



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

November 1, 2024

L'Gena Shaffer
Director, Regulatory Compliance
Council on the Safe Transportation of Hazardous Articles
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Glens Falls, NY 12801

Dear Ms. Shaffer:

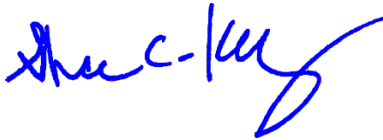
This letter responds to your April 9, 2024, petition for rulemaking (P-1785) requesting changes to the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) applicable to proper shipping names and special provisions. Specifically, your petition requests that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) amend Special Provision 182 in § 172.102 by adding the proper shipping names to the United Nations (UN) numbers for the alternative classifications. You also request that PHMSA amend the Hazardous Materials Table (HMT) in § 172.101 by adding a numerical cross-reference list of UN numbers following the alphabetical list of proper shipping names.

In accordance with § 106.105, PHMSA has assessed your petition and determined that a portion of your request merits consideration in a future rulemaking. PHMSA has determined that the request to amend Special Provision 182 in § 172.102 by adding the proper shipping names to the UN numbers for the alternative classifications merits consideration in a future rulemaking. However, PHMSA is denying the request to amend the HMT in § 172.101 by adding a numerical cross-reference list of UN numbers following the alphabetical list of proper shipping names. Historically, the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) was only available in hard copy form and thus a cross-referenced list of UN numbers might have been a needed addition. Additionally, PHMSA incurs an annual cost from the Government Printing Office (GPO) to maintain the hard copy form of the 49 CFR Parts 100-185—each additional page increases those annual costs in perpetuity to PHMSA.

Since the CFR is available electronically at no cost (see <https://www.ecfr.gov>)—including the HMT¹—and can be searched by UN number, PHMSA has determined that this portion of your petition does not provide sufficient justification to add an additional cross-reference list of proper shipping names listed by UN number. All correspondence pertaining to this petition will be transferred to the petition docket (Docket No. PHMSA-2024-0052).

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Steven Andrews or Mr. Noah Jacobson in the Standards and Rulemaking Division at (202) 366-8553.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shane Kelley". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Shane Kelley
Director, Standards and Rulemaking Division
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