

Our Commitments to You...

- We will return your phone calls before the end of the next business day.
- We will mail training materials and publications within one week of receipt of your request.
- We will investigate all reports of noncompliance with the Hazardous Materials Regulations to aid in reducing the cost of unfair competition.
- We will inform you of exemptions and approvals through the Hazardous Materials Safety Website and provide you with a selection of downloadable information.
- We will add your name to our mailing list when requested. You will receive safety notices, public meeting notices, training seminar announcements, etc.
- We will offer four Multimodal Awareness Seminars at locations nationwide each year to provide you with the latest information on hazardous materials transportation.
- We will continue to increase the number of hazmat training publications available for download from our website at no cost to help you reduce your training costs.
- We will hold public meetings as needed to hear your comments and suggestions on the elimination of unnecessary or burdensome regulations. We will also hold public meetings when we are considering the need for new or amended regulations.

How to Reach Us

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RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

Hazardous Materials Safety

In Support of Small Business



Who We Are

The Research and Special Programs Administration's Office of Hazardous Materials Safety coordinates the Department of Transportation's multimodal hazardous materials transportation safety program.

Our Customers

The Regulated Community:

- Brokers
- Carriers
- Cylinder Retesters
- Packaging Manufacturers
- Shippers
- Third-party Certifiers

Our Purpose

We promote the safe and efficient transportation of hazardous materials by air, highway, rail, and water through uniform national and international safety programs.

What We Do For You

- We develop and issue the Hazardous Materials Regulations. We evaluate requests received from industry, government agencies, and you to determine the need for new or amended regulations and to identify and eliminate unnecessary or burdensome regulations. We encourage your participation and consider it essential in the rulemaking process.
- We issue exemptions to regulations when unusual shipping situations and technological advances cannot be addressed in existing regulations. Periodically, exemptions are converted to general regulations which extend the benefits of the exemptions by allowing you to use containers or shipping practices previously authorized only under an exemption.
- We manage the Hazardous Materials Registration Program which provides funding for the Emergency Preparedness Planning and Training Grants. We provide grants to states, U.S. territories, and Native American tribes to support local emergency planning committees and train emergency personnel. Emergency planning and training helps your community prepare for a spill, incident, or other hazardous materials emergency that may occur.
- We maintain the Hazardous Materials Information System (HMIS), a national database which includes incident reports. HMIS data on incident reports and other safety-related hazardous materials information are available to you upon request.
- We sponsor the Cooperative Hazardous Materials Enforcement Development (COHMED) program, an outreach effort which promotes national uniformity of Federal/State and local regulations and enforcement activities. We encourage your attendance at COHMED conferences to help you identify areas to minimize risks and facilitate trade.
- We inspect hazardous materials shipments, packaging manufacturers, and related certifying, retesting and reconditioning facilities. Our inspectors assigned to the Washington, DC headquarters and regional offices can also provide you with technical assistance.
- We provide you, upon request, with training materials, fact sheets, and other safety information to help you understand and comply with the Hazardous Materials Regulations.