

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is announcing a notice to form a task group to make input to any future edits to the Cargo Fire Safety website at the upcoming meetings of the International Aircraft Systems Fire Protection (IASFP) Forum (83 FR39149). Topics are related to cargo fire safety and include website architecture, hazards, operational risks, and mitigations. This notification provides details of where to find the date and location for the upcoming meeting.

DATES: The kickoff meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. Cargo Safety website Task Group: 12 p.m.—1:30 p.m.; Point of Contact: Dhaval Dadia.

ADDRESSES: The kickoff task group meeting will be held at the Tenth Triennial International Fire & Cabin Safety Research Conference this year followed with meetings twice a year at the IASFP Forum meetings.

The meeting dates and locations are determined based upon the availability of host organizations to provide meeting space. The cargo safety task group website (www.fire.tc.faa.gov/cargosafety/taskgroup) contains all information for upcoming meetings and meeting registration. The meetings are open to the public but due to limited capacity, registration is mandatory.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: April Horner, Meeting Coordinator, William J. Hughes Technical Center, Building 287, Atlantic City International Airport, NJ 08405, telephone: (609) 485-4471, email: april.ctr.horner@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Advisory Circular (AC) 120–121: “Safety Risk Management Involving Items in Aircraft Cargo Compartments” provides guidance in performing a safety risk assessment, as part of Safety Risk Management (SRM), associated with the transport of various types of items in the aircraft cargo compartment and the value of considering the inherent hazardous properties of these items. This document is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or agency policies. Further details of the AC are available at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/advisory_circulars/index.cfm/go/document/information/documentID/1040260.

A cargo fire safety website provides research driven information to the public regarding the hazards, operational risks, and mitigation strategies of the various types of hazardous materials shipped on aircraft.

The website is referenced in Advisory Circular (AC) 120–121. The website is available at <https://www.fire.tc.faa.gov/cargosafety>.

The website was created to provide research driven information to the public, mainly shipping operations and aircraft operators, in order to make informed decisions while transporting hazardous materials. Aircraft operators that transport hazardous materials may have to develop safety risk assessments as part of Safety Risk Management (SRM) and can use the information on the website to make informed decisions.

It is the desire of the FAA to organize the task group in a way that is most productive and efficient to the various stakeholders interested in participating and giving feedback on the various elements of the website. The main areas that FAA is looking to receive comment and feedback on are: Architecture, Mitigations, Hazards, and Operational Risks.

Before any edits are made to the website, the task group will provide data supporting the modifications, and the FAA will review and accept the data. The task group will be looking for comments to add to the information available on the website.

Detailed agenda information will be posted on the cargo safety task group website address listed in the **SUMMARY** section at least one week in advance of the meeting.

Attendance at the Upcoming Meetings

Interested persons may attend the meeting. Because seating is limited, if you plan to attend please register in advance on the FAA Fire Safety Branch website (<https://www.fire.tc.faa.gov>) so that adequate meeting space may be made to accommodate attendees.

Record of the Meeting

A meeting summary for the task group meetings will be posted on the FAA Fire Safety Branch website (www.fire.tc.faa.gov/cargosafety/taskgroup) after the conclusion of the meeting.

Dhaval Dadia,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2022–0175]

Hours of Service of Drivers: National Propane Gas Association; Application for Exemption

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that it has received an application from the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) for an exemption to waive various hours-of-service (HOS) requirements to enable the propane industry to prepare and respond to peak periods of consumer demand among residential, agricultural, and commercial consumers in anticipation of, during, and to recover from emergency conditions. NPGA requests that the exemption apply on a per-driver, per-route basis, and that each company that elects to utilize it must maintain appropriate documentation to demonstrate the presence of peak consumer demand conditions within the scope of the exemption. FMCSA requests public comment on the applicant’s request for exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 31, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Number FMCSA–2022–0175 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.regulations.gov. See the Public Participation and Request for Comments section below for further information.

- *Mail:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number (FMCSA–2022–0175) for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or

comments, go to www.regulations.gov at any time or visit Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

Privacy: In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its exemption process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14 -FDMS, which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Clemente, Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards, FMCSA, at (202) 366-2722 or by email at MCPSD@dot.gov. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations at (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2022-0175), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for suggestions or recommendations. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to www.regulations.gov and put the docket number (“FMCSA-2022-0175”) in the “Keyword” box, and click “Search.” When the new screen appears, click on the “Comment Now!” button and type your comment into the text box in the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for

copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)) with the reasons for denying or granting the application and, if granted, the name of the person or class of persons receiving the exemption and the regulatory provision from which the exemption is granted. The notice must specify the effective period and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

III. Applicant’s Request

The National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) requests a five-year exemption for its member company drivers to extend the 14-hour duty period in § 395.3(a)(2) to no more than 17 hours; to extend the 11-hour driving period in § 395.3(a)(3) to no more than 14 hours, following 10 consecutive hours off duty; to waive the 60- and 70-hour rules in § 395.3(b) for a period of no more than six consecutive days; and a period of six consecutive days may end with the beginning of an off-duty period of 34 or more consecutive hours. The exemption request is made in order to enable the propane industry to prepare and respond to peak periods of consumer demand among residential, agricultural, and commercial consumers.

NPGA is the national trade association of the propane industry with a membership of nearly 2,500 companies and 36 State and regional associations representing members in all 50 States. Their membership includes retail marketers of propane gas who

deliver the fuel to the end user, propane producers, transporters and wholesalers, and manufacturers and distributors of equipment, containers, and appliances. NPGA’s petition states that, as a result of various consumer needs, long- and short-haul propane drivers often reach the maximum operating hours-of-service (HOS) “weekly” limits within three or four days, and subsequently, operations experience reductions in available drivers while consumer demand continues. According to NPGA, the purpose of their request is to efficiently and safely prepare and serve residential, commercial, and agricultural consumers ahead of and during peak consumption periods. To clearly define the “scope” in its application, NPGA provides a brief outline of the terms and conditions to apply to those individuals providing propane services for periods of peak consumer demand.

A copy of NPGA’s application for exemption is available for review in the docket for this notice.

IV. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on NPGA’s application for an exemption from various HOS requirements in 49 CFR 395.3 (a)–(c). All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated at the beginning of this notice will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the Addresses section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number MARAD-2019-0093]

Deepwater Port License Application: Texas GulfLink, LLC—Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.