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Ms. Kathleen R. Mannion, Director
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Western Growers Association
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Dear Ms Mannion:

This acknowledges our receipt of your Association's December 22, 1997 letter requesting an amendment of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) to establish standards for the design, construction and use of portable/mobile refrigeration systems and system components containing refrigerant gases and ammonia. These units are currently authorized under the terms of an exemption (DOT-E 10285).

Your letter has been accepted as a petition for rulemaking under § 106.31 and assigned number, P-1352. However, please provide me with a signed copy of the petition, making reference to this petition number. Should you have any questions, you may reach me on (202) 366-8553.

Sincerely,

Hattie L. Mitchell
Chief, Regulatory Review and Reinvention
Office of Hazardous Materials Standards