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## News Digest

**Daylight Saving Time to Begin Sunday, March 13, for Most Americans.** Most of the nation will return to daylight saving time at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 13, when clocks will be set ahead one hour, providing an additional hour of daylight in the evening. Under law, daylight saving time is observed from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November, with the nation returning to standard time starting Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011. Prior to legislation that took effect in 2007, daylight saving time was observed from the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October. Federal law does not require any area to observe daylight time, but those that do must follow the starting and ending dates set by the law. No resetting of clocks is required for those parts of the country not observing daylight time: Arizona, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Marianas. Contact Bill Mosley: (202) 366-4570.

**PHMSA Extends Public Comment Period for Transport Tank Standards, Makes Standards Available Online for Review.** In response to requests from the public, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) today announced that two industry standards on transport tanks are available online for public review. The standards are related to advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) 75 FR 80765, which was originally published in December 2010.

The ANPRM seeks public comment on the standards for possible incorporation into federal regulations. This is the first time PHMSA has been able to arrange for the standards to be available to view online for free. In the past, the public was required to come to the Department or purchase the standards from the associations responsible if they wanted to review them.

PHMSA is extending the comment period 60 days, until May 23, 2011, to provide the public additional time to review these standards.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers' [Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XII](#) standard for the design, construction, and certification of transport tanks is now available on PHMSA's [website](#). The National Board's National Board Inspection Code (NBIC), which applies to the qualification and maintenance of transport tanks, is available on the National Board's website at [www.nationalboard.org](http://www.nationalboard.org). Contact Julia P. Valentine: 202-366-1084

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