II. Advisory Bulletin ADB–10–01

To: Owners or Operators of Hazardous Liquid Pipelines.

Subject: Leak Detection on Hazardous Liquid Pipelines.

Advisory: The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is advising and reminding hazardous liquid pipeline operators of the importance of prompt and effective leak detection capability in protecting public safety and the environment. In order to ensure the safe and environmentally sound operation of their hazardous liquid pipelines, the operating plans and procedures required by the pipeline safety regulations should include the performance of an engineering analysis to determine if a computer-based leak detection system is necessary to improve leak detection performance and line balance processes. If an operator that does not have a computer-based leak detection system performs an engineering analysis and determines that such a system would not improve leak detection performance and line balance processes, the operator should perform the periodic line balance calculation process outlined herein and take any other necessary actions required to ensure public safety and protect the environment.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2010–0016]

Pipeline Safety: Requests for Special Permit

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is publishing this notice of special permit requests we have received from two pipeline operators, seeking relief from compliance with certain requirements in the Federal pipeline safety regulations. This notice seeks public comments on these requests, including comments on any safety or environmental impacts. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will evaluate each request and determine whether to grant or deny a special permit.

DATES: Submit any comments regarding these special permit requests by February 25, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference the docket numbers for the specific special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

• E-Gov Web Site: 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.
• Hand Delivery: DOT Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: Identify the docket number, PHMSA–2009–29078, at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Privacy Act Statement: Anyone can search the electronic form of comments received in response to 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.). DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement was published in the Federal Register on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHMSA is reopening the comment period for 14 days from date of publication to allow for public review of documents recently added to the docket.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60118(c)(1) and 49 CFR 1.53.