DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement:
Interstate 81 Viaduct Project
(Onondaga County, New York)

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), United States Department of Transportation (USDOT).

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: FHWA, as lead agency, is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed infrastructure improvements of Interstate 81 (I–81) in the greater Syracuse area, Onondaga County, New York.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Debra Nelson, New York State Department of Transportation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12232, Telephone: (518) 457–7256; or Jonathan McDade, New York Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Leo W. O’Brien Federal Building, 7th Floor, Room 719, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, Telephone: (518) 431–4127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on a proposal to correct deficiencies with the I–81 viaduct in the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York while taking into consideration opportunities for addressing community concerns related to this portion of I–81.

In its current condition, the I–81 viaduct is in a deteriorating state of repair and does not meet current design standards. The purpose of the project is to address these structural deficiencies and nonstandard highway features while creating an improved corridor through the City of Syracuse that meets transportation needs and provides the transportation infrastructure to support long-range planning efforts.

To address these issues, the EIS will evaluate alternatives that meet the goals of improving safety and creating an efficient regional and local transportation system within and through greater Syracuse; and providing transportation solutions that enhance the livability, sustainability, and economic vitality of greater Syracuse. Alternatives under consideration include the no-build alternative; rehabilitation or reconstruction of the existing highway infrastructure; conversion of the existing highway to an alternative non- interstate highway facility (e.g., at-grade roadway); and replacement of existing infrastructure with a below-grade facility (e.g., highway tunnel, or depressed highway) The NEPA documentation will consider this list of alternatives and evaluations conducted to date as well as any other reasonable and prudent alternatives identified during scoping. The EIS will consider all reasonable alternatives that meet the project purpose and need and are considered feasible based on engineering, cost, and social, economic, and environmental considerations.

Letters describing the project, alternatives under consideration, and opportunities for agency and public involvement in the process will be sent to the appropriate Cooperating and Participating Agencies and to private organizations and citizens that have expressed an interest in this action. The public and agencies will be offered an opportunity to comment on the Purpose and Need, range of alternatives, level of detail, methodologies, etc. This will be accomplished through public and agency outreach which will consist of: A formal public scoping meeting to be held in Syracuse, New York in November 2013; a series of public/ stakeholder meetings; a public hearing; meetings with the applicable Cooperating and Participating Agencies; and meeting with the Section 106 Consulting Parties including federally recognized Indian tribes. The Draft EIS will also be available for public and agency review and comment. FHWA and NYSDOT will provide public notification of the time and location of the meetings and hearings.

The meetings will be accessible to persons with disabilities. If special services, such as an interpreter or sign language services, are needed, please contact Debra Nelson, New York State Department of Transportation.

To ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or NYSDOT at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
[PHMSA–2013–0181]

Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit

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

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by September 25, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference the docket number 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.
- Hand Delivery: 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 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at http://www.Regulations.gov.

Note: Comments are posted without changes or edits to http://www.Regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. There is a privacy statement published on http://www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: General: Kay McIver by telephone at 202–366–0113, or email at Kay.McIver@dot.gov.
Technical: Charles Helm by telephone at 405–686–2323, or email at Charles.Helm@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHMSA has received a request for a special permit from a pipeline operator seeking relief from compliance with certain pipeline safety regulations. The request includes a technical analysis provided by the operator. The request has been filed at http://www.Regulations.gov and assigned docket number PHMSA–2013–0181. We invite interested persons to participate by reviewing this special permit request at http://www.Regulations.gov, and by submitting written comments, data or other views. Please include any comments on potential environmental impacts that may result if this special permit is granted.

Before acting on this special permit request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comments closing date. Comments will be evaluated after this date if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment we receive in making our decision to grant or deny a request.

PHMSA has received the following special permit request:

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<td>PHMSA–2013–0181</td>
<td>Fairbanks Natural Gas, LLC (FNG)</td>
<td>49 CFR 193.2155(b)</td>
<td>To authorize Fairbanks Natural Gas, LLC (FNG) to construct a 125,000 Barrel Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Single Containment Storage Tank at its existing storage and vaporization facility at 2942 Tria Road, in Fairbanks, Alaska. The proposed tank will be located within 1 mile of Metro Field Airport, a private airstrip with FAA identifier MTF. FNG requested that the Special Permit be valid for the 50-year life expectancy of the tank. 49 CFR 193.2155(b) states that “An LNG storage tank must not be located within a horizontal distance of 1 mile (1.6 km) from the ends, or 1 mile (0.4 km) from the nearest point of a runway, whichever is longer.” The height of the LNG structures in the vicinity of an airport must also comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements in 14 CFR Section 1.1. FNG believes that the location of the tank at 0.84 miles from the end of the runway, and not directly in the traffic pattern of the airport represent a low risk to the public and airport safety. The height of the tank is approximately 40 feet lower in elevation than an existing known obstruction in the traffic pattern of Metro Field Airport, so FNG stated that its design will comply with requirements of 14 CFR 1.1.</td>
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