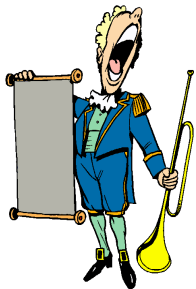




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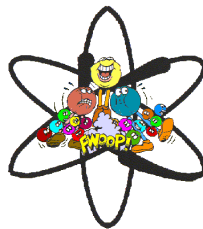


1-DAY UPDATE SEMINAR ON ST-1 IS SCHEDULED for March 6 and March 7 in Las Vegas, NV. Both one-day sessions are identical. This seminar compares the changes between the former Safety Series 6 (SS-6) and the new TS-R-1 (ST-1 Revised) regulations. The seminar will help prepare you for international shipments of Class 7 materials as adopted by the IMO/IMDG and

IATA/ICAO. Also, the topics provide insight to the proposed DOT changes in HM-230. The cost is \$125/person. The IAEA TS-R-1 (ST-1 Revised) regulations are not provided; to order yours contact "BERNAN ASSOCIATES, 4611-F Assembly Drive, Lanham, MD 20706-4391." Those who are interested in attending need to submit a registration form. To obtain the form contact us by email or fax (number/address above). Don't delay...attendance is limited.

ADVANCED DOT RAD SHIPPERS CERT WORKSHOP

is scheduled for February 12-16 in Amarillo, TX. The cost is \$795 for all 5-days. This includes all training materials, 49 CFR 100-185, certificate and instruction. Remember, this is an advanced workshop – complex topics and exercises are included in the course. Topics covered include classification, multiple nuclide activity limits, LSA material and SCO determinations (including RAMREG-003), package requirements, optimal package options, material descriptions, hazard combinations, and shipment and vehicle controls. Contact us for registration and travel information.



DOCKET ACTION FOR DECEMBER. It appears the regulators wanted to give us some presents for Christmas...but why coal? Docket action for this month:

- **Nov 24th:** The FMCSA published an interim final rule to revise the requirements for filing the Motor Carrier Identification Report (MCS-150). The rule is effective 12/26; comments are due by 1/23/01.
- **Dec 7th:** RSPA published a NPRM, HM-208D, to temporarily lower the registration fees paid by person who transport or offer for transport in commerce certain types and quantities of hazmat. RSPA also proposed for all not-for-profit organizations to pay the same registration fee as small business. Comments are due by 2/2/01.
- **Dec 11th:** RSPA is reopening for comments an application of preemption by The Kiesel Company against a Missouri prohibition against recontainerization of hazardous waste at a transfer facility (PDA-25(R)). Comments are due by 1/25/01.
- **Dec 15th:** The FMCSA published a final rule amending the penalty provisions of the FMCSR prohibiting a motor carrier that does not pay civil penalties, or does not arrange and abide by its payment agreements, from operating in interstate commerce. This rule is effective on 4/16/01.
- **Dec 18th:** The FMCSA published a NPRM to revise the regulations concerning protection against shifting and falling cargo for commercial motor vehicles engaged in interstate commerce. Comments are due by 3/19/01.
- **Dec 19th:** RSPA is extending the comment period for a Boston & Maine Corporation preemption determination against the Massachusetts' definition of hazardous materials (PDA-26(R)). Comments are now due by 2/2/01.
- **Dec 19th:** RSPA published a final rule revising its drug and alcohol testing procedures regulation. The effective date for the revised Part 40 is 8/1/01.
- **Dec 26th:** EPA published a final rule temporarily deferring a portion of the rule applying LDRs to constituents subject to treatment in soils contaminated with certain characteristic hazardous wastes, specifically deferring the requirement that PCBs be considered constituents subject to treatment when present in soils that exhibit TC for metals. The effective date of this rule is 12/26/00.

WOW, I'M OUT OF ROOM ALREADY. Next month I'll discuss selection of the appropriate container for PCBs. In upcoming issues I'll continue on the definition of "in-transportation" and discuss specification package markings.

Regulatory Resources wishes each of you the very best for this Christmas Season and a Wonderful New Year.