

these vehicles must be replaced, providing GM the additional time it requests will not delay GM's efforts to develop and validate replacement inflators as an available remedy for the Subject GMT900 Vehicles, should that remedy ultimately be required. *Id.*

The Agency acknowledges that GM has produced probative evidence to support its inconsequentiality claim. The testing and data collected by GM to date—while not yet sufficient—tends to support GM's Petition, at least with respect to the short-term safety of the covered passenger inflators. Based upon the data GM has developed and presented to date, NHTSA believes that in the coming months this evidence could ultimately grow and develop to support GM's position with respect to the long-term safety of the covered passenger inflators. Presently, however, the evidence GM has presented is not yet sufficient to prove (by a preponderance of the evidence) their long-term safety. Based upon the evidence and analysis GM has presented to date, and its plan to develop and analyze additional data, NHTSA agrees that GM's request for additional time is reasonable and supported by the testing and data collected to date.

Moreover, although a pending inconsequentiality petition tolls GM's obligation to provide a remedy, NHTSA does not believe consumers will be significantly impacted by the requested deferral. As explained above, GM has been working toward an alternative remedy in the event it should become necessary, and expects that remedy to be available in June 2017. The length of the requested deferral is through August 2017. Therefore, if NHTSA ultimately were to deny this Petition at the conclusion of GM's engineering analysis, no significant delay in the availability of remedy parts would result.

For these reasons, NHTSA will grant the requested relief, and allow GM an opportunity to provide more evidence and a fuller record upon which the Agency can make its determination. Subject to the conditions that follow, GM shall have until August 31, 2017 to present all data, views, and arguments supporting this Petition, including additional analysis and testing results, through a supplement or amendment, which shall be published in the docket. GM shall be required to provide NHTSA with monthly updates on GM's engineering analysis, Orbital ATK's study, and any other data, analysis, or test results GM develops in its effort to support its inconsequentiality claim. In addition, GM shall provide the Agency with a non-confidential summary of

each update that will be made available through the public docket. During this time, any interested person may also submit written data, views, and arguments regarding this Petition. Following the conclusion of the requested deferral—*i.e.*, August 31, 2017, NHTSA will make a decision whether to grant or deny the Petition after considering all available information.

NHTSA reserves the right to deny this Petition at any time prior to August 31, 2017, in the event necessary to mitigate an unreasonable risk to safety within the meaning of the Safety Act, based upon, *inter alia*, future field ruptures, ballistic testing failures that are not related to artificial aging tests, or other relevant facts or circumstances.

Accordingly, NHTSA hereby gives notice of its receipt of GM's Petition for Inconsequentiality and Request for Deferral of Determination Regarding Certain GMT900 Vehicles Equipped with Takata "SPI YP" and "PSPI-L YD" Passenger Inflators. And it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. GM's request to file an inconsequentiality petition for DIRs 16V-381 and 16V-383 beyond the 30-day deadline is GRANTED;
2. The period for public comment on GM's Petition shall run from the publication of this decision through September 14, 2017;
3. GM's request for a deferral of the Agency's decision so that it may have additional time to present evidence and analysis in support of this Petition is GRANTED, and GM's time for the development and presentation of further evidence, data, and information is extended to August 31, 2017;
4. GM shall provide NHTSA with monthly updates on its engineering analysis, Orbital ATK's study, and any other data, analysis, or test results the company develops in its effort to support this Petition, and GM shall provide the Agency with a non-confidential summary of each update that will be added to the public docket; and
5. NHTSA retains the right to rule on the Petition at any time before August 31, 2017 (*i.e.*, to either deny or grant the Petition) should additional evidence, facts, or circumstances—in NHTSA's sole judgment and discretion—warrant such a decision.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 30101, *et seq.*, 30118, 30120(h), 30162, 30166(b)(1), 30166(g)(1);

delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.95(a); 49 CFR parts 556, 573, 577.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0128]

#### Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Voluntary Information-Sharing System Working Group

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Voluntary Information-Sharing System Working Group Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the newly created Voluntary Information-Sharing System (VIS) Working Group. The VIS Working Group will convene to discuss administrative procedures and consider the development of a voluntary information-sharing system.

**DATES:** The VIS Working Group will meet on Monday, December 19, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., EST.

The meeting will not be web cast; however, any documents presented will be available on the meeting Web site and posted on the E-Gov Web site: <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number PHMSA-2016-0128 within 30 days following the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at a location yet to be determined in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area. The meeting location, agenda and any additional information will be published on the following VIS Working Group and registration page at: <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=122>.

#### Public Participation

This meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend in person are asked to register at: <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=122> no later than December 16, 2016, in order to facilitate entry and guarantee seating. Members of the public who attend in person will also be provided an opportunity to make a statement during the meeting.

**Written comments:** Persons who wish to submit written comments on the meeting may be submitted to the docket 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.

*Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

*Hand Delivery:* Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

*Instructions:* Identify the docket number PHMSA-2016-0128 at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You should know that 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.). Therefore, you may want to review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477) or view the Privacy Notice at <http://www.regulations.gov> before submitting any such comments.

*Docket:* For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on PHMSA-2016-0128." The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail.

#### Privacy Act Statement

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy).

#### Services for Individuals With Disabilities

The public meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Cheryl Whetsel at [cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov](mailto:cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov) by December 12, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about the meeting, contact Cheryl Whetsel by phone at 202-366-4431 or by email at [cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov](mailto:cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The VIS Working Group is a newly created advisory committee established in accordance with Section 10 of the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-183), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., App. 2, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.50(a).

##### II. Meeting Details and Agenda

The VIS Working Group will consider and provide recommendations to the Secretary as specifically outlined in section 10 of Public Law 114-183:

(a) The need for, and the identification of, a system to ensure that dig verification data are shared with in-line inspection operators to the extent consistent with the need to maintain proprietary and security-sensitive data in a confidential manner to improve pipeline safety and inspection technology;

(b) Ways to encourage the exchange of pipeline inspection information and the development of advanced pipeline inspection technologies and enhanced risk analysis;

(c) Opportunities to share data, including dig verification data between operators of pipeline facilities and in-line inspector vendors to expand knowledge of the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of in-line inspection technology and methodologies;

(d) Options to create a secure system that protects proprietary data while encouraging the exchange of pipeline inspection information and the development of advanced pipeline inspection technologies and enhanced risk analysis;

(e) Means and best practices for the protection of safety- and security-sensitive information and proprietary information; and

(f) Regulatory, funding, and legal barriers to sharing the information described in paragraphs (a) through (d).

The Secretary will publish the VIS Working Group's recommendations on a publicly available DOT Web site. The VIS Working Group will fulfill its purpose once its recommendations are published online.

The agenda will be published on the PHMSA Web site.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2016-0171]

##### Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will forward the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal of a previously approved collection. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden hours. The OMB approved the form in 2015 with its renewal required by December 31, 2016. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the form renewal was published on September 16, 2016, [FR Vol. 81, No. 180, page 63855]. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by December 28, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal to the DOT/OST Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, or by email to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tami L. Wright, Associate Director, Equal Employment Opportunity Complaints and Investigations Division