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**TO: CARGO TANK TESTERS AND INSPECTORS
CARGO TANK OWNERS**

**FROM: U.S. DOT, FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMIN. &
NATIONAL TANK TRUCK CARRIERS, INC.**

SUBJECT: CARGO TANK TEST & INSPECTIONS WORKSHOPS

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and National Tank Truck Carriers will co-sponsor five special workshops for cargo tank testers, inspectors and cargo tank owners this year. This year's workshops will be held in Vancouver, BC, Syracuse, NY, Denver, CO, Memphis, TN, and Laredo, TX. The course will focus on compliance with the DOT's cargo tank qualification and maintenance regulations found in 49 CFR Parts 107 and 180. Information will be presented covering all MC and DOT series cargo tanks. This classroom seminar provides analysis of the complex series of federal regulations so that carriers and repair facilities may achieve full compliance. Dates and locations for these two-day workshops are as follows:

Vancouver, BC – June 22-23 (Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel)

Syracuse, NY – July 13-14 (Renaissance Syracuse Hotel)

Denver, CO – August 4-5 (Renaissance Denver Hotel)

Memphis, TN – August 24-25 (Holiday Inn Select)

Laredo, TX – September 14-15 (Embassy Suites)

Cargo tank regulations can be confusing. These workshops are designed to help cargo tank testers and inspectors – whether working for a carrier or commercial facility – comply with the regulations, many of which resulted from HM-183 and HM-213. This has significantly revised the maintenance regulations found within Part 180. The DOT instructors will call on their experience in conducting facility audits to introduce "real world" issues into the workshops. Special attention will be paid to DOT's final rulemaking in docket HM-213.

Topics to be covered during the two full-day Workshops include:

- * *History/Background of 49 CFR Parts 107 & 180 (HM-183 and HM-213)*
- * *Overview of 49 CFR Part 180*
- * *Special test/inspection conditions*
- * *Registration procedures for test/inspection facilities*
- * *Qualifications of Registered Inspectors, Design Certifying Engineers, and Authorized Inspectors*
- * *External visual inspections*
- * *Internal visual inspections*
- * *Pressure tests*
- * *Leakage tests*
- * *Thickness tests*
- * *Lining inspections*
- * *Compliance dates/tank markings*
- * *Record keeping requirements*
- * *Cargo tank repair and retrofitting*
- * *Compliance and enforcement issues*
- * *DOT Interpretations*

The seminar will be conducted by experienced U.S. DOT/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration field agents with special training in the details of cargo tank regulatory requirements. All are active in hazardous materials and cargo tank training and enforcement. The program will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Certificates of attendance will be issued to those attending both days. Registration for the Workshop is \$275 per person. The registration covers the workshops, a 200-page workbook, an NTTC Hazardous Materials Regulations book, two lunches and morning coffee. Hotel reservations are available now. Be sure to mention National Tank Truck Carriers to receive special room rates.

- **Vancouver, BC (June 22-23)** – Call the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel at 888/890-3222. The rate is \$139 CDN per night. This special meeting rate expires on June 4, 2010; reservations received after this date will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates.
- **Syracuse, NY (July 13-14)** – Call the Renaissance Syracuse Hotel at 315/479-7000. The rate is \$119 per night. This special meeting rate expires on June 19, 2010; reservations received after this date will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates. <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/syrbr-renaissance-syracuse-hotel/>
- **Denver, CO (August 4-5)** – Call the Renaissance Denver Hotel at 303/399-7500. The rate is \$129 per night. This special meeting rate expires on July 13, 2010; reservations received after this date will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates. <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/densa-renaissance-denver-hotel/>
- **Memphis, TN (August 24-25)** – Call the Holiday Inn Select Downtown at 888/300-5491. The rate is \$119 per night. This special meeting rate expires on July 24, 2010; reservations received after this date will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates.
- **Laredo, TX (September 14-15)** – Call the Embassy Suites Laredo at 956/723-9100. The rate is \$124 per night. This special meeting rate expires on September 1, 2010; reservations received after this date will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates. http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/LRDESES-NTT-20100913/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Send the enclosed Seminar Registration Form and credit card information or a check for \$275 per person to National Tank Truck Carriers, 950 North Glebe Road, Suite 520, Arlington, VA 22203-4183. Registrations can be faxed to 703/684-5753. For more information on the Workshops, call NTTC at 703/838-1960.