

The tragic results of that collision were investigated by the Coast Guard and those responsible held accountable. In addition, there was a collision in 1992 and again in 1995 which resulted in minor damage and no serious injuries. However, since the 1995 collision, no other collisions have occurred, nor any incidents even known about, that support the need for regulating vessel traffic in this area.

As such, the Coast Guard is withdrawing this advance notice of proposed rulemaking and closing this rulemaking docket. If future action is needed, the Coast Guard will open a new rulemaking and issue a request for comments or a notice of proposed rulemaking.

Dated: January 11, 2002.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

45 CFR Part 1626

Restrictions on Legal Assistance to Aliens; 1626 Negotiated Rulemaking Working Group Meeting

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: Regulation negotiation working group meeting.

SUMMARY: LSC is conducting a Negotiated Rulemaking to consider revisions to its alien representation regulations at 45 CFR part 1626. This document announces the dates, times, and address of the next meeting of the working group, which is open to the public.

DATES: The Legal Services Corporation's 1626 Negotiated Rulemaking Working Group will meet on March 4-5, 2002. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on March 4, 2002. It is anticipated that the meeting will end by 3:30 p.m. on March 5, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the First Floor Conference Room at the offices of Marasco Newton Group, Inc., 2425 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: LSC is conducting a Negotiated Rulemaking to

consider revisions to its alien representation regulations at 45 CFR part 1626. The working group will hold its next meeting on the dates and at the location announced above. The meeting is open to the public. Upon request, meeting notices will be made available in alternate formats to accommodate visual and hearing impairments. Individuals who have a disability and need an accommodation to attend the meeting may notify Naima Washington at 202-336-8841; washingn@lsc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Parts 107, 171, 172, 173, 177, 178, and 180

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Hazardous Materials: Requirements for DOT Specification Cylinders; Withdrawal of Published Proposals and Termination of Rulemaking

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

ACTION: Proposed rulemaking; withdrawal of published proposals and termination of rulemaking.

SUMMARY: On October 30, 1998, RSPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend certain requirements in the Hazardous Materials Regulations that apply to the maintenance, requalification, repair, and use of DOT specification cylinders. In addition, RSPA proposed to establish four new metric-marked cylinder specifications and to discontinue authorization for the manufacture of cylinders to certain current DOT specifications. For administrative purposes, RSPA is terminating action under this docket. Proposals in the NPRM related to establishing new metric-marked cylinder specifications and discontinuing current DOT specification cylinders are withdrawn. Proposals in the NPRM related to maintenance, requalification, repair, and use of DOT specification cylinders will be addressed in a final rule to be issued under a new docket number.

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366-8553) Office of Hazardous Materials Standards, or Cheryl Freeman, telephone number (202) 366-4545, Office of Hazardous Materials Technology, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On October 30, 1998, the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA, we) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) under Docket HM-220 (63 FR 58460). In the NPRM, we proposed to amend the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR parts 171-180) to: (1) Establish four new DOT cylinder specifications that would replace 12 current cylinder specifications; (2) revise the requirements for maintenance, requalification, repair and use of all DOT specification cylinders; and (3) discontinue the manufacture of certain specification cylinders. We took this action because we have not updated many of the current cylinder specifications since their adoption in the regulations prior to the 1950s. The proposed changes were intended to enhance operational controls and transportation safety by incorporating into the HMR new manufacturing and testing technologies and clarifying existing regulatory requirements. In addition, the proposed changes addressed three National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommendations for improving the safety of cylinders in transportation. Finally, the proposed changes eased the burden on the regulated industry by incorporating the provisions of more than 30 exemptions into the HMR.

More than 140 commenters submitted over 200 written comments in response to the NPRM, including representatives of cylinder manufacturers, cylinder parts and equipment manufacturers, requalifiers, refillers, gas producers, distributors, shippers, carriers, users, emergency responders, industry trade associations, federal and state governmental agencies, private consultants, and private citizens. In addition, we held a series of public meetings to provide technical information on the proposals and to obtain clarification of certain industry comments.

A listing of the more significant proposals appears in the NPRM on page 58461 of the 1998 **Federal Register** notice. Readers should refer to the NPRM for detailed background discussions.