

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration****49 CFR Parts 171, 177, 178, 180****[Docket No. RSPA-97-2718 (HM-225A)]****RIN 2137-AD07****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: This document announces cancellation of a negotiated rulemaking advisory committee meeting scheduled for January 6-7, 1999 and addition of meeting dates for February 2-4, 1999 and March 2 and 3, 1999. This document is issued in accordance with the provisions of 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: The February meeting will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., February 2-3, 1999 and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on February 4, 1999. The March meeting will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 2-3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will take place at the Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The February 2-4 and March 2-3 meetings are scheduled in Room 10234.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 20, 1998 (63 FR 44601), RSPA published in the **Federal Register** a document announcing dates and locations for a series of negotiated rulemaking

committee (the Committee) meetings. In the document, RSPA announced a meeting for January 6-7, 1999. During the December 1-2, 1998 meeting, the Committee agreed to cancel the January meeting and add meetings for February and March. The purpose of this document is to announce the cancellation of the January 6-7 meeting and the addition of meetings on February 2-4, 1999 and March 2-3, 1999.

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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