

**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION 2019-71  
High-Hazard Flammable Train (HHFT) Shipments  
Information Sharing to Local Planners and Responders**

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2019 the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration published a final rule that requires railroads to share information about high-hazard flammable train (HHFT) operations with State Emergency Response Commissions to improve community preparedness. High-hazard flammable train (HHFT) means a single train transporting 20 or more loaded tank cars of a Class 3 flammable liquid in a continuous block or a single train carrying 35 or more loaded tank cars of a Class 3 flammable liquid throughout the train consist.

WHEREAS, the HHFT information sharing notifications for emergency response planning will include:

1. A reasonable estimate of the number of HHFTs that the railroad expects to operate each week, through each county within the State or through each tribal jurisdiction;
2. The routes over which the HHFTs will operate;
3. A description of the hazardous materials being transported and all applicable emergency response information required by subparts C and G of part 172 of this subchapter;
4. An HHFT point of contact: At least one point of contact at the railroad (including name or email address, title, phone number and address) who has knowledge of the railroad's transportation of affected trains and who is responsible for serving as the point of contact for the SERC, TERC, or other State or tribal agency responsible for receiving the information; and
5. If a route identified in paragraph (b)(2) of this section is additionally subject to the comprehensive spill plan requirements in subpart C of part 130 of this chapter, the information must include a description of the response zones (including counties and states) and the contact information for the qualified individual and alternate, as specified under § 130.120(c) of this chapter.

WHEREAS, § 174.312 states that in notifications must be shared with: each State

Emergency Response Commission (SERC), or other appropriate State-delegated agency in each State through which it operates HHFTs. The SERC, TERC, or other appropriate State-delegated agency shall further distribute the information to the appropriate local authorities at their request.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio operates the Fusion Center within the Ohio Office of Homeland Security; the Fusion Center has an established mechanism to ensure certain levels of information confidentiality and to directly share information with state and local emergency personnel; and while the SERC has the mechanism to share information with the LEPCs, the SERC does not have an established mechanism to share information with statewide state and local emergency personnel.

THEREFORE, the Commission has agreed at its August 14, 2019, that the Ohio Fusion Center will serve as the repository for notifications and revisions/updates to notifications submitted pursuant to the February 28, 2019 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Hazardous Materials: Oil Spill Response Plans and Information Sharing for High-Hazard Flammable Trains (FAST Act) final rule on behalf of the SERC; the Ohio Fusion Center will maintain the notifications and distribute the notifications to state and local emergency responders, including the LEPCs; and the SERC will transfer any notifications received prior to the adoption of this resolution to the Fusion Center.

Record of Motion:

<u>12</u>	For
<u>0</u>	Against
<u>0</u>	Abstain

I hereby certify this resolution was approved by a majority of the State Emergency Response Commission members present at the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.



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