

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

WHAT IS THE OSRPS 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)**
 - Updates OSRP requirement to include a single train carrying at least 20 cars in a continuous block or 35 cars in the train consist carrying Class 3 Flammable liquids
 - Requires a plan for responding to a worst-case discharge of oil (300,000 gallons or 15% of lading)
 - Requires a plan for ensuring response zones can be staged with resources within 12 hours
- **High Hazard Flammable Trains (HHFTS) Information Sharing Notification**
 - Railroads transporting HHFTs must notify State and Tribal Emergency Response Commissions, and other State-designated entities
 - Reasonable estimate of number of HHFTs expected to travel through each county within a state per week
 - Describe materials being shipped and provide a railroad point of contact; notification of a material change greater than 25%
- **Incorporates by Reference ASTM D7900 - Standard Test Method for Determination of Light Hydrocarbons in Stabilized Crude Oils by Gas Chromatography**
 - 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