Title: Hazardous Materials: Miscellaneous Amendments Pertaining to DOT-Specification Cylinders

Abstract:

This rulemaking would revise certain requirements of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) applicable to the manufacture, maintenance, and use of DOT specification cylinders. These revisions would clarify certain important safety requirements, incorporate industry consensus standards and, where appropriate, decrease the regulatory burden without compromising the safe transportation of compressed gases in commerce. This rulemaking responds to eleven petitions for rulemaking, incorporates two special permits into the HMR, and addresses the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Recommendation I-93-1. Among other provisions, PHMSA would clarify cylinder specification and requalification requirements, and adopt new and updated incorporations by reference of industry consensus standards issued by the Compressed Gas Association.

Agency: Department of Transportation (DOT)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

RIN Status: Previously published in the Unified Agenda

Major: No

Unfunded Mandates: No

EO 13771 Designation: Deregulatory


Legal Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5101 to 5128

Legal Deadline: None

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Additional Information: HM-234; SB - Y, IC - N, SLT - N; PHMSA anticipates that this rulemaking will generally reduce burdens for most stakeholders and eliminate the need to apply for special permits, as three special permits may be incorporated and lower paperwork burden. Other benefits include simplifying hazard communication requirements and increased filling density for certain gases leading to potentially fewer vehicle trips. A future rulemaking may result in a decrease in the annual burden and costs under certain OMB Control Numbers.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Federalism: No

Included in the Regulatory Plan: No

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