

- *Respondents*: Exchange program alumni and current participants of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents*: 5,000 for full form, and 41,000 for expedited form.

- *Estimated Number of Responses*: 46,000.

- *Average Time per Response*: 10 minutes for response to the full form or 2 minutes for response to the expedited form.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time*: 2,200 hours (reduction of approximately 30% since last approval).

- *Frequency*: One time per respondent.

- *Obligation To Respond*: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of proposed collection: The International Exchange Alumni Web site requires information to process users' voluntary request for participation in the International Exchange Alumni Web site. Other than contact and exchange program information, which is required for Web site registration, all other information is provided on a voluntary basis. Participants also have the option of restricting access to their information.

Respondents to this registration form are U.S. government-sponsored exchange program participants and alumni. Alumni Affairs collects data from users not only to verify their status or participation in a program, but to help alumni network with one another and aid Embassy staff in their alumni outreach. Once a user account is activated, the same information may be used for contests, competitions, and other public diplomacy initiatives in

support of Embassy and foreign policy goals.

Methodology: Information provided for registration is collected electronically via the Alumni Web site, alumni.state.gov.

Additional Information: Since the previous approval, improvements made to the Web site have decreased the burden to respondents by 30%. International Exchange Alumni is a secure, encrypted Web site.

Dated: October 7, 2016.

Alyson Grunder,

Director, Office of Policy and Evaluation, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0127]

Pipeline Safety: Research and Development Forum

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

ACTION: Notice of public forum.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a PHMSA sponsored Pipeline Safety Research and Development Forum. PHMSA periodically holds this public forum to generate a national research agenda that fosters solutions for the many challenges with pipeline safety and with protecting the environment. This forum allows public, government, and industry pipeline stakeholders to develop a consensus on the technical gaps and challenges for future research. It also reduces duplication of programs, factors ongoing research efforts, leverages resources, and broadens synergies. The national research agenda developed through this forum is aligned with the needs of the pipeline safety mission and makes use of the best available knowledge and expertise and considers stakeholder perspectives.

DATES: The public forum will be held on November 16-17, 2016. Name badge pick up and on-site registration will be available starting at 7:00 a.m. on November 16, with the public forum taking place from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m., November 17 central time.

ADDRESSES: The public forum will be held at the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center, 127 Public Square, (Driveway Entrance on 1360

West Mall Drive), Cleveland, OH 44114. The hotel can be contacted at 800-228-9290 or 216-696-9200 or at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/clescleveland-marriott-downtown-at-key-center/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Smith, Engineering and Research Division, at 919-238-4759 or robert.w.smith@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Registration: Members of the public may attend this free forum. Please note that this public forum will not be available by webcast. Onsite registration will also be available for those attending in person. Event reporting and presentations will be available shortly after the public forum.

Comments: Members of the public may submit written comments either before or after the public forum. Comments should reference Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0127. 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.

- *Mail*: Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

Hand Delivery: DOT Docket Management System, Room W12-140, on the ground floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: Identify the docket number PHMSA-2016-0127 at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Note: Comments will be posted without changes or edits to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act Statement below 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 19476) or visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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 Robert Smith, Engineering and Research Division, at 919-238-4759 or robert.w.smith@dot.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 31, 2016, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

Linda Daugherty,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[PHMSA-2008-0213 Empire Pipeline, Inc.]

Pipeline Safety; Request for Special Permit

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is publishing this notice to seek public comments on a request for special permit, seeking relief from compliance with certain requirements in the federal pipeline safety regulations. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit request.

DATES: Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by December 5, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference Docket No. PHMSA-2008-0213 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:* 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 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 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, please submit two copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please 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:

General: Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202-366-0113, or email at kay.mciver@dot.gov.

Technical: Mr. Steve Nanney by telephone at 713-628-7479, or email at Steve.Nanney@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHMSA has received a special permit request from a pipeline operator seeking relief from compliance with certain federal pipeline safety regulations. The request includes a technical analysis and draft Environmental Analysis (EA), provided by the operator and has been filed at www.Regulations.gov, in Docket No. PHMSA-2008-0213. PHMSA invites interested persons to participate by reviewing this special permit request and draft EA at <http://www.Regulations.gov>, and by submitting written comments, data or other views. Please include any comments on potential safety and environmental impacts that may result if the special permit is granted.

Before issuing a decision on this special permit request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comment closing date. Comments will be evaluated after this date if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment we receive in making our decision to grant or deny the request.

PHMSA has received the following special permit request:

Docket No.	Requester	Regulation(s)	Nature of special permit
PHMSA-2008-0213.	Empire Pipeline, Inc., also referred to as Empire State Pipeline (Empire).	49 CFR 192.611 ...	To authorize Empire to include approximately 1,055 feet of 24-inch diameter, 0.257-inch and 0.370-inch wall thickness Grade X-65, (14-mil Encoat fusion-bonded epoxy coated HFERW pipe, manufactured by Stupp Corporation, Baton Rouge, Louisiana) pipeline, as part of the existing special permit originally issued to Empire on May 20, 2010, and renewed on May 20, 2015. Special permit Segment 6 is located approximately 1,190 feet west of the Erie Canal crossing, between mile posts (MP) 99.13 and MP 99.33, in the Town of Macedon, Wayne County, New York. The Empire pipeline has two maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) sections. The existing five Special Permit Segments are all located along the western, 1,440 psig MAOP section. Special Permit Segment 6 is sought with respect to one segment of an approximate length of 1,055 feet located in the 1,000 psig MAOP section. Segment 6 was originally classified and designed for a Class 1 location. Construction of a recreational vehicle campground within 100 yards of the pipeline resulted in a class location change of the area from Class 1 to Class 3, as of November 20, 2015. The inclusion of Segment 6 into the current special permit will allow Empire to continue the operation of this segment at its current MAOP of 1,000 psig.