

TABLE 1—BURDEN ESTIMATES

Annual responses	Estimated burden per response (hours)	Average hourly labor cost	Labor cost per response	Total burden hours	Total labor costs
1,030	39.05	\$29.89	\$1,167.31	40,225	\$1,202,325.25

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Cost:* \$0.

NHTSA estimates that there are no costs resulting from this collection of information other than labor costs associated with the burden hours.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (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 respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

*Authority:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; 49 CFR 1.49; and DOT Order 1351.29A.

**Stephen A. Ridella,**

*Director, Office of Defects Investigation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No.: PHMSA-2022-0131; Notice No. 2022-16]

#### Hazardous Materials: Public Meeting Notice for the Research, Development & Technology Virtual Forum

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS) will hold a public Research, Development & Technology Forum on December 1, 2022, virtually on Microsoft Teams (MS Teams) to

present the results of recently completed projects, brief new project plans, and obtain stakeholder input on the direction of current and future research projects on topics including mitigation of climate change, risk management and mitigation, packaging integrity, emerging technology, and technical analysis to aid risk assessment.

**DATES:** December 1, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually on MS Teams.

*Registration:* DOT requests that attendees pre-register for these meetings by completing the form, at: <https://forms.office.com/g/NPs7v18VmL>.

Conference call-in and "live meeting" capability will be provided.

Specific information about conference call-in and live meeting access will be posted at: <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/research-and-development/hazmat/rd-meetings-and-events> under "Upcoming Events."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During the meeting, OHMS will solicit comments related to new research topics that may be considered for inclusion in its future work. OHMS is particularly interested in the research gaps associated with the characterization and transportation of energetic materials (explosives), safe transportation of energy products (e.g., crude oil), safe containment and transportation of compressed gases, and safe packaging and transportation of charge storage devices (e.g., lithium ion batteries), and how these might aid in mitigation of climate change. The forum will also include an opportunity for stakeholder input that identifies other research gaps related to the transportation of hazardous materials.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 31, 2022.

**William S. Schoonover,**

*Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No: PHMSA-2022-0009]

#### Pipeline Safety: Information Collection Activities: Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the information collection request abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the information collections was published on June 16, 2022.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 5, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** The public is invited to submit comments regarding these information collection requests, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. Comments can also be submitted electronically at [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angela Hill by telephone at 202-680-2034 or by email at [angela.hill@dot.gov](mailto:angela.hill@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 1320.8(d), requires the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to provide interested members of the public and