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Research and Special Programs Administration

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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:** Notice of Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Meetings.

summary: On August 20, 1998, RSPA published in the Federal Register a document announcing dates and locations for its negotiated rulemaking advisory committee meetings. However, in the document, RSPA did not announce the locations for the December 1–2 meeting and the January 6–7 meeting. The purpose of this document is to announce the location of these meetings. This document is in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of these meetings is to negotiate 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. The public is invited to attend; an opportunity for members of the public to make oral presentations will be provided if time permits.

DATES: Meetings of the advisory committee will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on December 1–2, 1998, and January 6–7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will take place at the Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The December 1–2 meeting is in Room 3200 and the January 6–7 meeting is in Room 2230.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Negotiated Rulemaking 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 will be placed in the public docket and can be accessed through (http:// dms.dot.gov). Persons wishing to submit written comments should identify the docket number and submit one copy to the Dockets Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. The Dockets Management System (DMS) is on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the U.S. Department of Transportation at the above address. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their written comments should include a selfaddressed, stamped postcard.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to the following address: "rules@rspa.dot.gov". Public dockets may be reviewed at the DMS facility between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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