

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY TIP

POSITION-IN-TRAIN DOCUMENTATION

Railcars Containing Hazardous Materials

In addition to the requirement for a train crew to have accurate shipping papers and emergency response information while transporting rail cars containing hazardous materials, a member of the train crew must also have an accurate Position-in-Train document. This document indicates the current position in the train for each hazardous material shipment. It also assists first responders in safely responding to an emergency. The Position-in-Train document must be available for government officials responding to or investigating an incident involving hazardous materials.

A Position-in-Train Document:

- Applies to both loaded and residue tank cars
 - A tank car is not considered empty unless it has been cleaned and purged
- Must be updated and accurate prior to moving a hazardous materials shipment
- Must include the reporting marks and number for a rail car containing hazardous materials
- Must be updated at each pick-up or setout point by:
 - Writing in print on the document, or
 - Attaching another document to it
- If a Position-in-Train document is not available, create an accurate hand printed document

