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[Docket No. HM-126C; Amdt. Nos. 171-102,
172-116, 173-213, 175-45, and 176-28]

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**Emergency Response Communication
Standards; Extension of the Effective
Date**

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

ACTION: Final rule; extension of the
effective date.

SUMMARY: RSPA is extending the
effective date of the final rule published
in the Federal Register on June 27, 1989
(54 FR 27138) and January 10, 1990 (55
FR 870) under docket HM-126C. RSPA is
experiencing a delay in printing the
revised 1990 DOT "Emergency Response
Guidebook" (ERG), which may be used
to comply with certain emergency
response information requirements in

this rule. The extension will provide the
necessary time for RSPA to print the
ERG and make available proof copies
for commercial reproduction.

Additionally, the extension will provide
commercial sources the time necessary
to print and distribute the ERG to those
choosing to use it as a compliance tool.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The effective date of
the final rule published under Docket
HM-126C on June 27, 1989 (54 FR 27138)
and January 10, 1990 (55 FR 870) are
changed from June 4, 1990 to September
17, 1990.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final
rule under Docket HM-126C amended
the Hazardous Materials Regulations
(HMR; 49 CFR parts 171-180) to include
new requirements for additional
emergency response information on
shipping papers and packages and
maintenance of emergency response
information on transportation vehicles
and at transportation facilities. As a
result of eleven petitions for
reconsideration of certain aspects of the
final rule entitled "Emergency Response
Communication Standards", published
in the Federal Register on June 27, 1989
(54 FR 27138), on January 10, 1990, a
correction final rule was published in
the Federal Register (55 FR 870) under
Docket HM-126C.

The January 10, 1990 correction final
rule made several changes including:
Revising the definition of "technical
name"; use of waste codes as technical
names for certain waste hazardous
materials; providing an exception for
one year from requirements for marking
technical names on packages filled prior
to June 4, 1990; and extending the
effective date from April 2, 1990 until
June 4, 1990.

One consideration for extending the
effective date from April 2, 1990 until
June 4, 1990, was the unavailability of
the 1990 edition of the ERG. RSPA is
experiencing a delay in printing the 1990
ERG and it will not be available and
distributed commercially by the current
June 4, 1990 effective date. Accordingly,
the effective date of the final rule as
published in the Federal Register on
June 27, 1989 (54 FR 27138) and the
correction final rule published on
January 10, 1990 (55 FR 870) are
extended from June 4, 1990 until
September 17, 1990. If further significant
delays are experienced, RSPA will

consider a further extension of the
effective date.

Additionally, RSPA received three
petitions for reconsideration of certain
aspects of the final rule, published
January 10, 1990 (55 FR 870), from
Government Services Institute
Incorporated (GSI), the Petroleum
Marketers Association of America

(PMAA), and the Ocean Carrier
Dangerous Goods Coalition. In view of
this extension from June 4, 1990 to
September 17, 1990, RSPA will be
afforded the additional time needed to
adequately respond to the three
petitions for reconsideration in a
subsequent document that will be
published in the Federal Register.

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