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NOTICES AND AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED DURING MAY

- HM-108; Advance Notice of Proposed Rule Making--Safety Vents (38 F.R. 14111 - 5/29/73). This advance notice invites comments regarding the requirement for the use of safety relief valves in place of safety vents on tank cars transporting any corrosive liquids. Closing date for filing comments is August 28, 1973.
- HM-109; Notice No. 73-4 (38 F.R. 14112 - 5/29/73). This notice proposes to require a protective shield for uninsulated pressure tank car tank heads. Comment period closes September 4, 1973.
- HM-57; Amendment Nos. 171-14, 172-14, 173-61, 174-14, 175-7, 177-21 (38 F.R. 12807 - 5/16/73). The mandatory effective date of this amendment has been postponed until December 31, 1973. However, voluntary compliance continues to be authorized. In the same publication, the Board is also requesting additional information before finalizing its action in this area. The comment period on the additional questions closes June 30, 1973.

Notice of Special Permits issued or denied during May 1973 (38 F.R. 6/8/73).

MIXING OF MATERIALS ON TRANSPORT VEHICLES

Recently, we were asked if the regulations authorize the mixing of ammonium nitrate and a fuel on a transport vehicle prior to delivery to a consignee. If the material has not been received by the consignee prior to mixing, the mixed material remains subject to the regulations of the Department if it is classed as a hazardous material and the mixing takes place in or on the transport vehicle or its appurtenances. Nitro carbo nitrate and nitro carbo nitrate slurries in bulk are not authorized by the regulations; however, several special permits have been issued by the Hazardous Materials Regulations Board to authorize transportation of these materials in bulk under specified conditions.

STATUS OF REVISION TO IAEA TRANSPORT REGULATIONS

In our August 1972 Newsletter, we reported that the final draft of the proposed revisions to the IAEA Safety Series No. 6, "Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials" was to be presented to the IAEA Board of Governors for approval at its September 1972 meeting. At that time it was anticipated that it would be published in late 1972 or early 1973. Neither date was met; however, the current plan is for publication in late July 1973. The new publication will be STI/PUB/323 and will carry the same title as the 1967 edition.

IAEA publications may be purchased in the USA from: UNIPUB, Inc., Post Office Box 443, New York, New York 10016.

IAEA is planning publication of a companion advisory document to the Safety Series No. 6. This document will be identified as "Safety Series No. 37" and will be published several months after the revision of No. 6 is published.

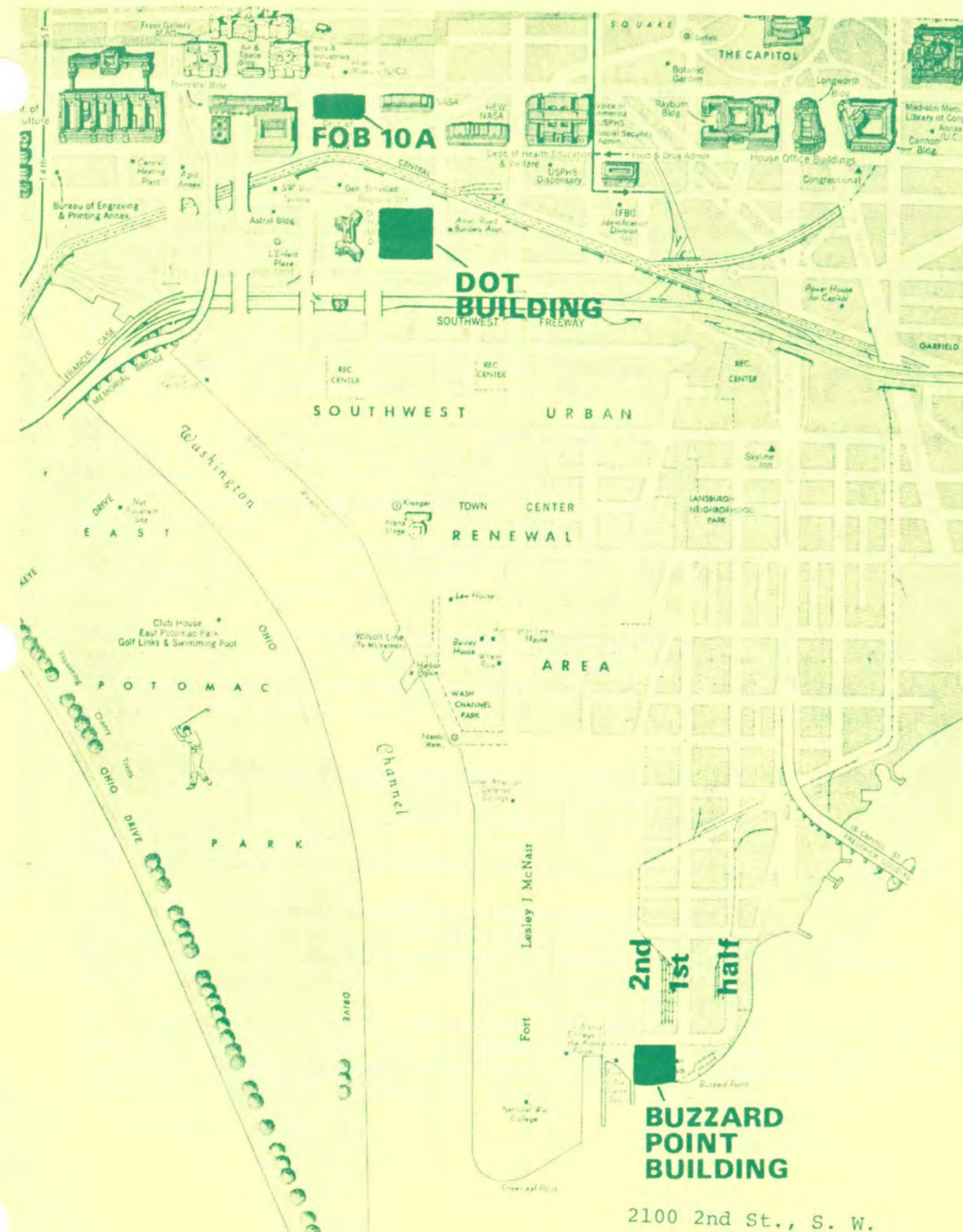
CHANGE IN LOCATION OF THE OFFICE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Office of Hazardous Materials has moved its offices from 400 Sixth Street, S. W., to 2100 Second Street, S. W. (Buzzards Point Building). The offices are located in the 6200 wing of the building with the public records in room 6215. The same telephone numbers have been retained. Correspondence should be addressed as follows:

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The Federal Railroad Administration's Hazardous Materials Branch of the Office of Safety has also relocated to 2100 Second Street, S. W. The Branch is in room 4406. The telephone number remains the same (202 426-2748).

The following map shows the new location:



GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY OFFERS A COURSE
ON THE TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Golden Gate University, San Francisco, California, is offering a 15-week course on the Transportation of Hazardous Materials that will yield three units of University credit toward a B.S. Degree in transportation. This course is an outgrowth of the interest in this subject which has been shown in the San Francisco Bay Area. This course will cover all modes of transportation.

The class will be conducted in the evening, from 6:50 to 9:30 p.m. The dates are from June 21, 1973 through September 20, 1973. Late registrations will be accepted.

For further information, contact:

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AVAILABILITY OF OHM SPONSORED RESEARCH REPORT

A new report on a research contract sponsored by this Office is available (\$4.50 per paper copy or 95 cents for microfiche) from:

National Technical Information Service
U. S. Department of Commerce
Springfield, Virginia 22151

The following information must be furnished when ordering:

"Hazard Classification of Oxidizing
Materials and Flammable Solids for
Transportation--Evaluation of Test
Methods"
Report No. TSA-20-72-6
Contract No. DOT AS-10058
Access No. PB-220084
By: P. V. King, Sr. and A. H. Lasseigne

JOINT FHWA/STATE DRIVERS TRAINING SCHOOL

The Federal Highway Administration's Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety, in conjunction with the Council of Safety Supervisors of the Wyoming Trucking Association, conducted a driver training program on the Hazardous Materials Regulations. The 2-day program was held on March 27 and 28, 1973, at Casper, Wyoming, with 20 drivers or potential drivers in attendance. Realizing that many drivers are not aware of the potential hazards associated with the cargo they are transporting, the Bureau representatives explained the characteristics of various classifications of hazardous materials and the drivers' duties and responsibilities particularly when involved in an accident with a cargo of hazardous materials.

This training school is just one example of the Bureau's efforts toward making the motor carrier industry and drivers more familiar with the Hazardous Materials Regulations and the benefits derived from safe operation of motor vehicles. During 1972, Bureau personnel participated in numerous meetings and clinics in which the Hazardous Materials Regulations were discussed and explained. During the same year, the Bureau answered thousands of inquiries concerning these regulations.

The Bureau's staff, both in Washington and the field, is always ready to answer questions and help those who are interested in improving the safe transportation of hazardous materials on the Nation's highways.

FIRST NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION

The First National Hazardous Materials Transportation Symposium was held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C., from May 30 through June 1, 1973.

Over 475 persons attended the Symposium, coming from all parts of the U.S., Canada, and England. Registrants represented nearly all segments of involved industries as well as Federal, state and local government organizations.

The high level of interest in the Symposium was further demonstrated by the number who attended the unscheduled informal question and answer sessions held each evening. More than 120 attendees returned for one of these sessions.

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During the wrap-up and critique session at the close of the Symposium, a large number of attendees displayed their interest in future symposiums.

We appreciate the support of all who attended the Symposium and wish to thank all of those who participated on the various panels.



W. J. Burns
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Office of Hazardous Materials

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that publication of this periodical is necessary in the transaction of the public business required by law of this Department. Use of funds for printing this periodical has been approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget through November 30, 1976.

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