



Hazardous Materials Shipping Papers and Emergency Response Information

Informed Consent Form for Emergency Responders

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Name of Agency/Company/Organization (print): _____

Background for Pilot Tests and Volunteer Participants

- The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) must evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of paperless hazard communications systems by conducting pilot tests and make a recommendation to Congress regarding whether a regulatory change allowing for the use of electronic hazard communication systems is warranted.
- The data collected during the pilot tests and associated information collection efforts are intended to ensure that the evaluation and feasibility report required under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act focuses on the results and includes data supporting the recommendation for possible implementation of electronic hazard communication systems into the Federal hazardous material transportation safety program.
- Current shipping paper requirements as written in 49 CFR, Part 172 will still need to be met during the pilot test. Hardcopy shipping papers will still be required to be carried on all transportation conveyances included in the pilot tests.
- PHMSA will conduct pilot tests in three or four regions of the US: Northeast, Southwest, Southeast, and Northwest; at least one of the pilot test regions will include a rural area.
- Participation in the pilot tests is completely *voluntary*. Participants will not receive any financial compensation and are expected to use their own equipment and staff resources.

Confidentiality and Privacy Protection

PHMSA published a 60-Day Notice and requested comments in the Federal Register (PHMSA-2013-0124; Notice No. 13-7) pertaining to information collection associated with the Paperless Hazard Communications Pilot Program, authorized by Section 33005 of MAP-21. The collection and use of the data provided by volunteer participants are consistent with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a (Privacy Act of 1974). Any information obtained during the pilot tests will be used strictly for evaluation purposes. No Personally Identifiable Information (PII) will be disseminated or disclosed in any way without prior written consent from the source individual and company/organization.



I understand that this form covers my agency's/company's/organization's participation as a volunteer emergency responder for the pilot test emergency response simulations, including completing an Emergency Response Simulation Question Set for each pilot test emergency response simulation conducted and exchanging information with other pilot test participants and with PHMSA in support of, during, and immediately following the pilot tests.

I have read the foregoing information, or it has been read to me. I have had the opportunity to ask PHMSA questions about it and any questions that I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction. I voluntarily consent to participate as a volunteer in this pilot program. I understand that information I provide will be kept private to the extent provided by law.

Name of Participant (print): _____ **Date:** _____

Title: _____

Signature of Participant: _____