

## Review

Opportunity for formal review of this Emergency Order will be provided in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 20104(b) and section 554 of Title 5 of the United States Code. Administrative procedures governing such review are found at 49 CFR Part 211. See 49 CFR §§ 211.47, 211.71, 211.73, 211.75, and 211.77.

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Jolene M. Molitoris,

*Administrator.*

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## National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

### Announcing the Fourteenth Meeting of the Motor Vehicle Safety Research Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Meeting announcement.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the fourteenth meeting of the Motor Vehicle Safety Research Advisory Committee (MVSRAAC). The Committee was established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act to obtain independent advice on motor vehicle safety research. Discussions at this meeting will include specific topics in NHTSA's Crashworthiness, Crash Avoidance and Behavioral Research research programs.

**DATE AND TIME:** The meeting is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Room 6244-48 of the U.S. Department of Transportation Building, which is located at 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In May 1987, the Motor Vehicle Safety Research Advisory Committee was established. The purpose of the Committee is to provide an independent source of ideas for motor vehicle safety research. The MVSRAAC will provide information, advice and recommendations to NHTSA on matters relating to motor vehicle safety research, and provide a forum for the development, consideration and communication of motor vehicle safety research, as set forth in the MVSRAAC Charter.

The meeting is open to the public, but attendance may be limited due to space availability. Participation by the public will be determined by the Committee Chairperson.

A public reference file (Number 88-01) has been established to contain the products of the Committee and will be open to the public during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Technical Reference Division in Room 5108 at 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, telephone: (202) 366-2768.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Barbara Coleman, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6206, Washington, DC 20590, telephone: (202) 366-1537.

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William A. Boehly,

*Chairperson, Motor Vehicle Safety Research Advisory Committee.*

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### Research and Development Programs Meeting Agenda

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the agenda for a public meeting at which the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will describe and discuss specific research and development projects.

**DATES AND TIMES:** As previously announced, NHTSA will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on March 12, 1996, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Royce Hotel—Detroit Metro Airport, 31500 Wick Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice provides the agenda for the twelfth in a series of public meetings to provide detailed information about NHTSA's research and development programs. This meeting will be held on March 12, 1996. The meeting was announced on February 12, 1996 (61 FR 5438). For additional information about the meeting consult that announcement.

Starting at 1:30 p.m. and concluding by 5:00 p.m., NHTSA's Office of Research and Development will discuss the following topics:

- Crash test dummy component development including agency plans and status regarding refinements to the Hybrid III dummy,
- Preliminary rearend collision avoidance system guidelines and pedestrian detection devices for school bus safety,

- Status and update on agency efforts for upgraded side impact protection,

- Status and plans for 1996 for the National Accident Sampling System Crashworthiness Data System (NASS CDS), and

- Online tracking system for NHTSA research projects—status and update of efforts to present information on NHTSA's ongoing research to the public.

NHTSA has based its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it received by February 22, 1996, in response to the announcement published February 12, 1996.

As announced on February 12, 1996, in the time remaining at the conclusion of the presentations, NHTSA will provide answers to questions on its research and development programs, where those questions have been submitted in writing by 4:15 p.m. on March 4, 1995, to William A. Boehly, Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, DC 20590. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rita I. Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4862. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

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William A. Boehly,

*Associate Administrator for Research and Development.*

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### Research and Special Programs Administration

[Notice No. 96-4]

#### Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration invites comments on certain information collections, pertaining to hazardous materials transportation safety and oil spill prevention and response planning, for which RSPA intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 6, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Please address written comments to Dockets Unit (DHM-30), Room 8421, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590-0001 (202) 366-5046. Comments may also be faxed to (202) 366-3753. Comments should identify this notice number (96-4) and the appropriate Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number(s). Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments should include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the notice number. Public information may be reviewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Requests for a copy of an information collection should be directed to Jackie Smith, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (DHM-10), Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8102, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone (202) 366-8553.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies information collections that RSPA is submitting to OMB for extension or reinstatement, as appropriate. These collections are contained in (1) 49 CFR 107, Hazardous Materials Program Procedures; (2) 49 CFR 110, Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants; (3) 49 CFR 130, Oil Spill Prevention and Response Plans; and (4) 49 CFR 171 through 180, Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR). RSPA has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on changes in proposed or final rules published since the information collections were last approved. RSPA will request a three-year term of approval for each information collection activity and, when approved by OMB,

publish notice of the approval in the Federal Register.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated, electronic or other technological means of collecting information. A summary of public comments will accompany RSPA's submission of the information collection requests to OMB.

The following information is provided for each information collection: (1) Title of the information collection, including former title if a change is being made; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity, including the need for and use of the collection; (4) description of the affected public; (5) estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (7) frequency of collection.

**Title:** Inspection and Testing of Portable Tanks and Intermediate Bulk Containers [Former title: Portable Tank Inspection and Testing].

**OMB Control Number:** 2137-0018.

**Summary:** This information collection consolidates provisions for documenting qualifications, inspections and tests pertaining to the manufacture and use of portable tanks and intermediate bulk containers under various provisions in parts 173, 178 and 180 of the HMR. It is needed to ascertain whether portable tanks and intermediate bulk containers have been qualified, inspected and retested in accordance with the HMR. For example, 49 CFR 173.32 requires that portable tanks be periodically retested, and prescribes both retest markings and retention of records as a demonstration of compliance. The information is used to verify that portable tanks and intermediate bulk containers meet required performance standards prior to being authorized for initial use or reuse as bulk packagings for hazardous materials.

**Affected Public:** Manufacturers and owners of portable tanks and intermediate bulk containers.

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:**

**Number of Respondents:** 314.

**Total Annual Responses:** 51,220.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 51,340.

**Frequency of Collection:** Design qualification testing is performed at the start of production for each new or different design type, periodic design type retesting is performed at one year intervals for intermediate bulk containers only, and periodic requalification of tanks in use is performed every 2-5 years, depending on the type of testing required and the tank specification. Certification markings are applied to each packaging at time of manufacture.

**Title:** Testing, Inspection, and Marking Requirements for Cylinders [Former title: Recordkeeping and Information Collection for Cylinders].

**OMB Control Number:** 2137-0022.

**Summary:** This information collection consolidates provisions for documenting qualifications, inspections and tests pertaining to the manufacture and use of cylinders under various provisions in parts 173, 178 and 180 of the HMR. It is needed to ascertain whether cylinders have been qualified, inspected and retested in accordance with the HMR. For example, provisions in 49 CFR 173.34 for qualification, maintenance and use of cylinders require that cylinders be periodically inspected and retested to ensure continuing compliance with packaging standards. Information collection requirements also address registration of retesters and marking of cylinders by retesters and recertifiers. The information is used to verify that cylinders meet required manufacturing standards prior to being authorized for initial use, and that once manufactured the cylinders are maintained and used in compliance with applicable requirements of the HMR as packagings for hazardous materials.

**Affected Public:** Fillers, owners, users and retesters of reusable cylinders.

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:**

**Number of Respondents:** 139,352.

**Total Annual Responses:** 153,287.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 171,681.

**Frequency of Collection:** Reports are required for cylinders as they are manufactured and initially tested. Cylinders are required to be marked after manufacture with specific information. Inspection reports are also required to verify compliance with the provisions of the HMR, including verification that the cylinders passed the required tests. Registration of retesters is performed on a one-time basis. Retester marking on a cylinder is performed once every 5 to 20 years depending on cylinder specification and type of service. Pressure verification for acetylene cylinders is performed daily.

*Title:* Hazardous Materials Incident Reports

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0039

*Summary:* This collection is applicable upon occurrence of incidents as prescribed in 49 CFR 171.15 and 171.16. Basically, a Hazardous Materials Incident Report, DOT Form F 5800.1, must be completed by a carrier of hazardous materials after a hazardous material transportation incident occurs, such as a release of material, serious accident, evacuation or highway shutdown. Serious incidents meeting criteria in 49 CFR 171.15 also require a telephonic report by the carrier. This information collection enhances RSPA's ability to evaluate the effectiveness of its regulatory program, determine the need for regulatory changes and address emerging hazardous materials transportation safety issues. The requirement applies to all carriers engaged in the transportation of hazardous materials by rail, air, water and highway.

*Affected Public:* Each carrier who transports hazardous materials.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Number of Respondents:* 700.

*Total Annual Responses:* 16,600.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 24,190.

*Frequency of Collection:* Reports are required upon occurrence of a reportable incident.

*Title:* Flammable Cryogenic Liquids [Previous title: Cryogenic Liquids Requirements].

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0542.

*Summary:* Provisions in 49 CFR 177.818 require the carriage on a motor vehicle of written procedures for venting flammable cryogenic liquids and for responding to emergencies. Sections 173.318(g), 177.840(h), and 180.405(h) specify certain safety procedures and documentation requirements for drivers of these motor vehicles. These requirements are intended to ensure a high level of safety when transporting flammable cryogenics due to their extreme flammability.

*Affected Public:* Carriers of flammable cryogenic liquids in bulk.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Number of Respondents:* 65.

*Total Annual Responses:* 18,200.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,213.

*Frequency:* A response is required for each shipment of a flammable cryogenic material.

*Title:* Approvals for Hazardous Materials.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0557.

*Summary:* There are over one hundred approval provisions contained

in the HMR and associated procedural regulations. Responses to these collections of information are required to obtain benefits, such as to become an approval or certification agency or obtain a variance from packaging or handling requirements based on information provided by the respondent. This information is used by RSPA to: (1) Determine whether applicants who apply to become designated approval agencies are qualified to evaluate package design, test packages, classify hazardous materials, etc.; (2) verify that various containers and special loading requirements meet the requirements of the HMR; (3) assure that regulated hazardous materials pose no danger to life and property during transportation; and (4) allow minor variations to regulatory requirements, based on information provided by respondents, without requiring the respondent to apply using less timely and more burdensome exemption procedures.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other entities who must meet the approval requirements in the HMR.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Number of Respondents:* 3,503.

*Total Annual Responses:* 3,853.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 18,302.

*Frequency:* On occasion of application for a benefit.

*Title:* Testing Requirements for Packaging.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0572.

*Summary:* Detailed packaging manufacturing specifications have been replaced by a series of performance tests that a non-bulk packaging must be capable of passing before it is authorized to be used for transporting hazardous materials. The HMR require proof that packagings meet these testing requirements. Manufacturers must retain records of design qualification tests and periodic retests. Manufacturers must notify, in writing, persons to whom packagings are transferred of any specification requirements that have not been met at the time of transfer. Subsequent distributors, as well as manufacturers must provide written notification. Performance-oriented packaging standards allow manufacturers and shippers much greater flexibility in selecting more economical packagings.

*Affected Public:* Each non-bulk packaging manufacturer that tests packaging to ensure the safe transportation of hazardous materials.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Total Annual Responses:* 15,000.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 30,000.

*Frequency:* Tests are performed at start of production of a packaging design type and repeated at one or two-year intervals, depending on the type of packaging. Written notification is provided at time of first transfer, to each person to whom a packaging is transferred.

*Title:* Container Certification Statement [Previous title: Statement of Structural Serviceability for Freight Containers to be used for Class 1.1 and 1.2 Explosives].

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0582.

*Summary:* As required in § 176.27, shippers of hazardous materials, in freight containers or transport vehicles by vessel, are required to certify that the freight container or transport vehicle is serviceable, that the hazardous materials are properly marked, labeled, or placarded, loaded and secured. For explosives in Division 1.1 and 1.2, shippers are required to certify on shipping documentation that the freight container or transport vehicle meets minimal structural serviceability requirements (see § 176.172). These requirements are intended to ensure an adequate level of safety for transport of hazardous materials aboard vessel and ensure consistency with similar requirements in international standards.

*Affected Public:* Shippers of hazardous materials, including explosives in freight containers or transport vehicles by vessel.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Number of Respondents:* 530.

*Total Annual Responses:* 604,000.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 15,100.

*Frequency:* The statement is required for each shipment of hazardous material in a freight container or transport vehicle aboard a vessel.

*Title:* Hazardous Materials Public Sector Planning and Training Grants.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0586.

*Summary:* Part 110 of 49 CFR sets forth procedures for reimbursable grants for public sector planning and training in support of the emergency planning and training efforts of States, Indian tribes and local communities to deal with hazardous materials emergencies, particularly those involving transportation. Sections in this part address information collection and recordkeeping with regard to applying for grants, monitoring expenditures, reporting and requesting modifications.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments, Indian tribes.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Number of Respondents:* 66.

*Total Annual Responses:* 66.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,082.

*Frequency:* Application for a grant is at the discretion of the applicant and can be made as frequently as every annual grant cycle. Financial status reports are submitted quarterly. Grantees must complete a performance report at the end of the grant period.

*Title:* Response Plans for Shipments of Oil [Previous title: Preparation of Response Plans for Shipments of Oil].

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0591.

*Summary:* In recent years several major oil discharges damaged the marine environment of the United States. As required by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, RSPA has issued regulations that require preparation of written spill response plans and, in certain instances, submission of these plans to RSPA for the transportation of oil in bulk by motor vehicle or rail car. These plans are intended to aid in the mitigation of the effects of unintended discharges of oil to the environment.

*Affected Public:* Carriers that transport oil in bulk, by motor vehicle or rail.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Number of Respondents:* 8,000.

*Total Annual Responses:* 8,000.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 10,560.

*Frequency:* One time report, plus notification of changes when needed.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 28, 1996.

Edward T. Mazzullo,

*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards.*

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## **Surface Transportation Board<sup>1</sup>**

**[Finance Docket No. 32769]**

### **Central New England Railroad, Inc., Modified Certificate**

On October 11, 1995, Central New England Railroad, Inc. filed a notice under 49 CFR Part 1150, Subpart C—*Modified Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* to operate approximately 13.5-miles of an abandoned<sup>2</sup> rail line between milepost

<sup>1</sup> The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions and proceedings to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). Section 204(b)(1) of the Act provides, in general, that proceedings pending before the ICC on the effective date of that legislation shall be decided under the law in effect prior to January 1, 1996, insofar as they involve functions retained by the Act. This notice relates to a proceeding that was pending with the ICC prior to January 1, 1996, and to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10901. Therefore, this notice applies the law in effect prior to the Act, and citations are to the former sections of the statute, unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>2</sup> The 5.5-mile portion of the line between milepost 12.5 (Hazardville, CT) and milepost 18.0 (East Windsor, CT), was formerly owned by the Trustee of Penn Central Transportation Company, one of the eastern railroads reorganized under the Regional Rail Reorganization Act, and was never

8.8 at Enfield, CT (on the Connecticut-Massachusetts State line) and milepost 23.3 at East Windsor Hill, CT, owned by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT).

The Commission will serve a copy of this notice on the Association of American Railroads (Car Service Division), as agent of all railroads subscribing to the car-service and car-hire agreement, and on the American Short Line Railroad Association.

Decided: February 28, 1996.

By the Commission, David M. Konschnick,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

*Secretary.*

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designated in the United States Railway Associations's *Final System Plan* for transfer to Consolidated Rail Corporation (CR). The line was abandoned by the Trustee in 1976 pursuant to section 308 of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, 45 U.S.C. 744(b) and acquired by the State of Connecticut's Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) for continued rail service.

The 3.7-mile portion of the line between milepost 12.5 (Hazardville, CT) and milepost 8.8 (Enfield, CT) was abandoned by the Boston and Maine Corporation in 1993. *See Boston and Maine Corporation—Abandonment Exemption—In Hartford County, CT, and Hampden County, MA, AB-32 (Sub-No. 62X), and Springfield Terminal Railway Company—Discontinuance Exemption—In Hartford County, CT, and Hampden County, AB-355 (Sub-No. 14X) (ICC served Nov. 24, 1993).*

The 4.3-mile portion of the line between milepost 18.0 and milepost 22.3 (East Windsor Hill, CT/CR milepost 6.77—Troy Road Connection) was abandoned by CR in 1987. *See Conrail Abandonment in Hartford County, CT, Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 984N) (ICC served Feb. 23, 1987).* ConnDOT subsequently acquired this portion of the line on May 11, 1995, for continued rail service.