III. Request for Exemption

KRD seeks an exemption for approximately 320 drivers who operate CMVs to collect waste and recycling materials. These drivers routinely qualify for the short-haul exception in 49 CFR 395.1(e)(1); however, occasionally they cannot complete their duty day within 12 hours. KRD seeks an exemption to allow its drivers to continue to qualify for the short-haul exception up to the 14th hour after coming on duty.

KRD states that ELDs delay and distract its drivers working to collect waste and recycling materials because they require excessive interaction. The exemption application states that, as a result of frequent stops to pick up trash, its drivers are required to interact with the ELD “hundreds if not thousands of times a day. KRD asserts that ELDs are not designed to accommodate operations such as theirs.

KRD notes that certain CMV drivers already operate up to 14 hours without forfeiting short-haul status such as those in the ready-mixed concrete industry [49 CFR 395.1(e)(1)[ii](B)] or the asphalt-paving business [83 FR 3864, Jan. 26, 2018]. It asserts that KRD’s operations are similar to these industries because its drivers spend a significant portion of their days conducting non-driving duties.

IV. Method To Ensure an Equivalent or Greater Level of Safety

KRD listed the following fatigue management programs and processes it would implement if the exemption were granted: Observation Program; Routeware DriveCam Video Event Recorder Program; and the KRD Fatigued Driver Process. Details of these plans are provided in KRD’s application for exemption which is available for review in the docket for this notice. KRD is requesting a 5-year exemption issued on: May 21, 2019.

Larry W. Minor
Associate Administrator for Policy.

Issued on: May 21, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2018–0026]

Pipeline Safety: Public Meeting on Unusually Sensitive Area Definitions and Pipeline Awareness and Engagement

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a two-part public meeting to discuss (1) amending the applicable Unusually Sensitive Areas (USA) definition for the Great Lakes, coastal beaches, and marine coastal waters and (2) public awareness and engagement. During this meeting, PHMSA will provide updates on amending the applicable USA and/or high consequences area (HCA) definitions to include the Great Lakes, coastal beaches and marine coastal waters and seek input on applicable definition options and available geospatial information system (GIS) data. In addition, PHMSA will seek input to determine the most effective methods to inform all stakeholders on their shared responsibilities in relation to pipeline safety.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on June 12–13, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. Both parts of the meeting will be webcast. The discussion on amending the USA and HCA definition will take place on June 12, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET. The discussion on public awareness and engagement will take place on June 12, 2019, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET and on June 13, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. Members of the public who wish to attend in person should register no later than May 28, 2019. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, may notify PHMSA by May 28, 2019. For additional information, see the ADDRESSES section.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Atrium, 1200 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, DC 20590. The agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be published on the following registration page at https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtgId=142.

Members of the public who wish to attend in person should register at https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtgId=142.

The meeting will be webcast and presentations will be available on the meeting registration website and posted on the E-Gov website at https://www.regulations.gov, under docket number PHMSA–2017–0094 for the USA Definition meeting and docket number PHMSA–2018–0026 for the Public Awareness and Engagement meeting, within 30 days following the meeting.

Public Participation: The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who attend in person will also be provided an opportunity to make a statement during the meetings.

Written comments: Persons who wish to submit written comments on the meetings may submit them to the docket in the following ways:

E-Gov website: https://www.regulations.gov. This site allows the public to enter comments on any Federal Register notice issued by any agency.


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–2017–0094 for the USA definition meeting and docket number PHMSA–2018–0026 for the Public Awareness and Engagement meeting at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change at https://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Anyone can 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, consider reviewing DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or view the Privacy Notice at https://www.regulations.gov, before submitting comments.

Docket: For docket access or to read background documents or comments, go to https://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 on Federal holidays.
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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–2017–0094” for the USA definitions and/or “Comments on PHMSA–2018–0026” for public awareness and engagement. The docket clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail.

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 https://www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at https://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 Dr. Christie Murray at christie.murray@dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the meeting, contact Dr. Christie Murray by phone at 202–366–4996 or by email at christie.murray@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 19 of the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114–183) required PHMSA to amend the USA definition to include the Great Lakes, coastal beaches and marine coastal waters. Proximity to a USA is one method to determine whether a pipeline could affect an HCA. GIS data of USAs are available by request for liquid pipeline operators. The definition of a USA is established in 49 CFR 195.6. Hazardous liquid pipelines that could affect HCA areas are subject to certain integrity management and reporting regulations. To address this mandate, PHMSA must define, identify data sources, and maintain a map of these areas in the National Pipeline Mapping System. In November 2017, PHMSA held a public meeting where stakeholders provided feedback on definition and data source options. Since then, PHMSA conducted research to determine the availability and quality of source data recommended at the November 2017 public meeting, and the level of effort to create and maintain the proposed GIS data. Additionally, PHMSA analyzed HCA data, including a July 2018 update to the Ecological USA data, to identify existing gaps and overlaps of coverage in the coastal areas of interest.

PHMSA advances pipeline safety by providing oversight of public awareness safety regulations and sets the national safety outreach and engagement agenda by engaging with pipeline stakeholders to proactively determine the most effective methods to inform the public, emergency responders, excavators, land use planners and others regarding the shared responsibility of pipeline safety. Sections 192.616 and 195.440 require pipeline operators to develop and implement public awareness programs that follow the guidance provided by the American Petroleum Institute (API) Recommended Practice 1162, “Public Awareness Programs for Pipeline Operators.” Stakeholders will have an opportunity to participate in pipeline safety discussions, including federal and state regulators, trade associations, pipeline operators, the public, emergency response officials, land planners, and excavators.

II. Meeting Details and Agenda

The meeting agenda will include briefings on topics such as amending applicable USA definitions, pipeline safety, public awareness and engagement, risk communications, API RP 1162, voluntary information sharing, risk communications, national pipeline mapping system, and more.

PHMSA will publish the agenda on the PHMSA meeting page at https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=142, once it is finalized.

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Alan K. Mayberry,
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Proposed pipeline and hazardous materials safety rule]

[Proposed pipeline and hazardous materials safety rule]

Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit; Alaska Gasline Development Corporation

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is publishing this notice to seek public comments on four special permit requests received from the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC). AGDC is seeking compliance relief from certain requirements in the federal pipeline safety regulations for the construction of an integrated liquefied natural gas project with interdependent facilities for transporting and liquefying supplies of natural gas in Alaska.

DATES: Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by July 29, 2019.

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.


• Hand Delivery: 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, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

Instructions: At the beginning of your comments, you should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on. 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.

Note: Comments are posted including any personal information provided, without changes or edits to http://www.Regulations.gov. There is a privacy statement published on http://www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General: Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202–366–0113, or email at kay.mciver@dot.gov.

Technical: Mr. Joshua Johnson by telephone at 816–329–3823, or email at Joshua.Johnson@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: AGDC plans to construct one integrated liquefied natural gas (LNG) project

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