

28, 2023, can be found in the docket of this rulemaking.

## II. Proposed Action

The EPA has evaluated New Jersey's submittal for consistency with the CAA, EPA regulations, and EPA policy. New Jersey has met all the requirements of EPA's guidance for obtaining the delegation of authority to implement and enforce the Federal Plan. New Jersey entered into a MoA with the EPA, and it became effective on November 28, 2023. Accordingly, EPA is proposing to approve New Jersey's request dated May 8, 2023, for the delegation of authority of the Federal Plans for existing sources of MSW Landfills. The EPA will continue to retain enforcement authority along with NJDEP, and the EPA will continue to retain certain specific authorities reserved to EPA in the Federal Plan and as indicated in the MoA (e.g., authority to approve major alternatives to test methods or monitoring, authority to approve alternative methods to determine the site-specific NMOC concentration or a site-specific methane generation rate constant, etc.).

The EPA is proposing to amend regulatory text at 40 CFR part 62, subpart FF—New Jersey, to promulgate the approved delegation of authority to the NJDEP for implementing and enforcing the Federal Plan Requirements for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills That Commenced Construction On or Before July 17, 2014 and Have Not Been Modified or Reconstructed Since July 17, 2014 at 40 CFR part 62, subpart OOO.

The EPA is soliciting public comment on this proposed revision to the regulatory text or on relevant matters overall. These comments will be considered before taking final action. Interested parties may participate in the Federal rulemaking procedure by submitting written comments to this proposed action by following the instructions listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document.

## III. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the CAA, the Administrator is required to approve a State Plan submittal that complies with the provisions of the CAA and applicable Federal regulations. CAA sections 111(d) and 129(b); 40 CFR part 60, subparts B and C; and 40 CFR part 62, subpart A; and 40 CFR 62.04. Thus, in reviewing state plan submissions, EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided they meet the criteria of the CAA. Accordingly, this proposed action merely approves state law as meeting

Federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. For that reason, this proposed action:

- Is not a "significant regulatory action" subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), and 13563 (76 FR 3821, January 21, 2011);
- Does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*);
- Is certified as not having a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*);
- Does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4);
- Does not have Federalism implications as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999);
- Is not subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997) because it approves a state program;
- Is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001);
- Is not subject to requirements of section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) because this action does not involve technical standards; and

In addition, this proposed rulemaking action, pertaining to New Jersey's submission, is not approved to apply on any Indian reservation land or in any other area where EPA or an Indian tribe has demonstrated that a tribe has jurisdiction. In those areas of Indian country, the rule does not have Tribal implications and will not impose any substantial direct costs on Tribal governments or preempt Tribal law as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000).

Executive Order 12898 (Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, 59 FR 7629, Feb. 16, 1994) directs Federal agencies to identify and address "disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects" of their actions on minority populations and low-income populations to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law. EPA defines environmental justice (EJ) as "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect

to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies." EPA further defines the term fair treatment to mean that "no group of people should bear a disproportionate burden of environmental harms and risks, including those resulting from the negative environmental consequences of industrial, governmental, and commercial operations or programs and policies."

The NJDEP did not evaluate environmental justice considerations as part of its formal request; the CAA and applicable implementing regulations neither prohibit nor require such an evaluation. EPA did not perform an EJ analysis and did not consider EJ in this action. Due to the nature of the action being taken here, this action is expected to have a neutral to positive impact on the air quality of the affected area. Consideration of EJ is not required as part of this action, and there is no information in the record inconsistent with the stated goal of E.O. 12898 of achieving environmental justice for people of color, low-income populations, and Indigenous peoples.

### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 62

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Landfills, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waste treatment and disposal.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

**Lisa Garcia,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 2.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

#### 49 CFR Parts 191, 192, and 193

[Docket No. PHMSA-2024-0005]

#### Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee

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

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, also known as the Gas Pipeline

Advisory Committee (GPAC), to complete discussion of the notices of proposed rulemakings (NPRMs) titled “Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair” and “Class Location Change Requirements.”

**DATES:** PHMSA will hold a public meeting from March 25, 2024, to March 29, 2024. The GPAC will meet each day from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET (start and end times are subject to change) to discuss the NPRMs. However, the meeting may end early if the GPAC completes its review of the proposed rules. Members of the public who wish to attend are asked to register no later than March 18, 2024. PHMSA requests that individuals who require accommodations because of a disability notify Tewabe Asebe by email at [tewabe.asebe@dot.gov](mailto:tewabe.asebe@dot.gov) at least five days prior to the meeting. Comments on the proceedings of the GPAC meeting must be submitted by April 29, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in person at the Westin Crystal City, 1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. However, PHMSA will provide a Microsoft Teams link on the meeting web page at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=169> for the public to listen to the meeting (*please note:* attendees who participate via Microsoft Teams will not have the opportunity to provide comments during the meeting). The agenda and any additional information, including information on how to participate in the meeting, will be published on the meeting web page. Presentations will be available on the meeting website and at <https://www.regulations.gov> in docket number PHMSA–2024–0005 no later than 30 days following the meeting. You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. PHMSA–2024–0005, by any of the following methods:

- **Web:** <https://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.

- **Fax:** 202–493–2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building: Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- **Hand Delivery:** U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building: Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

- **Instructions:** Identify Docket No. PHMSA–2024–0005 at the beginning of

your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, submit two copies. Internet users may submit comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you would like confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard labeled “Comments on PHMSA–2024–0005.” The docket clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via U.S. mail.

- **Note:** All comments received will be posted without edits to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading for more information. Anyone can use the site to search all comments by the name of the submitting individual or, if the comment was submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc., the name of the signing individual. Therefore, please review the complete DOT Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 19477 or the Privacy Notice at <https://www.regulations.gov> before submitting comments.

- **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](https://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](https://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 (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments in response 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 CFR 190.343, you may ask PHMSA to provide 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 a copy of the original document with the CBI deleted along with the original, unaltered document; and (3) explain why the information you are submitting is CBI. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Tewabe Asebe, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Submission containing CBI

can also be emailed to Tewabe Asebe by encrypted email at [tewabe.asebe@dot.gov](mailto:tewabe.asebe@dot.gov). Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket.

- **Docket:** For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets. Alternatively, this information is available by visiting DOT at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building: Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tewabe Asebe, Office of Pipeline Safety, by phone at 202–366–5523 or by email at [tewabe.asebe@dot.gov](mailto:tewabe.asebe@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Meeting Agenda**

The GPAC will meet from March 25, 2024, to March 29, 2024, to discuss “Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair” NPRM that PHMSA published in the **Federal Register** on May 18, 2023, (88 FR 31890),<sup>1</sup> and if time permits the “Class Location Change Requirements” NPRM that PHMSA published in the **Federal Register** on October 14, 2020, (85 FR 65142). The GPAC will review the NPRMs and their associated regulatory analyses, including, but not limited to, the cost-benefit and risk assessment analyses; regulatory impact analyses; environmental assessments, and other materials pertaining to the NPRMs provided in the respective public dockets. While the meeting is scheduled for five days, the GPAC may complete its review of the proposed rules in less time. PHMSA will post additional details on the meeting website in advance of the meeting as they become available.

From November 27, 2023, to December 1, 2023, the GPAC met and discussed part of the Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair NPRM and provided to PHMSA recommendations on a number of the proposed requirements. The transcript of the meeting is posted on the meeting website at: <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=167> and at <https://www.regulations.gov>. The Leak Detection and Repair NPRM proposes to make regulatory amendments that implement congressional mandates in the “Protecting Our Infrastructure of

<sup>1</sup> The public docket for the Leak Detection and Repair NPRM can be found at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. PHMSA–2021–0039.

Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2020” to enhance safety and reduce methane emissions from new and existing gas transmission pipelines, distribution pipelines, regulated (Types A, B, C, and offshore) gas gathering pipelines, underground natural gas storage facilities, and liquefied natural gas facilities. Among the proposed amendments for part 192-regulated gas pipelines are strengthened leakage survey and patrolling requirements; performance standards for advanced leak detection programs; leak grading and repair criteria with mandatory repair timelines; requirements for mitigation of emissions from blowdowns; pressure relief device design, configuration, and maintenance requirements; and clarified requirements for investigating failures. Finally, this NPRM proposes to expand reporting requirements for operators of all gas pipeline facilities within DOT’s jurisdiction, including underground natural gas storage facilities and liquefied natural gas facilities. PHMSA requested public comments with a submission deadline of August 16, 2023.<sup>2</sup> PHMSA received over 43,000 comments on the NPRM.

In the “Class Location Change Requirements” NPRM, PHMSA proposes to revise the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations to amend the requirements for gas transmission pipeline segments that experience a change in class location. Under the existing regulations, pipeline segments located in areas where the population density has significantly increased must perform one of the following actions: reduce the pressure of the pipeline segment; pressure test the pipeline segment to higher standards; or replace the pipeline segment. This proposed rule would add an alternative set of requirements operators could use—based on implementation of integrity management principles and pipe eligibility criteria—to manage certain pipeline segments where the class location has changed from a Class 1 location to a Class 3 location. Through required periodic assessments, repair criteria, and other additional preventive and mitigative measures, PHMSA expects this alternative approach will provide long-term safety benefits consistent with the current natural gas pipeline safety rules while also providing cost savings for pipeline operators. PHMSA requested public comments with a submission deadline of December 14, 2020.<sup>3</sup> PHMSA received 14 comments on the NPRM.

Following the GPAC meeting, PHMSA will evaluate the GPAC’s recommendations and publish final rules that address the comments received and relevant information from the GPAC meeting report.

## II. Background

The GPAC is a statutorily mandated advisory committee that provides the Secretary of Transportation and PHMSA with recommendations on proposed standards for the transportation of gas by pipeline. The committee was established in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 60115 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (Pub. L. 92–463) to review PHMSA’s regulatory initiatives and determine their technical feasibility, reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability. The committee consists of 15 members, with membership evenly divided among Federal and State governments, regulated industry, and the general public.

## III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend must register on the meeting website and include their names and affiliations. PHMSA will provide members of the public reasonable opportunity to make a statement during this meeting. However, commenters may be limited to 3 minutes each to accommodate the business of the committee, and trade organizations are asked to have no more than one speaker per organization. PHMSA will provide a Microsoft Teams link on the meeting web page at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=169> for the public to listen to the meeting (please note: attendees who listen to the meeting via Microsoft Teams will not have the opportunity to make a statement during the meeting). Additionally, PHMSA will record the meeting and post the recording to the public docket. PHMSA is committed to providing all participants with equal access to this meeting. Comments on the proceedings of the GPAC meeting must be submitted by April 29, 2024. If you need an accommodation due to a disability, please contact Tewabe Asebe by phone at 202–366–5523 or by email at [tewabe.asebe@dot.gov](mailto:tewabe.asebe@dot.gov).

PHMSA is not always able to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** quickly enough to provide timely notice regarding last-minute issues that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting including start and end times. Therefore, individuals should check the meeting website or

contact Tewabe Asebe regarding any possible changes.

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**Alan K. Mayberry,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

#### 49 CFR Part 384

[Docket No. FMCSA–2023–0269]

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### Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) Standards; Incorporation by Reference of a New State Procedures Manual (SPM)

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA proposes to amend the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to incorporate by reference the most recent edition of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, Inc. (AAMVA) Commercial Driver’s License Information System (CDLIS) State Procedures Manual (SPM), Version c.0. This would require all State driver’s licensing agencies (SDLAs) to use this edition of the manual to provide guidance on the information systems procedures of the commercial driver’s license (CDL) program. Such information includes, but is not limited to, CDL standards, State compliance with CDL programs, qualifications of drivers, and credentials and security threats assessments.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 21, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA–2023–0269 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2023-0269/document>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

<sup>2</sup> 88 FR 42284.

<sup>3</sup> 85 FR 65142