

(9) Equipment that recovers but does not recycle contaminated HFC-134a and/or HFO-1234yf refrigerant from MVACs must meet the standards set forth in SAE J2851, Recovery Equipment for Contaminated R-134a or R-1234yf Refrigerant from Mobile Air Conditioning Systems, (incorporated by reference, see § 82.31).

(10) Equipment that recovers, recycles, and recharges both HFO-1234yf and R-134a from MVACs must meet the standards set forth in SAE J3030, Automotive Refrigerant Recovery/Recycling/Recharging Equipment Intended for Use with Both R-1234yf and R-134a, (incorporated by reference, see § 82.31).

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■ 5. Amend § 82.38 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 82.38 Approved independent standards testing organizations.

(a) Any independent standards testing organization may apply for approval by the Administrator to certify equipment as meeting the standards in § 82.36(a) and appendices A, B, C, D, E, F to this subpart, as applicable. The application shall be sent to: MVACs Recycling Program Manager, Stratospheric Protection Division (6205T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

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■ 6. Amend § 82.40 by revising paragraph (a)(2)(i) to read as follows:

§ 82.40 Technician training and certification.

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(i) The standards established for the service and repair of MVACs and MVAC-like appliances as set forth in § 82.36(a) and appendices A, B, C, D, E, F to this subpart, as applicable. These standards relate to the recommended service procedures for the containment of refrigerant, extraction equipment, extraction and recycle equipment, and the standard of purity for refrigerant in motor vehicle air conditioners.

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■ 7. Amend Appendix F to subpart B of part 82 by revising the appendix heading, the “Foreword” section, sections 1 and 3.1, and the “Application” section to read as follows:

Appendix F to Subpart B of Part 82—Standard for Recover-Only Equipment That Extracts a Single, Specific Refrigerant Other Than CFC-12, HFC-134a, or R-1234yf

Foreword

These specifications are for equipment that recovers, but does not recycle, any single, specific automotive refrigerant other than CFC-12, HFC-134a, or HFO-1234yf, including a blend refrigerant.

Scope

The purpose of this standard is to provide equipment specifications for the recovery of any single, specific refrigerant other than CFC-12, HFC-134a, or HFO-1234yf, including a blend refrigerant, which is either (1) to be returned to a refrigerant reclamation facility that will process the refrigerant to ARI Standard 700-93 or equivalent new product specifications at a minimum, or (2) to be recycled in approved refrigerant recycling equipment, or (3) to be destroyed. This standard applies to equipment used to service automobiles, light trucks, and other vehicles with similar air conditioning systems.

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3. Specifications and General Description

3.1 The equipment must be able to extract from a mobile air conditioning system the refrigerant other than CFC-12, HFC-134a, or HFO-1234yf to which the equipment is dedicated.

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Application

The purpose of this standard is to provide equipment specifications for the recovery of any refrigerant other than CFC-12, HFC-134a, or HFO-1234yf for return to a refrigerant reclamation facility that will process it to ARI Standard 700-93 (or for recycling in other EPA approved recycling equipment, in the event that EPA in the future designates a standard for equipment capable of recycling refrigerants other than CFC-12, HFC-134a, or HFO-1234yf).

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Texas Central Railroad High-Speed Rail Safety Standards

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Proposed rule; announcement of public hearing postponement.

SUMMARY: FRA is postponing three public hearings, originally announced on March 12, 2020, for the purpose of receiving oral comment on the Texas Central Railroad High-Speed Rail Safety Standards notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). The hearings were scheduled between March 31, 2020 and April 2, 2020 in Dallas, Navasota, and Houston, Texas.

DATES: The public hearings that were scheduled on the following dates are postponed:

- Dallas, TX: March 31, 2020.
- Navasota, TX: April 1, 2020.
- Houston, TX: April 2, 2020.

The comment period for the proposed rule published on March 10, 2020 (85 FR 14036), is still scheduled to close on May 11, 2020. Written comments on the NPRM must be received by that date.

ADDRESSES: The postponed public hearings were scheduled at the following locations:

- Dallas, TX: Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Ln, Waxahachie, TX 75165.
- Navasota, TX: Grimes County Fairgrounds and Expo Center, 5220 FM 3455, Navasota, Texas 77868.
- Houston, TX: Waller High School Auditorium, 20950 Field Store Rd, Waller, TX 77484.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In light of the President's March 13, 2020, declaration of national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidance to cancel mass gatherings of people, FRA is postponing the three public hearings it had scheduled between March 31, 2020 and April 2, 2020 in Dallas, Navasota, and Houston, Texas. FRA will reschedule to provide an opportunity for public hearing consistent with CDC guidelines, and may decide to use other alternative methods than in-person attendance. FRA plans to announce a revised hearing schedule in the **Federal Register** in the near future.

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