

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), prepared a draft EIS for a project that has been proposed to improve the transportation system in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri. The notice of availability for the New I-64 EIS (volumes 1 and 2) was published in the **Federal Register** on January 3, 2003. The end of the official comment period was to be February 28, 2003. The comment period was subsequently extended to April 4, 2003. Due to the request from the city of Richmond Heights for additional time to prepare comments, we are further extending the comment period to May 30, 2003. Comments or questions should be directed to the FHWA or MoDOT at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of denials.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA announces that 149 individuals were denied exemptions from the Federal vision standard applicable to interstate truck drivers and the reasons for the denials. The FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from vision standards if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The agency has concluded that granting these exemptions does not provide a level of safety that will equal or exceed the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial drivers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal vision standard for a renewable 2-year period if it finds such an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such an exemption. (49 CFR 391.41(b)(10))

Accordingly, FMCSA evaluated 149 individual exemption requests on their merits and made a determination that these applicants do not satisfy the criteria established to demonstrate that granting an exemption is likely to achieve an equal or greater level of safety that exists without the exemption. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on his/her individual exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final agency action. The list published today summarizes the agency's recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) by periodically publishing names and reason for denials.

The following 71 applicants lacked sufficient recent driving experience over three years:

Barclay, Jr., Richard
Bell, Johnny
Bonney, Stephen
Bosaneck, Theodore
Brown, Brian
Brown, Norman
Browning, Raymond
Browning, Jr., John
Cadwell, Robert
Carleton, David
Carson, Roger
Cerri, Phillip
Chamblee, William
Cheatham, Lonas
Clemons, Curtis
Crise, Duane
Davis, Jr., William
Denne, Kenneth
Fraas, Jr., Louis
Frazier, Wiley
French, Russell
Gann, Jr., Floyd
Garner, Sr., Anthony
Gingery, Nelson

Goodway, David
Halfhill, Tyrone
Harris, Clifford
Hunter, Paul
Ivie, Brent
Jarvis, Monte
Johnson, Terrell
Kaufman, Chester
Keating, Carl
Knox, Jr., Robert
Leitz, Jack
Majors, Jr., Stanley
Maloney, 3rd, John
Mannings, Christopher
Marancik, John
Marple, Jay
Martin, Bradley
Martin, George
Melton, Charles
Moore, Timothy
Norton, Kenneth
Pimentel, Luiz
Pinard, Gregg
Raby, Joel

Reed, Donald
Reichert, Daniel
Reyes, Angelo
Reynolds, Thomas
Ryan, Paul
Schaaf, James
Severson, Carrie
Smith, James
Sosa, Freddy
Steele, Duane
Stout, David
Taylor, Timothy
Thomas, Steven
Thomason, Douglas
Thompson, John C.
Toombs, Marvin
Turenne, Gary
Turner, Roy
Tuttle, Brian
Wilkinson, Sonya
Williams, James
Wilson, Leonard
Winters, Timothy

One applicant, Mr. Jerry Ross, does not have experience operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) and therefore presented no evidence from

which FMCSA can conclude that granting the exemption is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

The following 37 applicants do not have 3 years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with the vision deficiency: