

The DOT and DHS have proposed changes in the placarding of hazardous materials (Federal Register Pg. 50998, August 16, 2004).

The Genesee County Association of Fire Chief's went on record at its regular business meeting on September 15th to oppose any changes in the Haz Mat placards.

The International Association of Fire Chief's has also taken a very strong position against the removal of placards. It took us years to get an easily identifiable system in place. All or nearly all our references are based upon the system (the ERG guide books as the primary source).

Until a plan is presented, with the new identifiers - which I am sure the terrorist in our society will obtain in a couple of days at most - we need placards so first responders can make intelligent decisions.

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