

available at <https://primis-meetings.phmsa.dot.gov>, along with additional information about these informational webinars, including how to register.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting Location, Presentation Format:* This webinar series of LNG best practices will be held virtually. Visit <https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOTPHMSA/subscriber/new> to sign up and receive notifications of the LNG best practices webinar dates. Recordings and transcripts will be posted following each webinar. Links will be provided on the PHMSA Public Meetings page, which can be found at <https://primis-meetings.phmsa.dot.gov>. Links will also be available on the National LNG Center website, located at <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/lng/national-center-of-excellence-for-lng-safety>.

*Submitting Comments:* You may submit general questions and comments identified by Docket No. PHMSA–2026–0133 using any of the following methods:

*E-Gov Website:* <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.

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

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

*Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

*Instructions:* Please include docket number PHMSA–2026–0133 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 <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**Note:** Comments are posted without changes or edits to <https://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided. There is a privacy statement published on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

*Privacy Act:* DOT solicits comments from the public regarding certain general notices. DOT posts these comments without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <https://www.regulations.gov> as described in the system of records

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

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket. Alternatively, you may review the documents in person at the street address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sentho White, Director of the National Center of Excellence for Liquefied Natural Gas Safety, by phone at 202–366–2415 or by email at [LNGCenter@dot.gov](mailto:LNGCenter@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National LNG Center is required by section 111(d) of the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116–260) to “further[] the expertise of the Federal Government in the operations, management, and regulatory practices of LNG facilities through . . . increased communication with LNG experts to learn and support state-of-the-art operational practices,” and to “act[] as a repository of information on best practices for the operation of LNG facilities.”

The National LNG Center will use the best practices webinars to promote information-sharing between LNG industry stakeholders, supporting continuous improvements in LNG facility safety and operational performance while complementing minimum regulatory requirements. The best practices include—but are not limited to—LNG facility management, fire protection and safety, operations, maintenance, system/process design, and other leading industry practices. The best practices may be implemented by various LNG facility types, including—but not limited to—baseload facilities (import/export terminals), peak shavers, satellite, temporary/mobile, transportation fuel, and bunkering.

Identified best practices can be applied in the form of a procedure, technique, process, program, consensus standard, or recommended practice and may merit consideration by organizations for implementation because they have demonstrated value in improving safety or reliability; in offering superior performance beyond compliance; or in introducing innovative methods to enhance effectiveness. Delivering these practices via webinars enables a formal process of sharing information with LNG

stakeholders.<sup>1</sup> Webinars also facilitate broad outreach, interactive questions and answers, and subsequent measurement of impact.

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**Linda Daugherty,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

[Docket No. PHMSA–2025–0013]

**Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is publishing this notice to solicit public comments on a request for special permit received from Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (AGT). The special permit request is seeking 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 request.

**DATES:** Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by February 25, 2026.

**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.

<sup>1</sup> LNG sector stakeholders, as defined in section 111 of the PIPES Act of 2020, are defined as Federal regulatory agencies of jurisdiction, LNG facilities operating in the United States, State governments, Indian tribes, units of local government, post-secondary educational institutions, labor organizations, and safety organizations.

• **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 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 United States Code 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 Ms. Jamie Huff, 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. Jamie Huff by telephone at 812-677-8809, or by email at [jamie.huff@dot.gov](mailto:jamie.huff@dot.gov).

**Technical:** Mr. Vincent Holohan by telephone at 202-360-6615, or by email at [vincent.holohan@dot.gov](mailto:vincent.holohan@dot.gov).

**References:** A copy of the Second Edition of American Petroleum Institute (API) 15S will be made available for review at PHMSA’s headquarters in Washington, DC, for individuals seeking to comment on this notice. To coordinate scheduling review, contact Timothy O’Shea, Attorney-Advisor, PHMSA, at [timothy.o’shea@dot.gov](mailto:timothy.o’shea@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 13, 2024, PHMSA received a special permit application from AGT, owned by affiliates of Enbridge Inc. In its application, AGT seeks a waiver of the Federal pipeline safety regulations at 49 CFR 192.53(c), 192.121, 192.144, 192.149, 192.150, 192.619(a), 192.624, 192.710, and 192.714, to authorize the use of Smartpipe pipe and fittings in a regulated interstate gas transmission pipeline located in Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 locations.

Specifically, AGT proposes to insert 8.79-inch diameter Smartpipe composite pipe and components into approximately 0.95 miles of an existing 10.75-inch diameter steel gas transmission pipeline located in Hartford County, Connecticut. Because AGT’s existing regulated steel gas transmission pipeline is un-piggable and subject to maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) reconfirmation, AGT wants to use the steel carrier pipe as added protection from excavation damage, and to insert the new Smartpipe composite pipe. The 8.79-inch diameter Smartpipe will allow AGT to maintain the current MAOP of 750 pounds per square inch gauge. Smartpipe is a type of flexible reinforced thermoplastic pipe that is not authorized by the regulations for use in gas transmission pipelines but which both PHMSA and the operator have experience safely managing through previous special permits and state waivers.

PHMSA developed the draft conditions to ensure that the special permit is not inconsistent with pipeline safety. The special permit application, draft proposed special permit with conditions, and draft environmental assessment are available for review and public comment in Docket Number PHMSA-2025-0013. PHMSA invites interested persons to review and submit comments on these documents in the docket. Please submit comments on any potential safety, environmental, and other relevant considerations implicated

by the special permit request. Comments may include relevant data.

Before issuing a decision on the special permit request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comments closing date. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment it receives in making its decision to grant or deny this special permit request.

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**Linda Daugherty,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. 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 (SDN 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. OFAC is also publishing the names of one or more properties or persons who have been removed from the SDN List.

**DATES:** This action was issued on January 21, 2026. See Supplementary Information for relevant dates.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202-622-2490 or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC’s website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

#### Notice of OFAC Action

On January 21, 2026, OFAC determined that the property and