

construction in the sidewall and tread is the primary safety concern of these industries. In this case, because of the sidewall marking indicate that some steel plies exist in the tire sidewall, this potential safety concern does not exist.

**NHTSA'S Decision:** In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA finds that SRI has met its burden of persuasion that the subject FMVSS No. 119 noncompliance in the affected tires is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Accordingly, SRI's petition is hereby granted and SRI is consequently exempted from the obligation of providing notification of, and a free remedy for, that noncompliance under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120.

NHTSA notes that the statutory provisions (49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h)) that permit manufacturers to file petitions for a determination of inconsequentiality allow NHTSA to exempt manufacturers only from the duties found in sections 30118 and 30120, respectively, to notify owners, purchasers, and dealers of a defect or noncompliance and to remedy the defect or noncompliance. Therefore, this decision only applies to the subject tires that SRI no longer controlled at the time it determined that the noncompliance existed. However, the granting of this petition does not relieve equipment distributors and dealers of the prohibitions on the sale, offer for sale, or introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of the noncompliant tires under their control after SRI notified them that the subject noncompliance existed.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; Delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.8

**Claudia Covell,**

*Acting Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2018-0021]

#### 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 three information collections that are due to expire during the summer of 2018.

PHMSA will request an extension with no change for the information collections identified by OMB control numbers 2137-0048, 2137-0600, and 2137-0618.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 25, 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 No. PHMSA-2018-0021, 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.

*Privacy Act Statement:* DOT may solicit comments from the public regarding certain general notices. 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).

*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 Docket No. PHMSA-2018-0021." 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 three information collection requests that PHMSA will submit to OMB for renewal. The following information is provided for each 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 each information collection activity. PHMSA requests comments on the following information collections:

1. *Title:* Recordkeeping Requirements for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Facilities.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0048.

*Current Expiration Date:* 06/30/2018.

*Type of Request:* Renewal with no change of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* LNG facility owners and operators are 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 Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 101.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 12,120.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

2. *Title:* Qualification of Pipeline Safety Training.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0600.

*Current Expiration Date:* 07/31/2018.

*Type of Request:* Renewal with no change of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* All individuals responsible for the operation and maintenance of pipeline facilities are required to be properly qualified to safely perform their tasks. 49 CFR 192.807 requires

each operator to maintain records that demonstrate compliance with the mandated qualification criteria. Operators must keep records to be provided upon request.

**Affected Public:** Operators of pipeline facilities.

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:**

**Estimated Number of Responses:** 29,167.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:** 7,292.

**Frequency of collection:** On occasion.

3. **Title:** Pipeline Safety: Periodic Underwater Inspection and Notification of Abandoned Underwater Pipelines.

**OMB Control Number:** 2137-0618.

**Current Expiration Date:** 8/31/2018.

**Type of Request:** Renewal with no change of a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** The Federal pipeline safety regulations at 49 CFR 192.612 and 195.413 require operators to conduct appropriate periodic underwater inspections in the Gulf of Mexico and its inlets. If an operator discovers that its underwater pipeline is exposed or poses a hazard to navigation, the operator must contact the National Response Center by telephone within 24 hours of discovery and report the location of the exposed pipeline, among other remedial actions, such as marking and reburial in some cases. The Federal pipeline safety regulations for reporting the abandonment of underwater pipelines can be found at 49 CFR 192.727 and 195.59. These provisions contain certain requirements for disconnecting and purging abandoned pipelines and require operators to notify PHMSA of each abandoned offshore pipeline facility or each abandoned onshore pipeline facility that crosses over, under or through a commercially navigable waterway.

**Affected Public:** Operators of pipeline facilities (except master meter operators).

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:**

**Estimated Number of Responses:** 92.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:** 1,372.

**Frequency of collection:** On occasion.

Comments are invited on:

(a) The need for the renewal and revision of these collections 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 20, 2018, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

**Alan K. Mayberry,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2007-0039]

#### Gulf South/Boardwalk Pipeline Partners; Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is publishing this notice to invite public comment on a request received from the Gulf South Pipeline Company for a special permit seeking relief from compliance with certain requirements in the Federal pipeline safety regulations. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received on this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit request.

**DATES:** Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by April 25, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference the docket number for the specific special permit request and 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 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.

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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>.

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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

**General:** Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202-366-0113, or email at [Kay.McIver@dot.gov](mailto:Kay.McIver@dot.gov).

**Technical:** Mr. Steve Nanney by telephone at 713-628-7479, or email at [Steve.Nanne@dot.gov](mailto:Steve.Nanne@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 27, 2009, PHMSA issued a special permit (PHMSA-2007-0039) to Gulf South Pipeline Company (GSPC) for the 30-inch diameter transmission pipeline (TPL-880) pipeline located in Mobile County, Alabama. Due to several Class 1 to Class 3 location change of several areas within a 10.8-mile segment on the TPL-880 pipeline, GSPC petitioned PHMSA for an extension of the previously issued special permit.

The line transports natural gas from the Gulf of Mexico to other pipelines located in Alabama. The special permit inspection area includes 22 miles of the TPL-880 pipeline, extending from the beginning of the line at Station Number 0+00 to the pig trap at Airport Compressor Station Number 1201+68. The new permit request is located within the existing inspection area of Special Permit PHMSA-2007-0039, extends from Station Number 632+60 to Station Number 1201+68, is 10.8 miles long, and is in a suburban area of farm, pasture, and woodland. The current maximum allowable operation pressure (MAOP) for the TPL-880 is 1,073 psig. In the special permit request, GSPC seeks to waive compliance from the requirements of 49 CFR 192.611(a), which requires the pressure reduction, pressure testing, or pipe replacements to