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TO: Safety Directors

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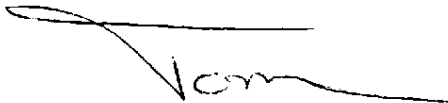
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SUBJ: VISTA MEMBERSHIPS

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Vista has obtained memberships in the National Safety Council, National Fire Protection Association (Industrial Fire Protection Section), and the Hazardous Materials Advisory Council (HMAC). HMAC is a group dealing with the transportation of hazardous materials. Some descriptive literature is attached.

Our account number for NSC is 1211440002. Our account representative is Judy Hoffer at 312/527-4800. The number is needed to obtain member discounts. I will forward newsletters and other information to you as I receive it. R&D and Transportation will receive additional newsletters.



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cc Greg Marchand
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WHAT ARE HMAC'S MEMBER SERVICES?

Information Services:

- Through HMAc's newsletter and special bulletins, you are apprised of regulatory and legislative developments which could significantly affect operations.
- HMAc's Federal Register Extract Service contains all notices from the Federal Register of interest to member companies. Regulations affecting hazardous materials transportation are issued by a number of government agencies. By extracting and indexing pertinent notices in one publication, HMAc guarantees that members will receive the information they need, and saves them the expense of a yearly Federal Register subscription.
- HMAc's conferences, seminars and training courses provide comprehensive training in current regulations, and timely investigation of upcoming developments. All events are open to HMAc members at substantially reduced rates.
- HMAc's Docket Board, issued monthly, apprises members of the current status of all Materials Transportation Bureau dockets, as well as any action taken by HMAc.
- HMAc's membership directory provides easy access to the names, telephone numbers and addresses of members who are actively involved in hazardous materials transportation. This service is a valuable resource for members who wish to consult with other experts in the field.
- HMAc's pamphlets, booklets and regulatory guides provide thorough guidance to regulatory compliance.
- HMAc provides prompt duplication of all available international working papers and documents.

Government Representation:

HMAc monitors and responds to key regulatory and legislative proposals at all levels of government,

and offers guidance on the development of reasonable and effective laws and regulations.

State and Local

- HMAc organized the first coalition of industry and state/local government representatives in Washington to cooperatively develop a comprehensive hazardous materials transportation program, delineating federal, state, local and industry roles and responsibilities.

- HMAc is the lead association in a coalition effort to provide state-by-state "Good Samaritan" protection for voluntary responders to hazardous materials emergencies.

Federal

- As the only association representing all sectors of the hazardous materials transportation industry, HMAc is regularly called upon by federal agencies for input on important regulatory issues.

- HMAc was the only industry group asked to participate with the EPA and DOT in developing a national uniform hazardous waste manifest.

- HMAc is the only special task group to combine the domestic and international commodity tables in 49 CFR.

International

- HMAc is the only North American industry organization with official observer status at the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. In this capacity, HMAc can offer proposals and participate in the work of this important body, which establishes recommendations for international dangerous goods transport. Similarly, HMAc is the only North American industry group serving as an advisor to the Dangerous Goods Panel of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

- HMAc has established an Industry Advisory Group on International Air Regulations, to provide a needed forum for industry review of proposed changes in international air regulations.

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HOW HMAC OPERATES

HMAC is a self-sustaining association operating on income from its membership dues and supplementary income (conferences, publications). Since HMAC's membership ranges from small to large companies, the dues are based on a sliding scale correlated to revenue generated from the transportation, packaging and handling of hazardous materials.

HMAC's issue management is based upon directives of the association's Board of Directors. The Board is an elected body designed to represent fairly the diverse HMAC membership. Assisting the Board are select HMAC committees and task forces whose members contribute their expertise to solve specific problems in the transportation of hazardous materials and wastes.

The Board meets a minimum of four times a year. Meetings are open to HMAC members, allowing them the opportunity to express their views and opinions.

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WHY JOIN HMAC?

HMAC is unique, since it's the only national organization representing the entire hazardous materials industry. Anticipating problems before they arise, HMAC seeks solutions to help your company comply with complex and frequently changing hazardous materials regulations. The association can provide you with assistance in answering regulatory questions, guidance to the appropriate resources and advice in establishing corporate compliance and safety programs.

As an HMAC member, you will have a strong voice in the establishment of national and international regulations that affect your profits and business operations. Recognized as a leader in the hazardous materials field, HMAC provides a forum for exchanging ideas on the safe transportation of hazardous materials. This forum is often used by federal agencies seeking input on important regulatory and legislative issues.

Additionally, your HMAC membership gives you the benefit of direct access to the association staff who stand ready to work for you. Joining HMAC is like expanding your company's hazardous materials department without the expense of additional staff and overhead.

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Please send me samples of HMAC's informational services

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