ACTION: Notice of adjustment of Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold.

SUMMARY: In accordance with appendix D to title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 222, Use of Locomotive Horns at Public Highway-Rail Grade Crossings, FRA is updating the Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold (NSRT). This action is needed to ensure that the public has the proper threshold of permissible risk for calculating quiet zones established in relationship to the NSRT. This is the sixth update to the NSRT, which is increasing from 13,722 to 14,347.

DATES: The effective date of this notice is November 26, 2013.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NSRT is an average of the risk indexes for gated public crossings nationwide where train horns are routinely sounded. FRA developed this risk index to serve as one threshold of permissible risk for quiet zones established across the nation under 49 CFR part 222, Use of Locomotive Horns at Public Highway-Rail Grade Crossings. Thus, a community that is trying to establish and/or maintain its quiet zone, pursuant to 49 CFR part 222, can compare the Quiet Zone Risk Index calculated for its specific crossing corridor to the NSRT to determine whether sufficient measures have been taken to compensate for the excess risk that results from prohibiting routine sounding of the locomotive horn. (In the alternative, a community can establish its quiet zone in comparison to the Risk Index With Horns, which is defined in 49 CFR 222.9 as a measure of risk to the motoring public when locomotive horns are routinely sounded at every public highway-rail grade crossing within a quiet zone.)

FRA has been updating the NSRT since 2006, when it was calculated to be 17,030 (71 FR 47614, August 17, 2006). In 2007, FRA recalculated the NSRT to be 19,047 (72 FR 14850, March 29, 2007). In 2008, FRA recalculated the NSRT to be 17,610 (73 FR 30661, May 28, 2008). In 2009, FRA recalculated the NSRT to be 18,775 (74 FR 45270, September 1, 2009). In 2010, FRA recalculated the NSRT to be 14,007 (75 FR 82136, December 29, 2010). FRA’s last update to the NSRT was made in 2012, when it was calculated to be 13,722 (77 FR 5456, January 5, 2012).

New NSRT

Using collision data over a five-year period from 2008 to 2012, FRA has recalculated the NSRT based on formulas identified in appendix D to 49 CFR part 222. In making this recalulation, FRA noted that the total number of gated crossings nationwide where train horns are routinely sounded was 42,544.

Applying the fatality rate and injury rate to the probable number of fatalities and casualties predicted to occur at each of the 42,544 identified crossings and the predicted cost of the associated fatalities, FRA calculates the NSRT to be 14,347. Accordingly, this updated NSRT value will serve as one threshold of permissible risk for quiet zones established across the nation pursuant to 49 CFR part 222.

Fatality Rate = 280
Fatal Incidents = 234 = 1.1966

Injury Rate = 1001
Injury-Only Incidents = 612 = 1.6356

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Railroad Administration
[Docket No. FRA–1999–6439, Notice No. 24]

Adjustment of Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

Issued in Washington, DC on November 21, 2013.

Robert C. Lauby,
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
[Docket No. PHMSA–2009–0203]

Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee and the Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.
ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee (GPAC) also known as the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, and the Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee (LPAC) also known as the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee. The committees will meet in a joint session to consider a proposed rule to incorporate by reference two new standards (one partially) and 21 updated editions of currently referenced standards in 49 CFR Parts 192, 193, and 195.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The committee members will take part in this joint meeting by telephone conference call. The public may participate in the meeting via telephone conference call, or at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, Room E27–302. The conference call number and any additional information will be published on the PHMSA Web site at http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/public, under “News and Updates” on the homepage. Participants who plan to attend in person should register in advance at https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=93.

The meeting will not be webcast; however, presentations will be available on the meeting Web site and posted in the E-Gov Web site at http://www.regulations.gov under Docket Number PHMSA–2013–0003 within 30 days following the meeting.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket Number PHMSA–2013–0003, by any of the following methods:

E-Gov Web: http://www.regulations.gov. This site allows the public to enter comments on any Federal Register notice issued by any agency. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.


Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation Docket Management System; West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EST; Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.


Instructions: Identify the Docket Number PHMSA–2009–0203, at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at http://www.regulations.gov.

Note: All comments received will be posted without edits to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

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A detailed agenda will be published on the PHMSA Web site at http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST. The GPAC and LPAC will participate in a joint meeting. A detailed agenda will be published on the PHMSA Web site at http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/.

The committee members will take part in this joint meeting by telephone conference call. The public may participate in the meeting via telephone conference call, or at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, Room E27–302. The conference call number and any additional information will be published on the PHMSA Web site at http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/public, under “News and Updates” on the homepage. Participants who plan to attend in person should register in advance at https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=93.

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For further information contact: For information about the meeting, contact Cheryl Whetsel at 202–366–4431 or by email at cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov.

Supplementary information:

I. Meeting Details

Members of the public may participate via telephone conference or make a statement during the advisory committee meeting. If you intend to make a statement, please notify PHMSA in advance by forwarding an email to cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov by December 10, 2013.

II. Committee Background

The GPAC and LPAC are statutorily-mandated advisory committees that advise PHMSA on proposed safety standards, risk assessments, and safety policies for natural gas pipelines and for hazardous liquid pipelines. Both committees were established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) and the pipeline safety law (49 U.S.C. Chap. 601). Each committee consists of 15 members—with membership evenly divided among the Federal and state government, the regulated industry, and the public. The committees advise PHMSA on the technical feasibility, practicability, and cost-effectiveness of each proposed pipeline safety standard.

III. Agenda

On Tuesday, December 17, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the GPAC and LPAC will participate in a joint meeting. A detailed agenda will be published on the PHMSA Web site at http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115; 60118.

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Alan K. Mayberry,
Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy and Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

[Docket ID OCC–2013–0005]

Guidance on Supervisory Concerns and Expectations Regarding Deposit Advance Products


ACTION: Final guidance.

SUMMARY: The OCC is issuing final supervisory guidance entitled “Guidance on Supervisory Concerns and Expectations Regarding Deposit Advance Products” (Guidance), which addresses safe and sound banking practices and consumer protection in connection with deposit advance products.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) is issuing the Guidance to clarify the OCC’s application of principles of safe and sound banking...