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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5330—Rail Fixed Guideway Systems, State Safety Oversight (OMB Number: 2132-0558).

Background: 49 U.S.C. Section 5330 requires States to designate a State Safety Oversight (SSO) agency to oversee the safety and security of each rail transit agency within the State's jurisdiction. To comply with Section 5330, SSO agencies must develop program standards which meet FTA's minimum requirements. In the Program Standard, which must be approved by FTA, each SSO agency must require each rail transit agency in the State's jurisdiction to prepare and implement a System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) and System Security Plan (SSP). The SSO agency also requires the rail transit agencies in its jurisdiction to conduct specific activities, such as accident investigation, implementation of a hazard management program, and the management of an internal safety and security audit process. SSO agencies review and approve the SSPPs and SSPs of the rail transit agencies. Once every three years, States conduct an on-site review of the rail transit agencies in their jurisdictions to assess SSPP/SSP

implementation and to determine whether these plans are effective and if they need to be updated. SSO agencies develop final reports documenting the findings from these on-site reviews and require corrective actions. SSO agencies also review and approve accident investigation reports, participate in the rail transit agency's hazard management program, and oversee implementation of the rail transit agency's internal safety and security audit process. SSO agencies review and approve corrective action plans and track and monitor rail transit agency activities to implement them.

Collection of this information enables each SSO agency to monitor each rail transit agency's implementation of the State's requirements as specified in the Program Standard approved by FTA. Without this information, States would not be able to oversee the rail transit agencies in their jurisdictions. Recent recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) have encouraged States and rail transit agencies to devote additional resources to these safety activities and safety oversight in general.

SSO agencies also submit an annual certification to FTA that the State is in compliance with Section 5330 and an annual report documenting the State's safety and security oversight activities. FTA uses the annual information submitted by the States to monitor implementation of the program. If a State fails to comply with Section 5330, FTA may withhold up to five percent of the funds appropriated for use in a State or urbanized area in the State under section 5307. The information submitted by the States ensures FTA's compliance with applicable federal laws, OMB Circular A-102, and 49 CFR Part 18, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments."

Respondents: State and local government agencies.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: Annually, each designated SSO agency devotes approximately 767 hours to information collection activities for each of the rail transit agencies in the State's jurisdiction. Combined, the SSO agencies spend approximately 33,770 hours on information collection activities each year, or roughly half of the total level of effort devoted to implement Section 5330 requirements in a given year. The local governments affected by Section 5330, including the rail transit agencies, spend an annual total of 108,623 hours on information collection activities to

support implementation of Section 5330, or approximately 2,469 hours each. This amount also equals approximately half of the total level of effort devoted to implement Section 5330 requirements in a given year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 142,393 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

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Ann M. Linnertz,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2007-28505]

Pipeline Safety: Requests for Special Permit

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal pipeline safety laws allow a pipeline operator to request PHMSA to waive compliance with any part of the Federal pipeline safety regulations by granting a special permit to the operator. PHMSA is publishing this notice to provide a list of special permit requests we have received from pipeline operators seeking relief from compliance with certain pipeline safety regulations. This notice seeks public comment on these requests, including comments on any environmental impacts. At the conclusion of the comment period, PHMSA will evaluate each request individually to determine whether to grant or deny a special permit.

DATES: Submit any comments regarding any of these special permit requests by July 23, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference the docket number for the special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- *E-Gov Web Site:* <http://www.Regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* DOT Docket Management System; U.S. Department

of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, submit two copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Note: Comments are posted without changes or edits to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. There is a privacy statement published on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Lemoi by telephone at (404) 832-1160; or, e-mail at wayne.lemoi@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHMSA has filed in the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) requests for special permits we have received from pipeline operators seeking relief from compliance with certain pipeline safety regulations. Each request has been assigned a separate docket number

in the FDMS. We invite interested persons to participate by reviewing these special permit requests and by submitting written comments, data or other views. Please include any comments on environmental impacts granting the special permit may have.

Before acting on any special permit request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comment closing date. We will consider comments received after this date if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. We may grant a special permit or deny a request based on the comments we receive.

PHMSA has received the following special permit requests.

Docket No.	Requester	Regulation(s)	Nature of special permit
PHMSA-2008-0139	Aker Kvaerner IHI Gulf (Aker Gulf).	49 CFR 193.2301	To authorize Aker Gulf to use automatic ultrasonic examination to inspect liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage tank welds in lieu of radiography during construction of the Gulf Clean Energy, LNG Re-gasification Terminal in Jackson County, Mississippi.
PHMSA-2008-0140	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade).	49 CFR 192.745	To authorize Cascade to operate the KB Pipeline in Cowlitz County, Washington, and Columbia County, Oregon, from May 1, 2008, to October 1, 2009, without partially operating certain PBV trunnion mounted ball valves during the required annual inspections. Cascade will use alternate inspection methods until a root cause investigation is completed on the failure of a similar valve in another pipeline operator's system.
PHMSA-2008-0141	Northern Natural Gas Company (NNG).	49 CFR 192.635(b)	To authorize NNG to operate a 2-mile natural gas transmission pipeline segment near Harrisburg, South Dakota, without injecting odorant into the gas.
PHMSA-2008-0143	Southern LNG, Inc. (SLNG)	49 CFR 193.2301	To authorize SLNG to use ultrasonic examination to inspect LNG storage tank welds in lieu of radiography during expansion of the Elba Island LNG storage facility near Savannah, Georgia.
PHMSA-2008-0154	Iroquois Gas Transmission System (Iroquois).	49 CFR 192.1, 11, 192.145, 192.201, 192.503, 192.505, 192.611, and 192.619.	To authorize Iroquois to immediately increase the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of its entire pipeline system in the United States from 1,440 psig to 1,480 psig and after specific materials upgrades to increase the MAOP to 1,600 psig. This would result in the system operating up to 80% of the specified minimum yield strength (SMYS) in Class 1 locations, 67% SMYS in Class 2 locations, and 56% SMYS in Class 3 locations. This request applies to the 30-inch and 24-inch diameter mainline from Waddington, NY, to South Commack, NY, and to Hunts Point in New York City, including all meter stations, lateral pipelines to customer delivery points, compressor stations and all appurtenant pipeline and station facilities. Iroquois also requests the Special Permit to apply to facilities currently certificated and proposed to be in-service in 2008 and 2009 at locations in Dover, NY, Brookfield, CT, Newtown, CT and Milford, CT.
PHMSA-2008-0156	TransCanada Pipelines Limited (TransCanada).	49 CFR 192.611	To authorize TransCanada to operate 17 segments along Line "A" in Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Spokane, Walla Walla, Umatilla, Morrow, Deschutes, and Klamath Counties in Idaho, Oregon and Washington without reducing the operating pressure as a result of changes from Class 1 and Class 2 to Class 3 locations.
PHMSA-2008-0157	TransCanada Pipelines Limited (TransCanada).	49 CFR 192.611	To authorize TransCanada to operate two segments along Line "A" in Boundary and Kootenai Counties, Idaho, without reducing the operating pressure as a result of changes from Class 1 to Class 3 locations.

Docket No.	Requester	Regulation(s)	Nature of special permit
PHMSA-2008-0158	Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (Texas Gas).	49 CFR 192.611	To authorize Texas Gas to operate 2 segments on 2 parallel gas pipelines in Iberia Parish, LA, without reducing operating pressure as a result of changes from Class 1 to Class 3 locations.
PHMSA-2008-0159	Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (Texas Gas).	49 CFR 192.611	To authorize Texas Gas to operate 4 segments on 3 parallel gas pipelines in Graves County, KY, without reducing operating pressure as a result of changes from Class 1 or Class 2 to Class 3 locations.
PHMSA-2008-0163	Transwestern Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Transwestern).	49 CFR 192.1, 11, and 192.201.	To authorize Transwestern to design, construct and operate the San Juan NPS 36 loop expansion project (San Juan Stitches) near Gallup, NM, at up to 80% SMYS in Class 1 locations, 67% SMYS in Class 2 locations, and 56% SMYS in Class 3 locations.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60118(c)(1) and 49 CFR 1.53.

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Alan Mayberry,

Director, Engineering and Emergency Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket ID PHMSA-2008-0161]

Pipeline Safety: Workshop on Cased Pipeline Integrity Assessments

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is holding a Workshop on Cased Pipeline Integrity Assessments and in coordination with a planning group representing the National Association of Pipeline Safety Regulators, American Gas Association, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, American Public Gas Association, American Petroleum Institute, and NACE International, the workshop focus will be for pipeline operators, trade associations, and others to address concerns with successfully using External Corrosion Direct Assessment integrity evaluation methods and use of other technologies to assess casings in High Consequence Areas.

DATES: The workshop will be held July 15-16, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Sheraton Gateway Suites Chicago O'Hare, 6501 North Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL 60018. Hotel reservations under the U.S. Department of Transportation room block can be made at (847) 699-6300 by June 30. A daily

rate of \$168.00 is available. The meeting room(s) will be posted at the hotel on the days of the workshop.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Max Kieba at (202) 493-0595, or by e-mail at max.kieba@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Registration: Members of the public may attend this free workshop. To help with estimating attendance and planning for the breakout session, all attendees are encouraged to register for the workshop at <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/Mtg54.mtg>. Hotel reservations must be made by contacting the hotel directly.

Comments should reference Docket ID PHMSA-08-0161. Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- **E-Gov Web Site:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.
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section of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional information.

Privacy Act Statement: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received for any of our dockets. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Max Kieba by July 1, 2008.

Web Casting: The workshop will be Web cast except for the breakout sessions on the second day. Information on the Web cast link, including estimates of times when the Web cast will be on, will be posted on the meeting Web site above. Presentations from the workshop and recommendations from the breakout sessions will be uploaded to the meeting Web site within 30 days after the workshop.

Additional Information on Cased Crossings: The meeting Web site will have a list of technical documents participants are encouraged to review prior to the workshop, along with a list of questions and issues we will address during the workshop.

Workshop Agenda

The first day of the workshop will include:

- (1) A background of the regulatory integrity requirements,
- (2) Technical updates by both operators and service providers,
- (3) Overview of research of new technology, inspection issues and the current integrity inspection positions,
- (4) Status of the stakeholders represented followed by panels presenting and discussing current NACE standards,
- (5) Approaches and assessment methodologies being used for cased pipeline segments, and