	As applicable

Note: Hazardous materials must meet a separate hazard class definition in Subpart C or D of Part 173 in order to be transported under the special permit.

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING: As required by the HMR.

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS:

(1) The letters “RQ” may be entered before or after the basic description on the shipping paper if the proper shipping name or technical name identifies a hazardous substance listed in Appendix A to § 172.101—List of Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities.

(2) If the letters “RQ” are entered on the shipping paper, and a reportable quantity of material in the package is not present, the package may not be marked with the letters “RQ”.

(3) BNSF Railway Company must be capable of identifying which packages do not contain a reportable quantity of a hazardous substance.

(4) In the event of an accident, the following information must be provided promptly and without delay to an authorized official for emergency response:

(i) Packages being transported under the provisions of DOT-SP 21756 may not contain a reportable quantity of hazardous substance.

(ii) Which packages, if any, being transported under the provisions of DOT-SP 21756 known to BNSF Railways Corporation to not contain a reportable quantity of hazardous substance.

(iii) A description of the provisions of DOT-SP 21756.

(iv) A copy of DOT-SP 21756 if requested.

(6) Substances named in Table 2 to Appendix A—Radionuclides are prohibited from transportation under the provisions of DOT-SP 21756.

(7) Use of this special permit is limited to movements made by BNSF Railway Company and packages transported under the provisions of DOT-SP 21756 may not be interchanged to another railroad.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. Transportation of a package covered by this special permit is only authorized by the holder of this permit.

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.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: None as a requirement of 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.

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 Quade
Acting 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-13, 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 <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/approvals-and-permits/hazmat/special-permits-search>. Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this special permit are permitted. Any alteration of this special permit is prohibited.

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