



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Robert E. Fronczak, P.E.  
Assistant Vice President Environment and Hazmat  
Association of American Railroads  
425 Third Street, S.W.  
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Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Mr. Fronczak:

This acknowledges our receipt of your January 13, 2017 petition to request that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) related to rail cars. Specifically, you ask PHMSA to revise § 173.319 to include specific requirements for Department of Transportation (DOT)-113 rail cars to allow for the transportation of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).

Your request has been assigned Petition Number P-1697 (Docket No.: PHMSA-2017-0020). This number is for tracking purposes only. Your request has not been assessed for merit. If accepted under 49 CFR 106.105 as a petition for rulemaking, it will be considered for a future rulemaking action.

If you write or call us regarding this petition, please make reference to this Petition Number P-1697.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SA", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Steven Andrews  
Transportation Regulations Specialist  
Office of Hazardous Materials Standards