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• 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 a.m. and 5 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.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHMSA has received a special permit request from the Colonial Pipeline Company (Colonial) to deviate from the Federal pipeline safety regulations in 49 CFR 195.310 for two (2) segments of the Colonial hazardous liquid pipeline system, where Colonial has failed to retain certain hydrostatic pressure test records. The first segment is a 66.372-mile portion of the 40-inch diameter Line 01 located in Acadia, St. Landry, Point Coupée, and West Feliciana Parishes, Louisiana (see special permit segment 1 below). The second segment is a 10.234-mile portion of the 40-inch diameter Line 01 located in Fulton, DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties, Georgia (see special permit segment 2 below). This special permit, if granted, would waive certain hydrostatic test record-keeping requirements of 49 CFR 195.310. Colonial operates the pipeline in special permit segment 1 at a maximum operating pressure (MOP) of 574 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) and special permit segment 2 is operated at a MOP of 743 psig.

The proposed special permit and Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for Colonial are available for public review and comment in Docket No. PHMSA–2009–0390 at http://www.Regulations.gov. We invite interested persons to participate by reviewing the special permit request and DEA, and by submitting written comments, data or other views. Please include any comments on potential safety and environmental impacts that may result if the special permit is granted.

Before issuing a decision on the special permit request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comments closing date. Comments received after the comment closing date, will be evaluated if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment we receive in making our decision to grant or deny a request.

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Alan K. Mayberry,
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary of Transportation


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Interim Policies on Page Limits for National Environmental Policy Act Documents and the Application of the One Federal Decision Process to DOT Projects

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

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of two U.S. Department of Transportation interim policies for public comment: (1) Page Limits for National Environmental Policy Act Documents and Focused Analyses and (2) Application of the One Federal Decision Process to DOT Projects. DOT anticipates that the Page Limits memorandum will improve the quality of environmental documentation while reducing the length of these documents. The One Federal Decision memorandum will provide direction on how and when to apply the One Federal Decision process to DOT projects.

DATES: Both of these memoranda are effective, as interim policies, on the date of publication of this notice. Comments must be received by September 23, 2019. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access and Filing


Comments should refer to the docket number above and be submitted by one of the following methods:

• 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: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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.

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 at https://www.transportation.gov/privacy.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to http://www.regulations.gov or to the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

Page Limits for National Environmental Policy Act Documents and Focused Analyses

Consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) “Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act” (NEPA), this interim policy provides that, to the extent practicable, DOT operating administrations (OAs) should limit the text of draft and final environmental impact statements (EISs) to 150 pages, unless they are of an unusual scope or complexity. The interim policy also recommends that environmental assessments not exceed 75 pages. The memorandum also discusses best practices to help comply with these page limits.

DOT finds it necessary to issue this interim policy because lengthy NEPA documents, containing extraneous detail and needless data, have resulted in increases in both time and cost to complete the environmental review process and has made it increasingly difficult for agency decisionmakers and the public to find the relevant information regarding proposed actions. Setting appropriate page limits is recognized as a mechanism to reduce excessive paperwork and ensure that NEPA documentation is clear, concise, and focused.

In addition to reaffirming the requirements found in CEQ regulations, this memorandum is consistent with the Department’s existing NEPA implementing procedures, DOT Order 5610.1C, “Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts” (July 30, 1985). It also aligns with the goals stated in Executive Order (E.O.) 13807, Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects, 82 FR 40463 (Aug. 24, 2017), to achieve more efficient and effective Federal infrastructure decisions. The E.O. includes the goal of completing all Federal environmental reviews and authorization decisions for “major infrastructure projects” within 2 years.

Application of the One Federal Decision Process to DOT Projects

On August 15, 2017, the President signed E.O. 13807, Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects. This E.O. mandated Federal agencies to use a One Federal Decision (OFD) process for “major infrastructure projects” (MIPs). MIPs are defined by the E.O. as infrastructure projects that require multiple authorizations by Federal agencies, where the lead agency has determined that the projects will require an environmental impact statement (EIS), and the project sponsor has identified the reasonable availability of funds sufficient to complete the project. The E.O. directs Federal agencies that have MIPs to prepare a permitting timetable to be tracked through the Federal Permitting Dashboard at https://www.permits.performance.gov/. establish an elevation process when a milestone may be missed or extended through an accountability system, and prepare a single environmental document and record of decision (ROD). These projects should have one lead Federal agency to navigate the project through the environmental review and authorization process. The E.O. establishes the goal of completing the environmental review process for MIPs in two years. In addition, all Federal authorization decisions should be completed within 90 days of the issuance of the ROD. Section 5(b)(iv)(C) also makes clear that the E.O. should be followed by State, tribal, or local agencies that are exercising an assignment or delegation of a Federal agency’s NEPA responsibilities.

On April 9, 2018, several Departments and agencies involved in the development and approval of infrastructure projects, including DOT, executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate the implementation of the E.O. The MOU outlined the roles and responsibilities for the agencies. This included establishing a pre-scoping process, concurrence points where each agency would have to agree in writing to key decision points, an elevation process to address disputes and schedule changes, and limited exceptions for applying the OFD process.

In September 26, 2018, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released Memorandum M–18–25, Modernize Infrastructure Permitting Cross-Agency Priority Goal Performance Accountability, which outlined how agencies would be held accountable for the implementation of the OFD process to their projects.


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Loren Smith,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Agency Information Collection Activities; Information Collection Renewal; Submission for OMB Review; Bank Secrecy Act/Money Laundering Risk Assessment

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

The OCC is soliciting comment concerning its information collection entitled, “Bank Secrecy Act/Money Laundering Risk Assessment,” also known as the Money Laundering Risk (MLR) System. The OCC also is giving