

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Research and Special Programs  
Administration**

**49 CFR Parts 171, 172, 173, 176, 177,  
178, and 180**

**[Docket Nos. HM-183, 183A; Notice No. 85-  
4]**

**Requirements for Cargo Tanks;  
Extension of Comment Period**

**AGENCY:** Office of Hazardous Materials  
Transportation, Research and Special  
Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Rulemaking;  
Extension of Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** On September 17, 1985, RSPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register (50 FR 37766). The NPRM proposed to amend the Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Parts 171-179) pertaining to the manufacture of cargo tanks and the operation, maintenance, repair and requalification of all specification cargo tanks. A document correcting typographical errors, omissions, minor discrepancies and clarifying certain requirements in the NPRM was published on December 5, 1985 (50 FR 49866).

Several petitioners—including the American Petroleum Institute, the Compressed Gas Association, Inc., the National Tank Truck Carriers, Inc., the Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association and the Petroleum Marketers Association of America—have requested additional time to evaluate the proposals contained in the NPRM. RSPA agrees that some additional time should be allowed and is extending the closing date for comments on Notice No. 85-4.

**DATE:** By this notice, RSPA extends the comment period from February 11, 1986, to May 22, 1986.

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