

Transportation/Hazardous Materials: US. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration July 18th Letter Addressing the Use of Portable Tanks



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The United States Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”) addressed in a July 18th letter a request for clarification of the Hazardous Materials Regulation (“HMR”) applicable to the use of portable tanks.

PHMSA was responding to an April 19th query from SeaFair USA LLC (“SeaFair”).

SeaFair asked whether a specification portable tank filled with a non-regulated material needs to be filled in accordance with the requirements of § 173.32(f)(5).

PHMSA responded in the negative stating:

A material that is not defined as a “hazardous material” in accordance with the HMR is not subject to the requirements of the HMR, including the requirements for loading of portable tanks in § 173.32(f)(5).

[A copy of the July 18th letter can be downloaded here.](#)