

requirements for approval of cylinder requalifiers, independent inspection agencies, and nondomestic chemical analysis and tests; to revise the cylinder requalification, maintenance and repair requirements in Part 173 and to transfer these requirements to new subpart C of Part 180; and to revise the commodity authorization requirements in Part 173.

RSPA held public meetings to discuss the proposals on December 8, 1998 (63 FR 58460, October 30, 1998), and January 28, 1999 (63 FR 72224, December 31, 1998), in Washington, DC. Because of the broad scope and technical complexity of the proposals, RSPA is holding three additional public meetings to discuss certain proposals contained in the NPRM. These meeting will not be recorded.

The topics for discussion at the meetings are as follows:

A. April 13, 1999:

1. Applicability and design criteria for all metric-marked DOT specification cylinders (§ 178.69).

2. Welded cylinder specification (§ 178.81; DOT 4M).

B. April 14, 1999:

1. Seamless cylinder specifications (§§ 178.70–178.73; DOT 3M, 3FM, 3ALM).

C. April 15, 1999:

1. Requalification (Part 180, Subpart C).

2. Pressure relief devices.

3. Commodity authorizations and usage requirements (§§ 173.301–173.304(b)).

The meetings' agenda will be available on the Internet at the website: <http://hazmat.dot.gov/rulemake.htm#nprm> at least two weeks prior to the meetings.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

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[Docket No. RSPA–97–2718 (HM–225A)]

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Hazardous Materials: Safety Standards for Preventing and Mitigating Unintentional Releases During the Unloading of Cargo Tank Motor Vehicles in Liquefied Compressed Gas Service

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

ACTION: Negotiated rulemaking committee meeting; cancellation.

SUMMARY: This document announces cancellation of a negotiated rulemaking advisory committee meeting scheduled for March 2–3, 1999. The meeting would have dealt with recommendations for alternative safety standards for preventing and mitigating unintentional releases of hazardous materials during the unloading of cargo tank motor vehicles in liquefied compressed gas service. This document is issued in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Scheduling of any future committee meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 4, 1999 (64 FR 70), RSPA published in the **Federal Register** a document announcing the cancellation of a January 6–7, 1999 meeting and the addition of meetings on February 2–4, 1999 and March 2–3, 1999. However, during the February 2–4, 1999 meeting, the Committee agreed to cancel the March 2–3, 1999 meeting to give RSPA an opportunity to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) and to receive comments on the proposals. The purpose of this document is to announce the cancellation of the March 2–3, 1999 meeting.

This Committee has been established to develop recommendations for alternative safety standards for preventing and mitigating unintentional releases of hazardous materials during the unloading of cargo tank motor vehicles in liquefied compressed gas

service. Meeting summaries and other relevant materials are placed in the public docket and can be accessed through (<http://dms.dot.gov>).

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

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Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards: Light Vehicle Brake Systems

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Termination of rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action terminates rulemaking initiated by the agency's granting of a petition for rulemaking submitted by the American Automobile Manufacturers Association (AAMA) concerning the Federal motor vehicle safety standard on light vehicle brake systems. The standard currently uses data from the cold effectiveness tests to establish performance levels for the "hot performance" and "recovery performance" test requirements. AAMA requested use of a different procedure for establishing these performance levels, which would be based on three new constant deceleration stops.

The agency has decided to terminate this action because the procedures AAMA requested would not assess the effect of heat on light vehicle braking systems any more accurately or repeatably than the procedures currently specified in the standard. In addition, the procedures currently specified in the standard are presently harmonized with the procedures in the counterpart standard established by the United Nation's Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) for light vehicle brake systems. Absent sufficient safety reason to change the existing procedure, and considering that such a change would move NHTSA's standards away from harmony with the ECE standards, the agency has decided to terminate its consideration of the requested change.