

(c) We may reject comments that are not relevant to the rulemaking. We may reject comments you file electronically if you do not follow the electronic filing instructions at the DOT Web site.

**§ 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 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.