

**Research and Special Programs
Administration**

**49 CFR Parts 107, 171, 172, 173, 176,
177, 178, and 180**

[Docket Nos. HM-183, 183A; Amdt. Nos.
107-20, 171-100, 172-115, 173-212, 176-27,
177-71, 178-89, 180-2]

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Requirements for Cargo Tanks

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs
Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; further extension of
effective date.

SUMMARY: RSPA is further extending the
effective date of a final rule published
on June 20, 1989, under Docket Nos.
HM-183, 183A from February 12, 1990 to
June 12, 1990. This action is necessary to
allow RSPA and the Federal Highway
Administration (FHWA) more time to
review petitions for reconsideration
received in response to the final rule.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 12, 1990.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June
12, 1989, RSPA published a final rule
(Docket Nos. HM-183, 183A; 54 FR
24982) establishing new standards
pertaining to the use, requalification,
and manufacture of cargo tank motor
vehicles. The final rule granted a period
of 90 days for receiving petitions for
reconsideration. In response to requests
from two petitioners, on September 15,
1989 (54 FR 38233), RSPA extended the
closing date for receiving petitions for
reconsideration from September 12, 1989
to November 14, 1989, and similarly
extended the effective date of the final
rule from December 12, 1989 to February
12, 1990. RSPA received over 90

petitions for reconsideration over the
period of 150 days granted for filing
petitions to the final rule. This action,
which further extends the effective date
of the final rule, is necessary because
RSPA finds it impracticable to take
action and respond to certain issues
discussed in the petitions within 90 days
as prescribed by 49 CFR 106.37(b).

This extension of the effective date of
the final rule to June 12, 1990, allows
additional time for RSPA and FHWA to
study issues raised in the petitions for
reconsideration and to prepare an
appropriate response. Based on a
preliminary review of the petitions for
reconsideration received, RSPA
anticipates that adjustments will be
made in other compliance dates
appearing in the final rule.

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