

simplify the form by reducing the number of distinct data fields.

PHMSA proposes collecting the type of direct assessment when this inspection method has been implemented. The additional inspection data may provide insights about the effectiveness of the various types of direct assessments.

## 20. Contributing Factors

Pipeline operators currently select only one cause on the form. Factors contributing to, but not causing, an accident are often relevant to preventing future accidents. PHMSA proposes collecting data about contributing factors. The proposal is similar to a recommendation made by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in a January 2015 safety study report which can be viewed at <http://www.nts.gov/safety/safety-studies/Documents/SS1501.pdf>. Collection of information on contributing factors in addition to the apparent cause would help stakeholders develop a more thorough understanding of the accident and ways to prevent future accidents.

## II. Summary of Impacted Collection

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. PHMSA expects many of the new data elements are already known by the operator and no report requires the completion of all fields on the forms. PHMSA has estimated the burdens below by adding 20% to the previous burdens—12 hours instead of 10.

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:

1. *Title:* Transportation of Hazardous Liquids by Pipeline: Recordkeeping and Accident Reporting.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0047.

*Current Expiration Date:* 01/31/2023.

*Type of Request:* Revision.

*Abstract:* This information collection covers recordkeeping and accident

reporting by hazardous liquid pipeline operators who are subject to 49 CFR part 195. Section 195.50 specifies the definition of an “accident” that must be reported to PHMSA and the reporting criteria for submitting a Hazardous Liquid Accident Report (form PHMSA F 7000-1) is detailed in § 195.54. PHMSA is proposing to revise the form and instructions for PHMSA F 7000-1 for editorial and clarification purposes.

*Affected Public:* Hazardous liquid pipeline operators.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Annual Responses:* 1,232.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 53,229.

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

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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

[Docket No. PHMSA-2008-0213]

### Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit; Empire Pipeline, Inc.

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is publishing this notice to solicit public comment on a request from Empire Pipeline, Inc., to renew a previously issued special permit. The special permit renewal

request is seeking continued 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 from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit renewal request.

**DATES:** Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by April 8, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference the docket number for this 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.

- *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:* 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 (2) 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>.

*Confidential Business Information:* Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as

CBI. Pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.343, you may ask PHMSA to give confidential treatment to information you give to the agency by taking the following steps: (1) Mark each page of the original document submission containing CBI as “Confidential”; (2) send PHMSA, along with the original document, a second copy of the original document with the CBI deleted; and (3) explain why the information you are submitting is CBI. Unless you are notified otherwise, PHMSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Kay McIver, DOT, PHMSA–PHP–80, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this matter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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

*Technical:* Mr. Steve Nanney by telephone at 713–272–2855, or by email at [steve.nanney@dot.gov](mailto:steve.nanney@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PHMSA received a special permit renewal request from Empire Pipeline, Inc. (Empire), owned by National Fuel Gas Company, to continue its operations of the Empire State Pipeline as defined in the original special permit issued on May 20, 2010, and renewed on May 20, 2015. An additional special permit segment was added to the special permit on March 28, 2017. The present special permit term is through May 20, 2020. Empire’s special permit renewal request submitted on November 22, 2019, seeks to waive compliance from the requirements of 49 CFR § 192.611, “Change in class location: Confirmation or revision of maximum allowable operating pressure”. This special permit renewal is being requested in lieu of pipe replacement or pressure reduction for six (6) special permit segments totaling 10,475 feet of 24-inch diameter Empire State Pipeline located in Genesee, Monroe, Niagara, and Wayne Counties, New York. The special permit renewal will allow the continued operation of the original Class 1 pipe in Class 3 locations.

The Empire State Pipeline is comprised of 157 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline and transports natural gas from the Canadian and United States international border in Niagara County, New York to Oswego County, New York. The Empire State Pipeline was

installed in 1993 and has a maximum allowable operating pressure of either 1,440 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) or 1,000 psig in the special permit segments.

The special permit renewal request, existing special permit with conditions, and Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) for the Empire State Pipeline is available for review and public comment in Docket No. PHMSA–2008–0213. We invite interested persons to review and submit comments on the special permit renewal request and EA/FONSI in the docket. Please include any comments on potential safety and environmental impacts that may result if the special permit renewal is granted. Comments may include relevant data.

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

Issued in Washington, DC, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

**Alan K. Mayberry,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Foreign Assets Control Office

#### Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action(s)

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC’s Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List based on OFAC’s determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

**DATES:** See Supplementary Information section for applicability date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, tel.: 202–622–2420; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance &

Evaluation, tel.: 202–622–2490; Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202–622–2480; or Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, tel.: 202–622–4855.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Availability**

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC’s website (<https://www.treasury.gov/ofac>).

**Notice of OFAC Actions**

On February 26, 2020, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following individuals and entities are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

**Individuals**

1. AASI, Sheikh Yusuf (a.k.a. ASI, El Yusuf Abd al-Rida), Majma Ahl al-Bayt, 6 Meqdad Burj al-Barajinah, Beirut, Lebanon; DOB 05 Feb 1962; alt. DOB 1962; POB Beirut, Lebanon (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: MARTYRS FOUNDATION IN LEBANON).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(E) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, “Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism,” 3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 786, as amended by Executive Order 13886 of September 9, 2019, “Modernizing Sanctions To Combat Terrorism”, 84 FR 48041 (E.O. 13224, as amended), for being a leader or official of MARTYRS FOUNDATION IN LEBANON, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended.

2. NUR–AL–DIN, Jawad (a.k.a. NOURREDINE, Jawad; a.k.a. NUR AL–DIN, Shawqi Jawad Mohamad Shafiq; a.k.a. NUR AL–DIN, Shawqi Muhammad Shafiq), Lebanon; DOB 20 Oct 1962; Gender Male; Passport RL2514323 (Lebanon) (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: MARTYRS FOUNDATION IN LEBANON).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(E) of E.O. 13224, as amended, for being a leader or official of MARTYRS FOUNDATION IN LEBANON, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended.

3. BAZZI, Kassem Mohamad Ali (a.k.a. BAZI, Qassem Mohammed Ali; a.k.a. BAZZI, Qasim Mohammed Ali; a.k.a. BAZZI, Qasim Muhammad Ali), Lebanon; DOB 02 Mar 1964; nationality Lebanon; Gender Male (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: ATLAS HOLDING).