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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 1, 2025 (90 FR 28101), PHMSA published a DFR amending its regulations at 49 CFR parts 192 and 195 to incorporate by reference the 25th edition of API Specification 6D, “Specification for Valves” (issued November 1, 2021). References to the 25th edition of the standard will replace existing references in 49 CFR 192.145(a) and 195.116(d) to API Specification Spec 6D, “Specification for Pipeline and Piping Valves,” 24th edition, August 2014, including Errata 1 through 10 (October 2014 through July 2021), Addendum 1 (March 2015), and Addendum 2 (June 2016).

PHMSA issued the DFR under the procedures set forth at 49 CFR 190.339. In accordance with those provisions, PHMSA stated in the DFR that if no adverse comments were received, the DFR would become final and effective on January 1, 2026. PHMSA did not receive any comments that warranted withdrawal of the DFR; therefore, this rule will become effective as scheduled.

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Benjamin D. Kochman,
Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration****49 CFR Parts 192 and 195**

[Docket No. PHMSA-2025-0123]

RIN 2137-AF91

Pipeline Safety: Standards Update—ASTM A53/A53M

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

ACTION: Direct final rule (DFR); confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is confirming the effective date for the DFR that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 2025. The DFR amended PHMSA’s regulations at 49 CFR parts 192 and 195 to incorporate by reference ASTM International’s updated industry standard ASTM A53/A53M, “Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and

Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless.”

DATES: PHMSA confirms the effective date of January 1, 2026, for the DFR that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 2025 (90 FR 28108).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 1, 2025 (90 FR 28108), PHMSA published a DFR amending its regulations at 49 CFR parts 192 and 195 to incorporate by reference the 2022 edition of ASTM A53/A53M, “Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless.” Reference to the 2022 approved version of the standard will replace existing references to ASTM A53/A53M-20, “Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless,” approved July 1, 2020, within 49 CFR 192.113, Appendix B to 49 CFR part 192, and 49 CFR 195.106(e).

PHMSA issued the DFR under the procedures set forth at 49 CFR 190.339. In accordance with those provisions, PHMSA stated in the DFR that if no adverse comments were received, the DFR would become final and effective on January 1, 2026. PHMSA did not receive any comments that warranted withdrawal of the DFR pursuant to 49 CFR 190.339(c). Although PHMSA received a single, anonymous comment criticizing the DFR, that comment lacked reasoning, grounded in the content of the 2022 edition of ASTM A53/A53M, for its assertion that the DFR would adversely affect safety. Therefore, this rule will become effective as scheduled.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration****49 CFR Parts 192 and 195**

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RIN 2137-AF79

Pipeline Safety: Integration of Innovative Remote Sensing Technologies for Right-of-Way Patrols on Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipelines

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

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule (DFR).

SUMMARY: Due to the receipt of adverse comment, PHMSA is withdrawing the DFR titled “Integration of Innovative Remote Sensing Technologies for Right-of-Way Patrols on Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipelines,” which published on July 1, 2025.

DATES: Effective October 2, 2025, PHMSA withdraws the DFR published at 90 FR 28105 on July 1, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to the receipt of adverse comment, PHMSA is withdrawing the DFR titled “Integration of Innovative Remote Sensing Technologies for Right-of-Way Patrols on Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipelines,” which published on July 1, 2025 (90 FR 28105). PHMSA stated in that DFR that if PHMSA received adverse comment by September 2, 2025, the DFR would not take effect and PHMSA would publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register**. Because PHMSA subsequently received adverse comment on that DFR, PHMSA is withdrawing the DFR. In accordance with PHMSA’s procedures at 49 CFR 190.339 for direct final rulemaking, the Administrator may incorporate the adverse comment into a subsequent DFR or may publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). An NPRM would provide an opportunity for public comment and will be processed in accordance with 49 CFR 190.311 through 190.329.

List of Subjects

49 CFR Part 192

Natural gas, Pipeline safety.