

which was published in the **Federal Register** on April 8, 2016, (81 FR 20722) and on the associated regulatory analysis. In the proposed rule, PHMSA proposed the following changes to Part 192:

- Require periodic assessments of pipelines in locations where persons are expected to be at risk that are not already covered under the integrity management (IM) program requirements.

- Modify the repair criteria, both inside and outside of high consequence areas (HCAs).

- Require inspections of pipelines in areas affected by extreme weather, man-made and natural disasters, and other similar events.

- Provide additional specificity for in-line inspections, including explicit requirements to account for uncertainty of reported inspection data when evaluating in-line inspection data to identify anomalies.

- Expand integrity assessment methods to explicitly address guided wave ultrasonic inspection and excavation with direct in-situ examination.

- Provide clearer functional requirements for conducting risk assessments for IM, including addressing seismic risks.

- Expand the mandatory data collection and integration requirements for IM, including data validation and seismicity.

- Add requirements to address management of change.

- Repeal the use of API Recommended Practice 80 for gathering lines.

- Apply Type B requirements along with emergency requirements to newly regulated greater than 8-inch Type A gathering lines in Class 1 locations (GAO Recommendation 14-667).

- Extend the reporting requirements to all gathering lines.

- Expand requirements for corrosion protection to specify additional post-construction quality checks, and periodic operational and maintenance checks to address coating integrity, cathodic protection, and gas quality monitoring.

- Require operators to report maximum allowable operating pressure exceedances.

- Require safety features on in-line inspection tool launchers and receivers.

- Add certain types of roadways to the definition of "identified sites" (NTSB P-14-1).

- Address grandfathered pipe and pipe with inadequate records.

The GPAC meeting agenda will include the following discussion items:

- Strengthening IM Assessment Methods
- Assessments outside of HCAs
- Record Retention Requirements
- Repair Criteria (inside and outside of HCAs)

II. Committee Background

The GPAC is a statutorily mandated advisory committee that advises PHMSA on proposed gas pipeline safety standards and their associated risk assessments. The committee is established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, as amended) and 49 U.S.C. 60115. The committee consists of 15 members with membership evenly divided among federal and state governments, the regulated industry, and the general public. The committee advises PHMSA on the technical feasibility, reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability of each proposed pipeline safety standard.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2018-0008]

Pipeline Safety: Information Collection Activities

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, PHMSA invites comments on information collection that will be expiring on April 30, 2018. PHMSA will request an extension with no change for the information collection identified by OMB control number 2137-0049.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 13, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

E-Gov website: <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 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.

Instructions: Identify the docket number, PHMSA-2018-0008, 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 visit <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 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-2018-0008." The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to Federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (internet, fax, or professional delivery service) of submitting comments to the docket and ensuring their timely receipt at DOT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Dow by telephone at 202-366-1246, by fax at 202-366-4566, or by mail at DOT, PHMSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, PHP-30, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1320.8(d), Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, requires PHMSA to provide interested members of the public and affected agencies an opportunity to comment on information collection and

recordkeeping requests. This notice identifies an information collection request that PHMSA will submit to OMB for renewal. The following information is provided for this information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) Current expiration date; (4) Type of request; (5) Abstract of the information collection activity; (6) Description of affected public; (7) Estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (8) Frequency of collection. PHMSA will request a three-year term of approval for this information collection activity. PHMSA requests comments on the following information collection:

1. *Title:* Recordkeeping Requirements for Gas Pipeline Operators.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0049.

Current Expiration Date: 4/30/2018.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: A person owning or operating a natural gas pipeline facility is required to maintain records, make reports, and provide information to the Secretary of Transportation at the Secretary's request.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of natural gas pipeline facilities.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Estimated number of responses: 12,300.

Estimated annual burden hours: 940,454.

Frequency of collection: On occasion. Comments are invited on:

(a) The need for the renewal of this collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2018-0017]

Notice of Public Meeting: Automated Vehicle Policy Summit

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: OST is announcing a public meeting to seek input regarding *Automated Vehicles (AV) 3.0*. This document will provide a framework for automation in the surface transportation system and describe DOT's multimodal approach to the safe rollout of AVs. The objectives of the public meeting are to: (1) Get feedback on the draft AV 3.0 Framework; and (2) identify priority Federal and non-Federal activities that can accelerate the safe rollout of AVs. The public meeting will be an open listening session to provide as great an opportunity for comment as possible. All comments provided during the meeting will be oral, and all written comments and presentations should be submitted to the docket for consideration.

DATES: OST will hold the public meeting on March 1, 2018, in Washington, DC. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. EST. Check-in will begin at 12:00 p.m. Attendees should arrive early enough to go through security by 12:50 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. DOT Headquarters building located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590 (Green Line Metro station at Navy Yard) on the [Ground Floor Atrium]. This facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. The meeting will also be Webcast live; a link to the Webcast will be made available through the registration process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about the public meeting, please contact us at automation@dot.gov or Sujeesh Kurup (202-366-9953) or Kevin Gay (202-493-0259).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Registration is necessary for all attendees. Attendees should register at: www.transportation.gov/av by February 23, 2018. Please provide your name, email address, and affiliation. Also, indicate if you wish to offer oral remarks, and whether you require accommodations such as a sign language interpreter. In person attendance will be limited, so advance registration is required. In-person participants will be accepted on a first-come, first serve basis up to the maximum capacity of the event. For those unable to attend in person, there will also be the option to register for the Webcast of the event through the same registration site.

Although attendees will be given the opportunity to offer oral remarks during the Question and Answer portion of the meeting, there will not be time for attendees to make audio-visual presentations. Also, OST may not be able to accommodate all attendees who wish to make oral remarks; therefore, OST encourages submission of written comments to the docket. OST will conduct the public meeting informally, and technical rules of evidence will not apply. OST will arrange for a written transcript of the meeting and keep the official record open for 30 days after the meeting to allow submission of supplemental information. You may make arrangements to receive copies of the transcripts directly with the court reporter, and the transcript will also be posted in the docket when it becomes available.

In addition to the afternoon public meeting, the Department is hosting, in the morning, several stakeholder breakout sessions on various topics related to automation. The Department anticipates providing a brief summary of those sessions at the public meeting, followed later by a written report, which will be made publicly available, including being placed in the docket. Should it be necessary to cancel the meeting due to inclement weather or other emergency, OST will take all available measures to notify registered participants beforehand.

Written Comments: Written statements and supporting information submitted during the comment period will be considered with the same weight as oral comments and supporting information presented at the public meeting. Please submit all written comments no later than March 9, 2018, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.