

According to the petition, coal mining threatens to cause ground subsidence beneath the two existing pipelines. To avoid possible line breakage and service outage, Columbia proposes to replace these pipelines with approximately 1000 feet of plastic pipeline installed temporarily above ground. After necessary state and local permits are obtained to authorize ditching for burial, Columbia plans to bury the plastic pipeline 3 feet below ground within 6 to 8 months after construction.

The petition explains that the above ground plastic pipeline would present little risk to the public because the area is rural, with no dwellings within half a mile of the pipeline. Also, line markers are to be spaced at 100-foot intervals, and gas warning tape and other suitable warnings would be installed along the pipeline route. In addition, Columbia stated it will patrol the pipeline monthly, or more frequently if necessary, to assure the integrity of the pipeline while it is above ground. Columbia further stated that it did not expect external loading or vandalism to be a problem on the pipeline, nor does it expect ultraviolet degradation during the period of exposure.

In a separate proceeding, "Regulatory Review; Gas Pipeline Safety Standards," RSPA has proposed to revise § 192.321(a) to allow the installation of plastic pipe above ground under certain conditions (Docket PS-124; 57 FR 39576; Aug. 31, 1992). The proposed conditions would limit aboveground use to 30 days in places where external damage is unlikely or adequate protection is provided. In addition, the plastic pipe would have to be resistant to ultraviolet light and temperature extremes, and not have been previously used above ground.

RSPA received written comments on the proposal from 14 gas pipeline companies, 3 pipeline-related associations, and a state pipeline safety agency. No one objected to the concept of temporary aboveground use. In fact, many commenters suggested that the proposal did not go far enough, asserting that permanent aboveground installations should be allowed when plastic pipe is encased in steel conduit. Others argued that a 30-day limit on temporary usage would be too brief in view of the time it may take to construct a permanent underground installation. Still other commenters argued the proposed time limit and prohibition against reinstalling aboveground plastic pipe above ground were unnecessary. They contended that commercially available plastic pipe can be exposed to ultraviolet light for at least 2 years

without degradation of material properties. These commenters suggested RSPA allow the use of plastic pipe above ground according to pipe manufacturers' recommended exposure limits.

Because RSPA has already proposed to allow the limited use of plastic pipe above ground, we believe that waiving § 192.321(a) as Columbia has proposed is appropriate. However, in view of the issue in Docket PS-124 concerning the safe period for temporary aboveground installations, we are granting the waiver on condition that the plastic pipe does not remain above ground longer than the manufacturer recommends for aboveground exposure. Given that Docket PS-124 has already afforded the public an opportunity to comment on above ground use of plastic pipe, we believe further notice and opportunity to comment on the matter within the context of this waiver proceeding would be unnecessary. Therefore, this waiver is granted as final without further public notice.

For the reasons explained above, RSPA, by this order, finds that the requested waiver of § 192.321(a) is not inconsistent with pipeline safety. Therefore, effective immediately, Columbia's petition for waiver is granted, provided the installation is carried out as proposed in the petition and does not exceed the manufacturer's recommended maximum period of exposure.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 6018(c); and 49 CFR 1.53.

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Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Advisory Board

Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. I) notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, to be held at 11:00 a.m., November 9, 1995, at the Corporation's Administration Building, 180 Andrews Street, Massena, New York 13662. The agenda for this meeting will be as follows: Opening Remarks; Consideration of Minutes of Past Meeting; Review of Programs; Business; and Closing Remarks.

Attendance at meeting is open to the interested public but limited to the

space available. With the approval of the Acting Administrator, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing further information should contact not later than November 7, 1995, Marc C. Owen, Advisory Board Liaison, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590; 202-366-0091.

Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Advisory board at any time.

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Marc C. Owen,

Advisory Board Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service

AGENCY: Department Offices, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date and time of the next meeting and the agenda for consideration by the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service.

DATES: The next meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service will be held on Friday, November 17, 1995, at 9:30 a.m. in the Stanton Room, 20th Floor, World Trade Center, Baltimore, Maryland. The duration of the meeting will be approximately three hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis M. O'Connell, Director, Office of Tariff and Trade Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary (Enforcement), Room 4004, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania, NW., Washington, DC 20220. Tel.: (202) 622-0220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the November 17, 1995 session, the regular quarterly meeting of the Advisory Committee, the Committee is expected to consider the agenda items listed below.

1. FY 1995 compliance management results.
2. Review of the remote filing test and future plans.
3. Customs inbond proposal under the Customs Modernization Act.
4. Fraud detection and cargo inspection innovations.
5. Status of the Harbor Maintenance Fee (*U.S. Shoe Corp. v. United States*,

CIT Slip Op. 95-173 (October 25, 1995).

The tentative agenda for the meeting may be modified prior to the meeting date. Public observers wishing to verify agenda items prior to the meeting may do so by contacting the Office of Tariff and Trade Affairs, (202) 622-0220.

The meeting is open to the public; however participation in the Committee's deliberations is limited to Committee members and Customs and Treasury Department staff. A person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting, should give advance notice by contacting Ms. Theresa Manning at

(202) 622-0220 no later than November 13, 1995.

John P. Simpson,

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory, Tariff and Trade Enforcement).

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee, Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended

(Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App.), that the Department of Veterans Affairs' Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee has been renewed for a 2-year period beginning October 24, 1995, through October 24, 1997.

Dated: October 25, 1995.

By Director of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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