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Dear Mr. Lee:

This responds to your letter regarding training requirements specified in Subpart H of Part 172 of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180). Specifically, you ask if the HMR specify qualifications for persons who provide such training.

There are no provisions under the training requirements in Subpart H of Part 172 for review and approval of training programs or certification of instructors. A hazmat employer must ensure that the training provided to its hazmat employees covers the training components specified in § 172.704(a) and that the person who provides the training is knowledgeable about the HMR and its application to specific operations and situations. Training that complies with the hazard communication programs required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (29 CFR 1910.120) may be used to satisfy the HMR training requirements to the extent that such training addressed the training components specified in § 172.704(a).

I hope this information is helpful. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles E. Betts', written over a large, stylized flourish that loops around the text below.

Charles E. Betts  
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Mr. Mazzullo,

Can you please advise us on the qualifications required to teach the Hazardous Materials Shipping training required by DOT? We have an instructor who is OSHA 501 trained and would like to know if he may need other specified training to teach this.

Thank You

Jim Lee