



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATIONS BOARD  
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[ 49 CFR Part 173 ]

[Docket No. HM-54; Notice 70-14]

TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS  
MATERIALS

Extended Use of Class 111A-W-3  
Tank Cars

The Hazardous Materials Regulations Board is considering amending Part 173 of the Hazardous Materials Regulations to authorize the use of class 111A-W-3 tank cars when class 111A-W-1 tank cars are prescribed.

The Board has received a petition, submitted by the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, to amend 49 CFR 173.31(a)(3). The petitioner states that tank cars built in compliance with specifications 111A100-W-1 and 111A100-W-3 are similarly constructed except that the W-3 type tanks are insulated and require valves for unloading when top loading and unloading devices are utilized. Specification 111A60-W-1 tank cars are similar to specification 111A100-W-1 tank cars except for a reduced test and bursting pressure, and safety-relief valve requirements. In accordance with the current provisions of § 173.31(a)(3), specification 111A100-W-1 tank cars may be used when specification 111A60-W-1 tank cars are prescribed. The proposal would extend the use of class 111A-W-3 tank cars by permitting the use of specification 111A100-W-3 tank cars when specification 111A60-W-1 or specification 111A100-W-1 tank cars are prescribed. This would increase the flexibility of class 111A tanks cars and contribute to the efficient utilization of tank car fleets.

The Board believes that the petition has merit and, in consideration of the foregoing, it is proposed to amend 49 CFR 173.31(a)(3) to read as follows:

§ 173.31 Qualification, maintenance,  
and use of tank cars.

(a) \* \* \*

(3) Unless otherwise specifically provided in Part 173, when class DOT-105A-W, 105A-AL-W, 106A, 109A-AL-W, 110A-W, 111A, 112A-W, or 114A-W tank car tanks are prescribed, the same class tanks having higher marked test pressures than those prescribed may also be used. When class DOT-111A-W-1 tank car tanks are prescribed, class 111A-W-3 tank car tanks may also be used.

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Interested persons are invited to give their views on this proposal. Communications should identify the docket number and be submitted in duplicate to the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, Department of Transportation, 400 Sixth Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received on or before September 22, 1970, will be considered before final action is taken on the proposal. All comments received will be available for examination by interested persons at the Office of the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, both before and after the closing date for comments.

This proposal is made under the authority of sections 831-835 of title 18, United States Code, and section 9 of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1657).

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