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HELLO NEW READERS!

Welcome to the monthly publication, "*The Hazmat News Network*". This newsletter is dedicated to the hazardous materials and hazardous wastes packaging, shipping and operations professionals. And best of all, it's free...no catch. All I ask is that you forward this on to others you think may benefit. Also, if you

receive this by fax and would rather obtain it via email, just send me an email with your name, company, email address, and phone number. Be sure to email me at rri and not rRL.

THE INTRODUCTORY PERIOD IS ALMOST OVER for the *RRI Rad Calc* software program that takes the headache out of your radioactive materials shipping determinations. Beginning June, the price will jump. So, you'd better hurry and order your copy now while the cost is still only \$99. Oh yeah, Visa and MasterCard are now accepted...horray!

IS ANYONE GOING TO BE AT THE TNRCC SEMINAR in Austin, Texas the first week in May? Because if you are, stop by and talk with us at our exhibition booth. We'll be at the conference Monday-Wednesday, May 4-6. At last you'll be able to put a face behind the terrible sense of humor.

SPEAKING OF TNRCC WASTE, Regulatory Resources is conducting RCRA Hazardous Waste and Texas State Industrial Waste training workshops this year in June, August, and October. The 5-day workshop covers regulatory definitions (and their tie to operations); complex RCRA designations; Texas State waste designations; exemptions/exclusions (including recycling, universal wastes, used oil); storage; treatment options (and consequences); and LDR determinations, notifications and certifications. PCB wastes are also addressed. Now the good part — we don't just talk-n-talk...yada, yada, yada. No, you'll be spending hours working problems and scenarios. Be ready to learn and apply the requirements. Call us at 509-628-1020 for more info.

ADRENALIN HITS THE DOT DOCKET ACTIVITY for mid-March through April. Here's what's happening.

- **March 31st**: FHWA published a supplemental notice and is requesting comments on the final report of the Alliance for Uniform HazMat Transportation Procedures. The "Alliance" is working to make recommendations to the Secretary (DOT) on whether to limit the filing of State registration and permit forms and the collection of filing fees to the State in which the person resides or has its principal place of business. Comments are due by June 29, 1998.

- **April 1st**: Happy Fool's Day! RSPA published a Final Rule, technical amendments to docket HM-206, Improvements

to the HazCom requirements. Primary changes include: (1) clarifying requirements for display of ID numbers for large quantity shipments; (2) revising requirements for display of ID numbers for non-bulk PIH packages; (3) providing alternative methods for marking the carrier's phone number on the disconnect transport vehicles.

- **April 9th**: RSPA published a Public Notice and invitation to comment on an application by the Association of Waste Hazardous Materials Transporters for an administrative determination whether the Federal DOT law preempts requirements of Tennessee applicable to transporters of hazardous waste. Now's your chance to comment, as long as it's by May 26th and rebuttal comments by July 8th.

- **April 9th**: EPA published a Notice announcing an interim extension of its policy on the civil enforcement of the storage prohibition at facilities that generate "mixed waste". The extension ends 10/31/98. How appropriate. What's to worry, by the time something's approved the only left will be lead!

- **April 9th**: FHWA is soliciting proposals from States for projects to evaluate their current citation issuance, conviction process, and driver licensing procedures and policies in meeting the goal of timely, accurate, and complete reporting and recording of traffic convictions with a State and between States. Proposals must be submitted before July 8, 1998.

- **April 10th**: FHWA is having a public meeting, May 2nd, concerning the development of the North American Standard for Protection Against Shifting or Falling Cargo. Call Mr. Larry Minor at 202-366-4009 for more info.

- **April 16th**: The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board is having a public brainstorm meeting to discuss waste package concepts for direct disposal of commercial spent nuclear fuel in a hypothetical repository designed for Yucca Mountain, NV. The meeting at the Doubletree Hotel at Tysons Corner, 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia (703-893-1340) on May 18-19.

- **April 20th**: FHWA published a NPRM to amend the hours-of-service recordkeeping requirements. Lots of stuff here. Comments are due by June 19th.

- **April 20th**: RSPA published a Notice regarding the HazMat registration program. If you're already registered, the Federal invoice is in the mail. If you're not registered, read this to find out if you need to be.

- **April 23th**: EPA published a request for comment on a proposed policy statement that announces spent antifreeze rarely fails TCLP testing. The statement and associated supporting information would be to assist generators in determining whether their spent antifreeze exhibits a RCRA characteristic. Comments are due by June 22nd.

THAT'S ALL THE ROOM FOR THIS MONTH...BYE!