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Ref. No. 04-0075

Dear Mr. Peters:

This is in response to your letter dated March 24, 2004, regarding the shipper's certification on shipping papers in accordance with the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180). Specifically you ask if the signature of the shipper or his agent must be in association with shipper's certification.

The answer is yes. Each person who offers a hazardous material for transportation shall certify that the material is offered for transportation in accordance with the HMR by printing (manually or mechanically) on the shipping paper containing the required shipping description, the certification contained in § 172.204. The certification must be legibly signed by a principal, officer, partner, or employee of the shipper or his agent; and (2) may be legibly signed manually, by typewriter, or by other mechanical means. Any additional signatures on a shipping paper (not associated with the certification statement) do not satisfy § 172.204(d) and are not required under the HMR.

I hope this satisfies your request.

Sincerely,



John A. Gale, Chief
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FAX TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

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DATE: 3/24/2004 SUBJECT: Interpretation
Signature requirements.

Ed, Hopefully you can settle this.
It seems that the signature in the
"Shippers certification" box is redundant.

From a practical point of view both should
be signed.

J. Peters

