

Texas 77252- 8341, with Texas Commerce Bank, National Association as the surviving corporation in the merger.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Murray A. Bloom,

Acting Secretary.

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Notice of Merger of Approved Trustee

Notice is hereby given that Ameritrust Texas, National Association, Houston, Texas, changed its name to Texas Commerce Trust Company, National Association effective September 28, 1993. Texas Commerce Trust Company, National Association merged with and into Texas Commerce Bank, National Association, P. O. Box 2558, Houston, Texas 77252-8341, effective December 17, 1993, with Texas Commerce Bank, National Association as the surviving corporation in the merger.

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Notice of Merger of Approved Trustee

Notice is hereby given that New First City Texas-Beaumont, National Association, Beaumont, Texas, merged with and into Texas Commerce Bank, National Association-Beaumont, P. O. Box 2751, Beaumont, Texas 77704, effective February 13, 1993, with Texas Commerce Bank, National Association-Beaumont as the surviving corporation in the merger.

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Acting Secretary.

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Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. PS-132; Notice 2]

Office of Pipeline Safety; Risk Assessment Prioritization (RAP)

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: RSPA, through the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), is implementing

a pipeline Risk Assessment Prioritization (RAP) process and invites representatives of industry, government agencies, environmental organizations, public safety organizations and other members of the public to contribute information on solutions to pipeline safety issues. The proposed solutions are a vital part in developing the RAP process. Through the RAP process, the solutions will be prioritized and will become a basis upon which OPS management will decide how to commit available resources.

DATES: Responses to this request for information should be submitted on or before April 10, 1995. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Send comments in duplicate to the Dockets Unit, Room 8421, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Identify the docket and notice number stated in the heading of this notice. All comments and docketed material will be available for inspection and copying in room 8421 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. each business day.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Ramirez, (202) 366-9864, regarding the subject matter of this notice. Contact the Dockets Unit, (202) 366-5046, for docket material.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background on RAP

OPS prescribes and enforces the safety standards for the transportation of gases and hazardous liquids by pipeline and for liquified natural gas facilities. OPS frequently must allocate its resources to address safety actions identified by authorities outside of the agency, including Congress, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the General Accounting Office. OPS believes that pipeline safety resources can be most effectively utilized through analyzing and prioritizing of potential pipeline safety actions based on risk assessment.

The RAP process was developed following a thorough assessment of OPS operations conducted in 1991 and the adoption in 1992 of a set of goals necessary to enable OPS to respond most effectively to increasing pipeline safety concerns. RAP is being developed as a management process with which OPS may: identify pipeline safety and environmental protection issues; identify potential solutions for these issues; assess the relative impact of each solution on the likelihood or consequences of pipeline accidents;

estimate the cost to OPS and industry of each proposed solution; and allocate available OPS resources to the most cost-effective set of solutions.

It is likely that OPS will not have the resources necessary to implement, in the near term, all of the solutions proposed by industry, OPS and other stakeholders. However, the RAP process will help ensure that OPS can assign available resources to solutions that will produce the greatest reduction in pipeline risks and environmental risks.

Highlights of the RAP process

The RAP process will utilize basic risk-based prioritization and resource allocation models to help structure and focus OPS management decisions. In addition, the process will facilitate effective communication and interactions with OPS stakeholders through a common understanding of pipelines safety concerns.

The details of the RAP process are described in 58 FR 51402 dated October 1, 1993. The sequence of steps in the RAP process is as follows:

- a. Chart Pipeline Safety Subjects.
- b. Poll for Issues—**Federal Register** Notice dated Oct. 1, 1993.
- c. Insert Mandated Issues.
- d. Compile Issues List.
- e. Poll for Solutions—Current stage in the process.
- f. Insert Mandated Solutions.
- g. Compile Solutions List.
- h. Set Rating Criteria.
- i. Rate Each Solution.
- j. Estimate Economic Impact.
- k. Assemble Rated Priorities.
- l. Identify Mandates.
- m. Estimate Resource Availability.
- n. Assign Resources.
- o. Issue Action Plan.
- p. Monitor Performance.
- q. Maintain Data Base.
- r. Repeat Cycle.

Request for Information

The purpose of this notice is to solicit stakeholder participation in the second data gathering step of the RAP process by collecting solution statements associated with pipeline issues described in Section B of this notice. After OPS has received and consolidated the solutions, including solutions identified by OPS in connection with its ongoing risk determination efforts (e.g., accident investigations, special studies), OPS will hold a public meeting to ensure that interested stakeholders have a thorough understanding of the issues and solutions as well as the remainder of the RAP process.