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Mr. James VanSchoonhoven
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Dear Mr. VanSchoonhoven:

This is in response to your letter requesting clarification of placarding requirements for your liquid oxygen shipments. Specifically you ask if a bulk shipment of Oxygen, Refrigerated liquid, 2.2, UN1073, may display an identification number on the OXYGEN placard depicted in 49 CFR 172.530 or must the identification number appear on a separate orange panel used in conjunction with the OXYGEN placard.

Either is acceptable. The placard depicted in § 172.530 may display the word "OXYGEN" or the identification number "1073". Section 172.519(b)(3) does not permit a non-text placard; that is, the placard illustrated in § 172.530 showing the oxidizer symbol and hazard class number only, to be used for placarding OXYGEN shipments.

I hope this satisfies your inquiry. If you need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Hattie L. Mitchell, Chief
Regulatory Review and Reinvention
Office of Hazardous Materials Standards

cc: Nevada Highway Patrol,
Commercial Enforcement Division



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March 18, 1998

Suzanne Hedgepeth
Office of Hazardous Material Exemptions and Approvals
Fax (202) 366-3308

Dear Ms. Hedgepeth:

We operate an 800 gallon liquid oxygen delivery vehicle in the states of Nevada and California

A question of proper placarding has come up with the commercial enforcement division of the Nevada Highway Patrol.

Our tanker operates under Title 49 CFR 173.320. Under section 172 regarding placarding we interpret that the yellow placard with the UN number 1073 is appropriate. Our local enforcement officer says we need to run a yellow placard with OXYGEN, as well as the orange panel with the UN 1073 number.

Do we need to display both markings?

The following is included for your reference.

- 172.328 (a) 1 states ID number on placards or orange panel
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also see paragraph "c" placards

Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this request, and we appreciate your reply to Interwest Home Medical fax # (702) 857-3233 attention Van.

Sincerely,

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