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Subject: Clarification of TTMA's Petition of
August 24, 1995 to Revise 178.345-14,
Cargo Tank Nameplate and Specification
Plate Attachment

Dear Dr. Sharma:

In the last paragraph of our August 24, 1995 petition we stated that a stainless steel nameplate and/or specification plate should be allowed to be riveted to an aluminum cargo tank. We did not intend that only stainless steel plates should be allowed. It is our opinion that it is appropriate and practical to affix aluminum plates to aluminum cargo tanks.

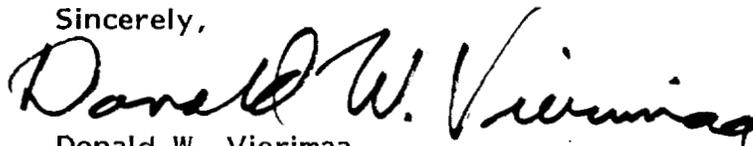
The ASME Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code states in UG-119(a) that "nameplates shall be metal suitable for the intended service." UG-119(e) states that:

- "(1) Nameplates may be attached either by welding, brazing, or soldering.
- "(2) Nameplates may be attached by tamper-resistant mechanical fasteners of suitable metal construction.
- "(3) Nameplates may be attached with pressure-sensitive acrylic adhesive systems provided that, in addition to the requirements of this paragraph, those of Appendix 18 are met."

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We affirm our proposed revision of 178.345-14(a) which would allow a plate to be any type of metal and allowed to be riveted, brazed, or welded to the cargo tank or its integral supporting structure.

Sincerely,



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