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§ 106.75 Extension of time to file comments.

You may ask for more time to file comments on a rulemaking proceeding. If RSPA grants your request, it is granted to all persons. We will notify the public of the extension by publishing a document in the FEDERAL REGISTER. If RSPA denies your request, RSPA will notify you of the denial. To ask for more time, you must do the following:

(a) File a request for extension at least ten days before the end of the comment period established in the rulemaking document.

(b) Show that you have good cause for the extension and that an extension is in the public interest.

(c) Include the docket number of the rulemaking document you are seeking additional time to comment on, clearly set out at the beginning of your request.

(d) Send your request to: Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL 401, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS

§ 106.80 Public meeting procedures.

A public meeting is a non-adversarial, fact-finding proceeding conducted by a RSPA representative. Generally, public meetings are announced in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Interested persons are invited to attend and to present their views to the agency on specific issues. There are no formal pleadings and no adverse parties, and any regulation issued afterward is not necessarily based exclusively on the record of the meeting. Sections 556 and 557 of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 556 and 557) do not apply to public meetings under this part.

§ 106.85 Requesting a public meeting.

(a) You may ask for a public meeting by filing a written request with RSPA no later than 20 days before the expiration of the comment period specified in the rulemaking document. Send your request for a public meeting to: Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL 401, 400

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7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(b) RSPA will review your request and, if you have shown good cause for a public meeting, we will grant it and publish a notice of the meeting in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

§ 106.90 Other rulemaking proceedings.

During a rulemaking proceeding, RSPA may invite you to do the following:

(a) Participate in a conference at which minutes are taken.

(b) Make an oral presentation.

(c) Participate in any other public proceeding to ensure that RSPA makes informed decisions during the rulemaking process and to protect the public interest, including a negotiated rulemaking or work group led by a facilitator.

PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING

§ 106.95 Requesting a change to the regulations.

You may ask RSPA to add, amend, or delete a regulation by filing a petition for rulemaking as follows:

(a) For regulations in 49 CFR parts 110, 130, 171 through 180, submit the petition to: Office of Hazardous Materials Standards, Research and Special Programs Administration, Attn: DHM-10, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(b) For regulations in 49 CFR parts 105, 106, or 107, submit the petition to: Office of the Chief Counsel, Research and Special Programs Administration, Attn: DCC-10, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

§ 106.100 Required information for a petition for rulemaking.

(a) You must include the following information in your petition for rulemaking:

(1) A summary of your proposed action and an explanation of its purpose.

(2) The language you propose for a new or amended rule, or the language you would delete from a current rule.

(3) An explanation of your interest in your proposed action and the interest of anyone you may represent.

(4) Information and arguments that support your proposed action, including relevant technical and scientific data available to you.

(5) Any specific cases that support or demonstrate the need for your proposed action.

(b) If the impact of your proposed action is substantial, and data or other information about that impact are available to you, we may ask that you provide information about the following:

(1) The costs and benefits of your proposed action to society in general, and identifiable groups within society in particular.

(2) The direct effects, including pre-emption effects under section 5125 of Federal hazardous materials transportation law, of your proposed action on

States, on the relationship between the Federal government and the States, and on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. (See 49 CFR part 107, subpart C, regarding preemption.)

(3) The regulatory burden of your proposed action on small businesses, small organizations, small governmental jurisdictions, and Indian tribes.

(4) The recordkeeping and reporting burdens of your proposed action and whom they would affect.

(5) The effect of your proposed action on the quality of the natural and social environments.

§ 106.105 RSPA response to a petition for rulemaking.

We will review and respond to your petition for rulemaking as follows:

If your petition is . . .	And if we determine that . . .	Then . . .
(a) Incomplete	We may return your petition with a written explanation.
(b) Complete	Your petition does not justify a rulemaking action.	We will notify you in writing that we will not start a rulemaking proceeding.
(c) Complete	Your petition does justify a rulemaking action.	We will notify you in writing that we will start a rulemaking proceeding.

APPEALS

§ 106.110 Appealing a RSPA Action.

You may appeal the following RSPA actions:

(a) RSPA's issuance of a final rule or RSPA's withdrawal of a notice of proposed rulemaking under the rulemaking procedures in this part. However, you may appeal RSPA's issuance of a direct final rule only if you previously filed comments to the direct final rule (see §106.40(e)).

(b) Any RSPA decision on a petition for rulemaking.

§ 106.115 Required information for an appeal.

(a) *Appeal of a final rule or withdrawal of a notice of proposed rulemaking.* If you appeal RSPA's issuance of a final rule or RSPA's withdrawal of a notice of proposed rulemaking, your appeal must include the following:

(1) The docket number of the rulemaking you are concerned about, clear-

ly set out at the beginning of your appeal.

(2) A brief statement of your concern about the final rule or the withdrawal of notice of proposed rulemaking at issue.

(3) An explanation of why compliance with the final rule is not practical, reasonable, or in the public interest.

(4) If you want RSPA to consider more facts, the reason why you did not present those facts within the time given during the rulemaking process for public comment.

(b) *Appeal of a decision.* If you appeal RSPA's decision on a petition for rulemaking, you must include the following:

(1) The contested aspects of the decision.

(2) Any new arguments or information.

§ 106.120 Appeal deadline.

(a) *Appeal of a final rule or withdrawal of a notice of proposed rulemaking.* If you appeal RSPA's issuance of a final rule