



WELCOME TO THE HAZMAT NEWS NETWORK. This newsletter is devoted to providing you hazardous materials and waste packaging and transportation regulatory news. And it's absolutely free...there's no catch. Regulatory Resources hopes you'll find the information we provide beneficial.

IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE to register for RRI's Advanced Hazardous Waste Packaging & Transportation Workshop in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 3-7, 1999. Remember, we limit the workshop to 25 participants. The final day for registering is April 19th. We'll be covering:



(1) RCRA and TSCA definitions and designation criteria; (2) hazardous substance determinations; (3) detailed DOT classifications; (4) DOT PSN identification process; (5) packaging options; (6) DOT, RCRA, and TSCA hazard communications; (7) vehicle configuration. Be prepared to delve into multi-agency requirements and

interfacing, complex classifications, and the complete picture of DOT packaging options. To give you an idea of the intensity, we'll spend the first 3 days covering classification and identification of hazardous waste incorporating TSCA, RCRA, CERCLA, and DOT. You will leave with a hazardous waste packaging and transportation process that claims victory over multi-agency complexities. And for even more, we'll cover the new final rule DOT just published, HM-215C. How sure am I that you'll learn something from this workshop: so sure that I'll refund your money if you're not satisfied! Give me a call, fax or email to obtain course information and a registration form. Remember, register before April 19th. I look forward to seeing you in May.

THERE'S NO SPRING FEVER AT DOT. Here's the latest docket action from RSPA and FHWA:

- **Mar 22nd:** RSPA published a HM-225A NPRM to revise regulations applicable to the transportation and unloading of liquefied compressed gases. The proposed revisions include (1) new inspections, maintenance and testing requirements for cargo tank discharge systems, including delivery hose assemblies, and (2) attendance requirements applicable to LPG and anhydrous ammonia. Comments due by 4/21/99.
- **Mar 23rd:** RSPA published an Advanced NPRM to solicit comments on the merits of revising the current incident reporting requirements, both the requirements and Form F 5800.1. Comments are due to DOT by 6/21/99.

- **Mar 25th:** RSPA is seeking comments on certain environmental substances issues that will be considered by the UN Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods at a subcommittee meeting to be held in July 1999. These issues concern the development of the requirements for substances that are dangerous to the environment and the criteria that will be used to define such substances, including RSPA's recommendation of criteria for substances transported in bulk quantities. Comments must be submitted to DOT by 5/7/99.

- **Mar 26th:** RSPA published a notice of filing requirements to remind all persons that the Hazardous Materials Registration Program will enter registration year 1999-2000 on July 1st. Unless excepted, you need to register if you transport or offer for transport materials identified in 49 CFR 107.601.

- **Mar 29th:** RSPA published a Preemption Determination the PUC of Ohio and the William E. Comley, Inc. and TWC Transportation Corporation. RSPA determined that written requirements of the State of Ohio applicable to the transportation of hazardous materials are consistent with DOT Hazmat Regulations. There is insufficient evidence that the PUC of Ohio has applied or enforced requirements governing the transportation of hypochlorite solutions in any different manner than provided in the HMRs.

- **Mar 31st:** RSPA published a safety advisory notice that RSPA is investigating the unauthorized marking of high-pressure compressed gas cylinders. During November and December 1998, RSPA conducted inspections of AAA Fire & Safety Company, Inc. in Bloomfield, CT. The results of the inspections indicate that between the latter part of 1995 and August 1998, AAA may have informed its customers that their cylinders had been hydrostatically retested, when in fact, the cylinders had not.

- **Mar 31st:** The FHWA published a final rule amending the FMCSRs to require that motor carriers engaged in interstate commerce install retroreflective tape or reflex reflectors on the sides and rear of semitrailers and trailers that were (1) manufactured prior to 12/01/93, (2) have an overall width of 80 inches or more, and (3) a GVWR of 10,001 pounds or more. Colors and color combinations are discussed in the docket. The tape or reflectors must be installed by 6/1/01.

- **April 5th:** The FHWA published a notice of final disposition to announce its decision to exempt 23 people from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

WOW, that's all the room for this month. Hopefully next month's docket activity is slower and allows for more hot topic reviews. Until then, RRI hopes you have a very happy spring.