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complied with this paragraph and include the names and addresses of all persons to whom a copy of the petition was sent. Late-filed comments are considered so far as practicable.

(d) The Associate Administrator's decision constitutes final agency action.

[Amdt. 107-25, 57 FR 20429, May 13, 1992, as amended by Amdt. 107-38, 61 FR 21099, May 9, 1996]

§ 107.227 Judicial review.

A party to a proceeding under § 107.215(a) may seek review by the appropriate district court of the United States of a decision of the Associate Administrator by filing a petition with the court within 60 days after the Associate Administrator's determination becomes final. The determination becomes final when it is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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Subpart D—Enforcement

SOURCE: Amdt. 107-11, 48 FR 2651, Jan. 20, 1983, unless otherwise noted.

§ 107.301 Delegated authority for enforcement.

Under redelegation from the Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety and the Office of the Chief Counsel exercise their authority for enforcement of the Federal hazardous material transportation law, this subchapter, and subchapter C of this subchapter, in accordance with § 1.53 of this title.

[Amdt. 107-11, 48 FR 2651, Jan. 20, 1983, as amended by Amdt. 107-24, 56 FR 8621, Feb. 28, 1991; Amdt. 107-32, 59 FR 49131, Sept. 26, 1994]

§ 107.303 Purpose and scope.

This subchapter describes the various enforcement authorities exercised by the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety and the Office of Chief Counsel and the associated sanctions and prescribes the procedures governing the exercise of those au-

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thorities and the imposition of those sanctions.

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§ 107.305 Investigations.

(a) *General.* In accordance with its delegated authority under part 1 of this title, the Associate Administrator may initiate investigations relating to compliance by any person with any provisions of this subchapter or subchapter C of this chapter, or any exemption, approval, or order issued thereunder, or any court decree relating thereto. The Associate Administrator encourages voluntary production of documents in accordance with and subject to § 105.45, and hearings may be conducted, and depositions taken pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5121(a). The Associate Administrator may conduct investigative conferences and hearings in the course of any investigation.

(b) *Investigations and Inspections.* Investigations under 49 U.S.C. 5121(a) are conducted by personnel duly authorized for that purpose by the Associate Administrator. Inspections under 49 U.S.C. 5121(c) are conducted by Hazardous Materials Enforcement Specialists, also known as "hazmat inspectors" or "inspectors," whom the Associate Administrator has designated for that purpose.

(1) An inspector will, on request, present his or her credentials for examination, but the credentials may not be reproduced.

(2) An inspector may administer oaths and receive affirmations in any matter under investigation by the Associate Administrator.

(3) An inspector may gather information by reasonable means including, but not limited to, interviews, statements, photocopying, photography, and video- and audio-recording.

(4) With concurrence of the Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Enforcement, Research and Special Programs Administration, an inspector may issue a subpoena for the production of documentary or other tangible evidence if, on the basis of information available to