DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Parts 171, 172 and 174

[Docket No. HM-180, Amdt. Nos. 171-88, 172-104, and 174-60]

Placarding Tank Cars Which Contain Hazardous Material Residue; Delay of Effective Date

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

ACTION: Delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: RSPA published a final rule in the Federal Register on June 25, 1986, [51 FR 23075], under Docket HM-180 [FR Document 86-14276]. This final rule amended the Department's Hazardous Materials Regulations by changing the definition of the word "RESIDUE" and requiring the use of RESIDUE placards instead of EMPTY placards on tank cars which contain hazardous materials residue. The final rule has an effective date of October 1, 1986. RSPA has received numerous telephone calls from shippers and carriers regarding the unavailability of RESIDUE placards from suppliers. Based on these calls and to allow shippers and carriers adequate time to obtain RESIDUE placards, RSPA believes it is necessary to delay the effective date of the final rule.

In consideration of the foregoing, the effective date of the final rule issued under Docket HM-180, Amendment Nos. 171-88, 172-104 and 174-60 is changed from October 1, 1986 to March 3, 1987.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 3, 1987.

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