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Mr. Collin B. Mooney
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Dear Mr. Mooney:

This responds to your October 28, 2015, petition for rulemaking (P-1667) requesting amendments to the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) applicable to the placarding requirements for multi-compartment cargo tank motor vehicles (CTMVs) carrying flammable liquids. Specifically, you have petitioned the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to revise § 172.336(c) to allow multi-compartment CTMVs transporting petroleum distillates or alcohol-fuel blends to display the identification number for any petroleum distillate or alcohol-fuel blend with a flashpoint that is as low or lower than the lowest flashpoint of the hazardous materials being transported.

On June 23, 2016, President Barack Obama signed legislation entitled, "Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2016," or PIPES Act. Section 15 of the PIPES Act states:

"Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking to take public comment on the petition for rulemaking dated October 28, 2015, titled Corrections to Title 49 C.F.R. Sec. 172.336 Identification numbers; special provisions" (P-1667)."

As such, your petition has been accepted. All correspondence pertaining to this petition will be transferred to Docket No. PHMSA-2015-0218. You may comment on the petition in accordance with the procedures specified in part 106, subpart B.

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

Sincerely,

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