

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Research and Special Programs Administration

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

[Docket No. RSPA-98-3684(HM-220)]

RIN 2137-AA92

**Hazardous Materials: Requirements for DOT Specification Cylinders; Second Extension of Comment Period**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** RSPA is extending the closing date for filing comments to a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published under Docket HM-220 from May 28 to September 30, 1999. RSPA is taking this action in response to petitions filed by the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA), the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI), the Compressed Gas Association, Inc. (CGA) and Airgas, Inc. The petitioners requested that RSPA provide additional time to allow shippers, the gas and cylinder industries, and other interested parties sufficient time to review and address the proposed changes.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 30, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to the Dockets Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, PL 401, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments should identify the docket number, RSPA 98-3684(HM-220), and should be submitted in two copies. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments should include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Comments may also be submitted to the docket electronically by logging onto the Docket Management System website at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on "Help & Information" to obtain instructions for filing the document electronically. In every case, the comment should refer to the Docket number "3684".

The Dockets Management System is located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building, at the above address. Public dockets may be reviewed at the address above between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. In addition, the NPRM and all comments can be reviewed on the internet by accessing the Hazmat Safety Homepage at "<http://hazmat.dot.gov>."

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 30, 1998, RSPA published an NPRM in the *Federal Register* under Docket HM-220 (63 FR 58460). RSPA proposes in the NPRM to amend certain requirements in the Hazardous Materials Regulations to establish four new DOT cylinder specifications and to revise the requirements for maintenance, requalification, repair and use of DOT specification cylinders. In addition, RSPA held three public meetings to discuss the proposals on December 8, 1998 (63 FR 58460; October 30, 1998), January 28, 1999 (63 FR 72224; December 31, 1998) and April 13-15, 1999 (64 FR 9114; February 24, 1999). Also the December 31 notice provided for a 120-day extension of the comment period from January 28 to May 28.

The NPGA, the ARI, and the CGA petitioned RSPA for another extension of at least 120 days from the May 28 deadline. Airgas Inc. petitioned for a 90-day extension. The petitioners stated that this second extension would allow affected persons more time to provide substantive comments to the proposed changes. Many commenters attending the April public meeting also stated that they would need more time to submit their comments. RSPA agrees that additional time should be provided and is hereby extending the closing date from May 28 to September 30, 1999.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 24, 1999.

**Alan I. Roberts,**

*Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 223 and 224

[Docket No. 990520140-9140-01; I.D. 041699A]

**Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat: Petition To List Eleven New Species Including One New Genus of Bryozoans From Capron Shoal, Florida, as Threatened or Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notification of 90-day petition finding.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS received on February 11, 1999, a petition to list eleven new species (including one new genus, *Cymulopora*) of bryozoans as threatened or endangered under the ESA. The following are the new species: *Alcyonidium capronae*, *Membranipora triangularis*, *Disporella plumosa*, *Cymulopora uniserialis*, *Cribilaria parva*, *Reginella repangulata*, *Hippothoa balanophila*, *Phylactella ais*, *Trematoecia psammophila*, *Cleidochasma angustum*, and *Drepanophora torquata*, hereafter referred to as "Capron shoal bryozoans." NMFS finds that the petition does not present substantial scientific or commercial information to warrant the petitioned action, per 50 CFR 424.14.

**DATES:** This petition finding was made on May 18, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the petition may be obtained from NMFS, Protected Resources Division, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702; or from NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The petition finding and supporting data are available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the above addresses.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Hawk, NMFS, Protected Resources Division, (727)570-5312, or Marta Nammack, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, (301) 713-1401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Section 4(b)(3) of the ESA contains provisions concerning petitions from interested persons requesting the