

request, operators must submit their completed programs to PHMSA or, in the case of an intrastate pipeline facility operator, the appropriate state agency. The operator's program documentation and evaluation results must also be available for periodic review by appropriate regulatory agencies (49 CFR 192.616 and 195.440). The purpose of the collection is to establish communications and provide information necessary to enhance public understanding of how pipelines function and the public's role in promoting pipeline safety. The timeframes for developing programs are 23 hours annually per operator.

*Affected Public:* Operators of Natural Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipelines.

*Estimated number of responses:* 22,500.

*Estimated annual burden hours:* 517,480 hours.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion. Comments are invited on:

(a) The need for the renewal and revision of these collections of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0136]

#### Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee

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

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, also known as the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee (GPAC). The GPAC will meet to continue discussing topics and provisions for the proposed rule titled "Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines."

**DATES:** The committee will meet on Monday, March 26, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. Members of the public who wish to participate are asked to register no later than March 16, 2018. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, may notify PHMSA by March 16, 2018. For additional information, see the **ADDRESSES** section.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at a location yet to be determined in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area. The meeting location, agenda and any additional information will be published on the following pipeline advisory committee meeting and registration page at: <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=132>.

The meeting will not be webcast; however, presentations will be available on the meeting page and posted on the E-Gov website, <http://www.regulations.gov>, under docket number PHMSA-2016-0136 within 30 days following the meeting.

#### Public Participation

This meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to participate are asked to register at the meeting link above no later than March 16, 2018, prior to the meeting. Anyone wishing to make a statement on the topics discussed during the meeting should send an email to [cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov](mailto:cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov). Each statement should not exceed two minutes.

**Written comments:** Persons who wish to submit written comments on the meeting may submit them to the docket in the following ways:

**E-Gov website:** <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 Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE,

West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

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

**Instructions:** Identify the docket number PHMSA-2016-0136 at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Therefore, consider reviewing DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or view the Privacy Notice at <http://www.regulations.gov> before submitting any such comments.

**Docket:** For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT 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.

If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on PHMSA-2016-0136." The docket clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail.

#### Privacy Act Statement

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy).

**Services for Individuals with Disabilities:** The public meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Cheryl Whetsel at [cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov](mailto:cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about the meetings, contact Cheryl Whetsel by phone at 202-366-

4431 or by email at [cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov](mailto:cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Meeting Details and Agenda

The GPAC will be considering the proposed rule titled, "Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines," which was published in the **Federal Register** on April 8, 2016, (81 FR 20722) and on the associated regulatory analysis. In the proposed rule, PHMSA proposed the following changes to Part 192:

- Require periodic assessments of pipelines in locations where persons are expected to be at risk that are not already covered under the integrity management (IM) program requirements.

- Modify the repair criteria, both inside and outside of high consequence areas.

- Require inspections of pipelines in areas affected by extreme weather, man-made and natural disasters, and other similar events.

- Provide additional specificity for in-line inspections, including explicit requirements to account for uncertainty of reported inspection data when evaluating in-line inspection data to identify anomalies.

- Expand integrity assessment methods to explicitly address guided wave ultrasonic inspection and excavation with direct in-situ examination.

- Provide clearer functional requirements for conducting risk assessments for IM, including addressing seismic risks.

- Expand the mandatory data collection and integration requirements for IM, including data validation and seismicity.

- Add requirements to address management of change.

- Repeal the use of API

Recommended Practice 80 for gathering lines.

- Apply Type B requirements along with emergency requirements to newly regulated greater than 8-inch Type A gathering lines in Class 1 locations (GAO Recommendation 14-667).

- Extend the reporting requirements to all gathering lines.

- Expand requirements for corrosion protection to specify additional post-construction quality checks, and periodic operational and maintenance checks to address coating integrity, cathodic protection, and gas quality monitoring.

- Require operators to report maximum allowable operating pressure exceedances.

- Require safety features on in-line inspection tool launchers and receivers.

- Add certain types of roadways to the definition of "identified sites" (NTSB P-14-1).

- Address grandfathered pipe and pipe with inadequate records.

The GPAC meeting agenda will include a discussion and votes on the following topics as time permits:

- Issues not finalized during the March 2, 2018, meeting.

- MAOP Reconfirmation.

- Repair Criteria.

- Miscellaneous Issues and Definitions.

In addition, PHMSA will use this meeting to discuss the strategy for addressing the issues relative to gas gathering pipelines in the proposed rule.

### II. Committee Background

The GPAC is a statutorily mandated advisory committee that advises PHMSA on proposed gas pipeline safety standards and their associated risk assessments. The committee is established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, as amended) and 49 U.S.C. 60115. The committee consists of 15 members with membership evenly divided among federal and state governments, the regulated industry, and the general public. The committee advises PHMSA on the technical feasibility, reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability of each proposed pipeline safety standard.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2018-0031]

### Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Office of the Secretary (OST) announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described

below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. Executive Order 12862 directs Federal agencies to provide service to the public that matches or exceeds the best service available in the private sector. In order to work continuously to ensure that our programs are effective and meet our customers' needs, the Department of Transportation (DOT) seeks to obtain OMB approval of a generic clearance to collect feedback on our service delivery.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 7, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Your comments should be identified by Docket No. DOT-OST-2018-0031 and may be submitted through one of the following methods:

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

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

All written comments will be available for public inspection on [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Habib Azarsina, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590, 202-366-1965 (Voice), 202-366-7870 (Fax), or [habib.azarsina@dot.gov](mailto:habib.azarsina@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

*Abstract:* The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Department's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insight into customer or stakeholder perceptions, opinions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Department of Transportation and its