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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

49 CFR Parts 191, 192, and 195

[Docket No. PHMSA-2010-0026]

RIN 2137-AE59

Pipeline Safety: Miscellaneous Changes to Pipeline Safety Regulations; Administrative Significance: Petitions for Reconsideration

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Petitions for reconsideration.

SUMMARY: On March 11, 2015, PHMSA published a final rule amending the pipeline safety regulations to make miscellaneous changes that updated and clarified certain regulatory requirements. These amendments address several subject matter areas including the performance of post-construction inspections, leak surveys of Type B onshore gas gathering lines, qualifying plastic pipe joiners, regulation of ethanol, transportation of pipe, filing of offshore pipeline condition reports, and calculation of pressure reductions for hazardous liquid pipeline anomalies. PHMSA has since received three petitions for reconsideration submitted by persons affected by the final rule.

DATES: PHMSA received these petitions on April 10, 2015.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On March 11, 2015, PHMSA published a final rule amending the pipeline safety regulations to make miscellaneous changes that updated and clarified certain regulatory requirements (80 FR 12762). These amendments addressed several subject matter areas including the performance of post-

construction inspections, leak surveys of Type B onshore gas gathering lines, qualifying plastic pipe joiners, regulation of ethanol, transportation of pipe, filing of offshore pipeline condition reports, and calculation of pressure reductions for hazardous liquid pipeline anomalies. PHMSA has since received three petitions for reconsideration submitted by persons affected by the final rule.

Dates: On April 10, 2015, the American Gas Association (AGA), the American Public Gas Association, (APGA) and the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) petitioned PHMSA for re-consideration to certain parts of the Miscellaneous Rule.

II. Petitions for Reconsideration

In accordance with 49 CFR 190.335, PHMSA received three petitions from the APGA, the AGA and the INGAA asking for reconsideration to some portions of the Final Rule. APGA and AGA expressed concerns about the provisions of the Final Rule applicable to construction inspections. INGAA and AGA expressed concerns regarding provisions in the Final Rule applicable to components fabricated by welding.

Section 190.337(b) states that it is the policy of the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety to issue notice of the action on a petition for reconsideration within 90 days after the date on which the regulation in question is published in the **Federal Register**, unless it is found impracticable to take action within that time. Section 190.337(b) goes on to state that when it is impractical to take action within that time, that PHMSA will give notice of that fact and the date by which action is expected to be taken. Due to the complexities of the petitions, PHMSA is unable to complete the analyses and render a decision within the 90-day time frame. Therefore, in accordance with § 190.337(b), PHMSA anticipates acting on these three petitions by October 1, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 541

[Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0067]

Preliminary Theft Data; Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Publication of preliminary theft data; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on data about passenger motor vehicle thefts that occurred in calendar year (CY) 2013, including theft rates for existing passenger motor vehicle lines manufactured in model year (MY) 2013.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 5, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0067 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251

Instructions: For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the Public Participation heading of the Supplementary Information section of this document. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into 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.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or