

OIL SPILL RESPONSE PLANS (OSRPS) AND INFORMATION SHARING FOR HIGH-HAZARD FLAMMABLE TRAINS FINAL RULE

WHAT IS THE OSPRS AND INFORMATION SHARING FOR HIGH-HAZARD FLAMMABLE TRAINS?

Improves the oil spill response readiness and reduces the effects of rail incidents involving petroleum oil and certain high hazard flammable trains (HHFTs).

WHAT ARE THE NEW COMPONENTS OF THIS NEW RULE?

The new rule consists of three components:

- Comprehensive Oil Spill Response Plans (OSRPs)
 - Requires at least 20 cars in a block and 35 cars in a consist carrying any Class 3 flammable liquid.
 - Requires a plan for 300,000 gallons or 15 percent (Worst Case Discharge).
 - Requires a response to be stationed within 12 hours and update every 5 years if significant changes occur or when activated.
- · High Hazard Flammable Trains (HHFTS) Information Sharing Notification
 - Railroads transportating HHFTs must notify State and Tribal Emergency Response Commissions, and other State-designated entities.
 - Reasonable estimate of number of HHFTs per week through each county in state, and intended routes.
 - Describe materials being shipped and provide a railroad point of contact; notification of a material change greater than 25%.
- · Incorporation by Reference (IBR)
 - Authorizes this standard for voluntary use in calculating a material's flash point and initial boiling point for classification.
 - Provides regulatory flexibility and more accurate packing group assignments.