

§ 102–117.360 When do I have to report?

Annual data reports to GSA are due by February 1 of each year and must contain data related to the previous fiscal year. The first annual report will be due February 1, 2007. Reports will be sent to GSA, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Office of Travel, Transportation and Asset Management, <http://www.gsa.gov/transportationpolicy>.

§ 102–117.365 How can the data be collected?

(a) A variety of transportation data is currently available, from microscopic, local data to macroscopic summary data and from hard-copy to stored electronic data.

(b) Agencies that utilize the Transportation Management Services Solution (TMSS) may download the requested information through the report module.

(c) All other agencies must have electronic systems in place.

§ 102–117.370 Are there other reporting requirements?

No, there are no other reporting requirements.

§ 102–117.375 What tasks does proper reporting of data involve?

Proper reporting of data involves three main tasks:

(a) Identifying your agency's reporting obligations.

(b) Collecting the necessary data.

(c) Checking the data for accuracy and consistency.

§ 102–117.380 Why is it important to report data and what is the value of the data collected to my agency?

It is important to report data to identify and publicize sources of data on commodity movement, international trade, and freight transportation within the Federal Government. Information about agency transportation services will provide critical input for more informed decision making. This information will assist analysts and decision makers on the cost-effective ways to fulfill essential transportation needs; consider consolidated use of transportation services; more efficient use of agency transportation resources and more effective use of new or existing procurements. Quality data is paramount in identifying alternative strategies and evaluating performance and results. Data will further provide accurate, reliable budget figures to advance the effective use of data for accurate agency submissions.

§ 102–117.385 What are the consequences of not reporting?

Agencies not submitting data or submitting inconsistent data will be

requested by the General Services Administration (GSA) to comply with the data reporting requirements. GSA will report compliance to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

§ 102–117.390 Where do I find further information or assistance?

If you need further information or assistance, contact: General Services Administration, Office of Travel, Transportation and Asset Management (MT), 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, or e-mail at <http://www.policyworks.gov/transportation>.

§ 102–117.395 How will GSA use reports I submit?

(a) Reporting on transportation and transportation related services will provide GSA with—

(1) The ability to assess the magnitude and key characteristics of transportation within the Government (e.g., how much agencies spend; what type of commodity is shipped; etc.);

(2) Data to analyze and recommend changes to policies, standards, practices, and procedures to improve Government transportation; and

(3) A better understanding of how your activity relates to other agencies and your influence on the Government wide picture of transportation services.

(4) This data and analysis will further enable agencies to more accurately report budgets and expenses in the Federal Budget under Object Classification 22, Transportation of Things.

(b) In addition, this information will assist you in showing your management the magnitude of your agency's transportation program and the effectiveness of your efforts to control cost and improve service.

PART 102–118—TRANSPORTATION PAYMENT AND AUDIT

5. The authority citation for 41 CFR part 102–118 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 31 U.S.C. 3726; and 40 U.S.C. 481, *et seq.*

6. Revise § 102–118.280 to read as follows:

§ 102–118.280 What advantages does the prepayment audit offer my agency?

(a) Prepayment auditing will allow your agency to detect and eliminate billing errors before payment and will eliminate the time and cost of recovering agency overpayments.

(b) Prepayment auditing will give you data on what is spent on transportation and provides accurate, reliable budget figures for informed decision making

and accurate agency budget submissions.

(c) Quality data is paramount in identifying alternative strategies and evaluating performance and results.

7. Add §§ 102–118.281 and 102–118.282 to read as follows:

§ 102–118.281 How can my agency use the data collected in the prepayment audit?

Your agency can use the data collected in the prepayment audit to—

(a) Analyze cost-effective ways to fulfill essential transportation needs;

(b) Consider consolidated use of transportation services;

(c) Use agency transportation resources more effectively; and

(d) Use new or existing procurements more effectively.

§ 102–118.282 Is my agency required to report to the General Services Administration (GSA) on my transportation activities?

(a) Yes, your agency must report your transportation activities to the General Services Administration (GSA) on an annual basis.

(b) Monthly reports with year to date information will be gathered and maintained by the transportation manager with an annual report forwarded to GSA. See §§ 102–117.345 through 102.117.395 of this chapter for more details on the reporting requirement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration****49 CFR Part 192**

[Docket No. PHMSA–05–21305; Notice 1]

Pipeline Safety: Use of Polyamide-11 Plastic Pipe in Gas Pipelines

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) seeks public comments on two petitions for rulemaking filed by Arkema, Inc. The petitions request changes to the gas pipeline safety regulations to increase the design factor for new polyamide—11 (PA–11) pipe and to allow use of PA–11 pipe for systems operating at up to 200 pounds per square inch gauge pressure (psig). These requested changes will allow the use of PA–11 pipe in gas pipelines in place of metal pipe.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by August 22, 2005. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments to the docket by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., 20590-0001. Anyone wanting confirmation of mailed comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard.
- *Hand delivery or courier:* Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington DC. The Dockets Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Web site:* Go to <http://dms.dot.gov>, click on "Comments/Submissions" and follow the instructions at the site.

All written comments should identify the docket number and notice number stated in the heading of this notice.

Docket access: For copies of this notice or other material in the docket, you may contact the Dockets Facility by phone (202-366-9329) or visit the facility at the above street address. For Web access to the dockets to read and download filed material, go to <http://dms.dot.gov/search>. Then type in the last four digits of the docket number shown in the heading of this notice, and click on "Search".

Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments filed in any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the April 11, 2000 issue of the **Federal Register** (65 FR 19477) or go to <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Sanders (tel: 405-954-7214; E-mail: Richard.Sanders@tsi.jccbi.gov). General information about our pipeline safety program is available at this Web address: <http://ops.dot.gov>.

To view the petition, comments, and other material in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and conduct a simple search using the docket number. You may also visit the Dockets Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 4, 2004, Arkema, Inc. submitted two petitions to the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration's Office of Pipeline Safety. Arkema's petitions request that DOT revise 49 CFR 192.121 and 192.123 by increasing the design factor and the

design pressure for PA-11 to allow the use of a PA-11 piping system at pressures up to 200 psig. Under the proposal, the design factor for PA-11 would be raised from 0.32 to 0.40, which would allow for a greater operating pressure. The operating pressure limit for 2-inch diameter pipes of this material would also be raised from 100 psig to 200 psig, to allow these pipe systems to be operated up to the pressure limit determined by the design factor.

Arkema asserts that pipelines with the new PA-11 material will pose less risk to the public at a design factor of 0.40 than older thermoplastic piping materials used with a 0.32 design factor and that allowing an increased design pressure will allow gas companies to replace metal piping systems with 2-inch plastic pipe operating up to 200 psig to avoid the risk of corrosion failure in steel pipes. A detailed technical justification, including performance test results for PA-11 pipe and a discussion of its history of use, is provided in the petition, which may be read in its entirety in the docket.

With this notice, OPS is seeking further information and inviting public comment on the performance of the PA-11 pipe and a potential increase in the design factor and the design pressure for new thermoplastic piping. OPS will consider Arkema Inc.'s petition, any comments received by the public, and other information to determine whether or not to initiate rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. NHTSA 2005-21600]

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Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Designated Seating Positions and Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We are proposing to amend the definition of "designated seating position" in the Federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSSs), and to establish a new procedure for determining the number of designated seating positions on bench and split bench seats. This document also proposes to apply that procedure to all types of vehicles, regardless of weight, and eliminate the existing exclusion for temporary or folding jump seats. The proposed rule would also revise test procedures for seat belt anchorage requirements so that they are suitable for side-facing, temporary or folding jump seats. NHTSA's goal in proposing these amendments is to improve the objectivity of the "designated seating position" definition and thereby facilitate efforts of the agency to ensure that the number of designated seating positions and occupant restraint systems in a vehicle is representative of real world occupancy.

The proposed rule would also revise the general incorporation by reference provision for the FMVSSs by providing a centralized index of all matters therein incorporated by reference.

DATES: You should submit comments early enough to ensure that Docket Management receives them not later than August 22, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments [identified by the DOT DMS Docket Number above] by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Web Site: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Identification Number (RIN) for this rulemaking. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the Request for Comments heading of the Supplementary Information section of this document. Note that all comments