

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone) or (202) 833-9434 (fax). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Research and Development Programs Meeting

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will describe and discuss specific research and development projects. Further, the notice requests suggestions for topics to be presented by the agency.

DATES AND TIMES: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on June 12, 1996, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m. The deadline for interested parties to suggest agenda topics is 4:15 p.m. on May 24, 1996. Questions may be submitted in advance regarding the agency's research and development projects. They must be submitted in writing by June 3, 1996, to the address given below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after the June 3 date will be answered at the meeting in the discussion period. The individual, group, or company asking a question does not have to be present for the question to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by June 3 will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to requesters after the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Royce Hotel-Detroit Metro Airport, 31500 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. Suggestions for specific R&D topics as described below and questions for the June 12, 1996, meeting relating to the agency's research and development programs should be

submitted to the Office of the Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6206, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. The fax number is 202-366-5930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA intends to provide detailed presentations about its research and development programs in a series of public meetings. The series started in April 1993. The purpose is to make available more complete and timely information regarding the agency's research and development programs. This thirteenth meeting in the series will be held on June 12, 1996.

NHTSA requests suggestions from interested parties on the specific agenda topics to be presented. NHTSA will base its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it receives by close of business at 4:15 p.m. on May 24, 1996. Before the meeting, it will publish a notice with an agenda listing the research and development topics to be discussed. The agenda can also be obtained by calling or faxing the information numbers listed elsewhere in this notice. NHTSA asks that the suggestions be limited to six, in priority order, so that the presentations at the June 12 R&D meeting can be most useful to the audience. Specific R&D topics are listed below. Many of these topics have been discussed at previous meetings. Suggestions for agenda topics are not restricted to this listing, and interested parties are invited to suggest other R&D topics of specific interest to their organizations.

Specific R&D topic is:

On-line tracking system for NHTSA's research projects.

Specific Crashworthiness R&D topics are:

Improved frontal crash protection (program status, problem identification, offset testing),
Advanced glazing research,
Vehicle aggressivity and fleet compatibility,
Upgrade side crash protection,
Upgrade seat and occupant restraint systems,
Child safety research (ISOFIX),
Child restraint/air bag interaction (CRABI) dummy testing,
Electric and alternate fuel vehicle safety,
Truck crashworthiness/occupant protection,
Highway traffic injury studies,
Head and neck injury research,
Lower extremity injury research,
Thorax injury research,
Human injury simulation and analysis,
Refinements to the Hybrid III dummy, and
Advanced frontal test dummy.

Specific Crash Avoidance R&D topics are:

Truck tire traction,
Portable data acquisition system for crash avoidance research (DASCAR),
Systems to enhance EMS response (automatic collision notification),
Vehicle motion environment data collection system,
Crash causal analysis,
Human factors guidelines for crash avoidance warning devices,
Longer combination vehicle safety,
Drowsy driver monitoring,
Driver workload assessment,
Pedestrian detection devices for school bus safety,
Performance guidelines for ITS systems (approach),
Variable dynamics test vehicle,
Engineering description of precrash events,
Preliminary rearend collision avoidance system guidelines,
Preliminary road departure collision avoidance system guidelines,
Preliminary intersection collision avoidance system guidelines, and
Preliminary lane change/merge collision avoidance system guidelines.

Separately, questions regarding research projects that have been submitted in writing not later than close of business on June 3, 1996, will be answered. A transcript of the meeting, copies of materials handed out at the meeting, and copies of the suggestions offered by commenters will be available for public inspection in the NHTSA's Technical Reference Division, Room 5108, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. Copies of the transcript will then be available at 10 cents a page, upon request to NHTSA's Technical Reference Division. The Technical Reference Division is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NHTSA will provide technical aids to participants as necessary, during the Research and Development Programs Meeting. Thus, any person desiring the assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunication devices for deaf persons (TTDs), readers, taped texts, braille materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Rita Gibbons on 202-366-4862 by close of business June 5, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4862. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

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William A. Boehly,

Associate Administrator for Research and Development.

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Research and Special Programs Administration

[Notice No. 96-8]

Improving the Hazardous Materials Safety Program; Public Meetings Related to Regulatory Review and Customer Service

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces two public meetings, one to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, and the other in Atlanta, Georgia, to seek information from the public on regulatory reform and improved customer service for RSPA's hazardous materials safety program. These meetings are a continuation of the initial series of public outreach meetings held between April 19, 1995 and January 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: See Supplementary Information for specific time, location, and agenda.

DATES: Public Meetings will be held as follows:

(1) June 26, 1996, in St. Louis, Missouri.

(2) September 12, 1996, in Atlanta, Georgia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edmund J. Richards, Interagency Hazardous Materials Program Coordinator, (202) 366-0656; or Suezett Edwards, Training and Information Specialist, (202) 366-4900; Hazardous Materials Safety, RSPA, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 4, 1995, President Clinton issued a memorandum to heads of departments and agencies calling for a review of all agency regulations to eliminate or revise those regulations that are outdated or in need of reform. In addition, the President directed front line regulators to " * * * get out of Washington and create grassroots partnerships" with people affected by agency regulations.

In response to the President's directive, RSPA performed an extensive review of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) and associated procedural rules (49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 110). In April and July 1995, RSPA published notices in the Federal Register (60 FR 17049 and 60 FR 38888, respectively) that announced public meetings and requested comments on ways to improve the HMR and the kind and quality of services RSPA's customers expect. RSPA held 12 public meetings and received over 50 written comments

in response to the Federal Register notices.

Based on its review of the HMR and on written and oral comments received from the public, RSPA has initiated eight separate rulemakings to eliminate or revise those regulations that have been identified as being outdated or in need of reform (Dockets HM-200, HM-207C, HM-207E, HM-216, HM-220A, HM-220B, HM-222A, HM-222B). Except for Docket HM-200, RSPA expects all of these rulemakings to be issued as final rules by early June 1996. These rulemakings address areas of the HMR dealing with "materials of trade", training frequency, 24-hour emergency response telephone numbers, incident reporting, shipping papers, marketing, labeling, and placarding, elimination of over 100 sections of the HMR, restructuring of the Hazardous Materials Table and Hazardous Substance Table, restructuring of the cylinder specifications and cylinder requalification requirements, and rail and highway modal requirements. In addition, RSPA has initiated a two-year pilot ticketing program to streamline and simplify enforcement of certain violations which do not have a direct impact on the safe transportation of hazardous materials, such as failure to register, obtain renewed exemptions in a timely manner, retain training records, and file incident reports. In the international area, RSPA has incorporated requirements for the transportation of radioactive materials that are compatible with the regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and continued to adopt regulations towards harmonization with the United Nations Recommendations and other international regulatory bodies.

Significant actions have also been taken to improve management practices and operations. In 1995, RSPA implemented a toll-free number for obtaining assistance on the HMR, reporting potential violations of the regulations, and obtaining copies of training materials. In response to comments to improve responses to inquiries, RSPA has made a commitment to respond to phone calls before the end of the next business day, and to mail training materials and publications in a timely manner.

Conduct of the Meetings

The meetings will be informal and are intended to produce a dialogue between agency personnel and persons affected by the hazardous materials safety programs. The meeting officer may find it necessary to limit the time allocated each speaker to ensure that all

participants have an opportunity to speak. Conversely, the meeting may conclude before the time scheduled if all persons wishing to participate have been heard.

The meetings will have an open agenda and will be held as follows:

(1) June 26, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Henry VIII Hotel, 4690 N. Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, 63044 (near the airport).

(2) September 12, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Omni Hotel, 100 CNN Center, Atlanta, Georgia, 30335.

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Alan I. Roberts,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1099-DIV

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 1099-DIV, Dividends and Distributions.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 15, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Dividends and Distributions.

OMB Number: 1545-0110.

Form Number: Form 1099-DIV.

Abstract: This form is used by the Service to insure that dividends are