

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 245 and 252 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 1303 and 48 CFR chapter 1.

PART 245—GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

- 2. Amend section 245.102 by—
- a. In paragraph (4)(i) removing “GFP” and adding “Government-furnished property” in its place; and
- b. Revising paragraph (5).

The revision reads as follows:

245.102 Policy.

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(5) *Reporting loss of Government property.* The Government-Furnished Property module of the Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment is the DoD data repository for reporting loss of Government property in the possession of contractors. The requirements and procedures for reporting loss of Government property to the Government-Furnished Property module are set forth in the clause at 252.245–7002, Reporting Loss of Government Property, prescribed at 245.107.

PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

- 3. Amend section 252.245–7002 by—
- a. Removing the clause date of “(DEC 2017)” and adding “(JAN 2021)” in its place; and
- b. Revising paragraph (b)(1).

The revision reads as follows:

252.245–7002 Reporting Loss of Government Property.

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(b) * * *

(1) The Contractor shall use the property loss function in the Government-Furnished Property (GFP) module of the Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment (PIEE) for reporting loss of Government property. Reporting value shall be at unit acquisition cost. Current PIEE users can access the GFP module by logging into their account. New users may register for access and obtain training on the PIEE home page at <https://piee.eb.mil/piee-landing>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

49 CFR Parts 191 and 192

[Docket No. PHMSA–2019–0225]

Pipeline Safety: Frequently Asked Questions on the Gas Transmission Rule

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

ACTION: Notification and request for comments.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is seeking public comment on a second set of draft frequently asked questions (Batch-2 FAQs) to facilitate implementation of its final rule titled “Safety of Gas Transmission Pipelines: MAOP Reconfirmation, Expansion of Assessment Requirements, and other Related Amendments” (Gas Transmission Rule).

DATES: Comments on the draft Batch-2 FAQs should be submitted to Docket No. PHMSA–2019–0225 no later than March 16, 2021.

ADDRESSES:

• *E-Gov Web:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), West Building, Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

• *Hand Delivery:* DOT Docket Management System: West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

• *Fax:* 202–493–2251.

• *Instructions:* Identify the Docket Number PHMSA–2019–0225 at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

• *Privacy Act:* 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, as described in the system of records

notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

• *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 document 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 document, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Pursuant to 49 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 FOIA, and the submissions will not be placed in the public docket of this notification. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Chris Hoidal at Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Western Region, PHP–500, 12300 W. Dakota Avenue, Suite 110, Lakewood, CO 80228. Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this matter.

• *Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets. Alternatively, you may review the documents in person at DOT in the West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General: Chris Hoidal, Senior Technical Advisor, Office of Pipeline Safety, by telephone at 303–807–8833, or email at chris.hoidal@dot.gov.

Technical: Steve Nanney, Project Manager, Office of Pipeline Safety, by telephone at 713–272–2855, or email at steve.nanney@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHMSA provides written clarification of the pipeline safety regulations (49 CFR parts

190–199) in the form of periodically updated FAQs and other guidance materials. On October 1, 2019, PHMSA published amendments to 49 CFR parts 191 and 192 in the Gas Transmission final rule (84 FR 52180), which addressed several statutory mandates from the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011 (Pub. L. 112–90). PHMSA finalized the first set of FAQs (Batch-1 FAQs) to help clarify, explain, and promote better understanding of the Gas Transmission final rule. The Batch-1 FAQs were posted to the docket on September 16, 2020.

PHMSA is requesting public comment on a second set of draft FAQs (Batch-2 FAQs) pertaining to the Gas Transmission final rule. The Batch-2–FAQs are intended to help the public understand and implement necessary changes in response to PHMSA’s new regulations. They are in response to specific questions received from the regulated community, pipeline safety regulators, and the public. Operators and state regulators may also request written regulatory interpretations from PHMSA regarding specific situations in accordance with 49 CFR 190.11.

While FAQs are provided to help the public understand how to comply with the regulations, they are not substantive rules themselves and do not create legally enforceable rights, assign duties, or impose new obligations not otherwise contained in the existing regulations and standards. However, an operator who is able to demonstrate compliance with the FAQs is likely to be able to demonstrate compliance with the relevant regulations.

The draft FAQs and other supporting documents are available online on the Federal eRulemaking Portal, <https://www.regulations.gov>; search for Docket No. PHMSA–2019–0225. Before finalizing the draft FAQs, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comment closing date. Comments received after the closing date will be evaluated to the extent practicable. Once finalized, the FAQs will be posted in the docket and on PHMSA’s public website at <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 219

[Docket No. 201020–0275]

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Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Southwest Fisheries Science Center Fisheries Research

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule; notification of issuance of Letters of Authorization.

SUMMARY: NMFS’ Office of Protected Resources (OPR), upon request from NMFS’ Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC), hereby issues regulations to govern the unintentional taking of marine mammals incidental to fisheries research conducted in multiple specified geographical regions over the course of five years. These regulations, which allow for the issuance of Letters of Authorization (LOA) for the incidental take of marine mammals during the described activities and specified timeframes, prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on marine mammal species or stocks and their habitat, as well as requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking.

DATES: Effective from January 15, 2021 through January 15, 2026.

ADDRESSES: A copy of SWFSC’s application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-noaa-southwest-fisheries-science-center-fisheries-and. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ben Laws, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Regulatory Action

These regulations establish a framework under the authority of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) to allow for the authorization of take of marine mammals incidental to the SWFSC’s fisheries research activities in the California Current Ecosystem and the

Antarctic Marine Living Resources Ecosystem research areas.

We received an application from the SWFSC requesting five-year regulations and authorization to take multiple species of marine mammals. Take would occur by Level B harassment incidental to the use of active acoustic devices, as well as by visual disturbance of pinnipeds in the Antarctic, and by Level A harassment, serious injury, or mortality incidental to the use of fisheries research gear. Please see “Background” below for definitions of harassment.

Legal Authority for the Action

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1371(a)(5)(A)) directs the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region for up to five years if, after notice and public comment, the agency makes certain findings and issues regulations that set forth permissible methods of taking pursuant to that activity and other means of effecting the “least practicable adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat (see the discussion below in the Mitigation section), as well as monitoring and reporting requirements. Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA and the implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 216, subpart I provide the legal basis for issuing this rule containing five-year regulations, and for any subsequent LOAs. As directed by this legal authority, this rule contains mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements.

Summary of Major Provisions Within the Regulations

Following is a summary of the major provisions of these regulations regarding SWFSC fisheries research activities. These measures include:

- Required monitoring of the sampling areas to detect the presence of marine mammals before deployment of certain research gear; and
- Required implementation of the mitigation strategy known as the “move-on rule mitigation protocol” which incorporates best professional judgment, when necessary during certain research fishing operations.

Background

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce