

**Research and Special Programs
Administration**

**49 CFR Parts 107, 171, 172, 173, 176,
177, 178, and 180**

[Docket Nos. HM-183, 183A; Amdt. Nos.
107-20, 171-100, 172-115, 173-212, 176-27,
177-71, 178-89, 180-2]

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**Requirements for Cargo Tanks;
Announcement of Public Meeting and
Extension of Applicable Dates of Final
Rule**

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

ACTION: Announcement of public
meeting, extension of closing date for
receiving petitions for reconsideration
and extension of effective date of final
rule.

SUMMARY: RSPA wishes to advise the
interested public that a meeting will be
held to address substantive questions
relating to new requirements or changes
to existing requirements for cargo tank
motor vehicles, as promulgated in a final
rule published in the **Federal Register** on
June 12, 1989, under Docket Nos. HM-
183, 183A (54 FR 24982). Also, in
response to a request from the National
Tank Truck Carriers, Inc. (NTTC), RSPA
is granting an extension of 60 days for
submitting petitions for reconsideration.
In view of this extension, the effective
date of the final rule is also extended for
60 days.

DATES: The dates are as follows:

A. The public meeting will be held on
October 10, 1989, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30
p.m., room 2230, Nassif Building, 400
Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC.

B. The closing date for receiving
petitions for reconsideration (49 CFR
106.35) is extended from September 12,
1989 to November 14, 1989.

C. The effective date of the final rule
is extended from December 12, 1989 to
February 12, 1990.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NTTC
and the Truck Trailer Manufacturers
Association have raised questions on
various requirements appearing in a
final rule that was published in the
Federal Register (54 FR 24982) on June
12, 1989, under Docket Nos. HM-183,
183A. NTTC requested that RSPA clarify
certain provisions appearing in the final
rule so that NTTC can determine if there
is a need for requesting reconsideration
of those provisions. RSPA and the
Federal Highway Administration
believe a public meeting will provide
opportunities to address questions
raised by commenters. This meeting will
be held on Tuesday, October 10, 1989, at
the above address. The meeting will be
limited to questions pertaining to new
requirements and changes to existing
regulations as promulgated under HM-
183/183A. Provisions that have been in
effect for many years and that were
retained in the final rule will not be
addressed. A recording of the meeting
will be made available in the Dockets
Unit, located in room 8421 of the Nassif
Building (office hours are 8:30 a.m. to
5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday,
except public holidays).

NTTC has requested an extension of
time for submitting petitions on the final
rule. RSPA agrees that additional time is
warranted and is extending the closing
date for receiving petitions for
reconsideration to November 14, 1989. In
view of this extension, the effective date
of the final rule is extended from
December 12, 1989 to February 12, 1990.
RSPA will revise other compliance dates
appearing in the final rule in a
subsequent document that will be
published in the **Federal Register**.

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Programs Administration.

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