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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2025-0017]

Pipeline Safety: 2026 Pipeline Safety Research and Development Forum

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the 2026 Pipeline Safety Research and Development Forum (R&D Forum). PHMSA periodically holds this R&D Forum to generate a national research agenda that identifies technical challenges and fosters solutions to improve pipeline safety.

DATES: The R&D Forum will be held March 31 through April 1, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. On-site registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. on both days. Public input on research gaps may be submitted year-round through the R&D gap portal at the following site: <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/rd/gap-suggestions/>. Online pre-registration for the R&D Forum opens on March 9, 2026, and will close on Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids for the R&D Forum, should notify Andrea Ceartin by phone at 406-577-6818, or by email at andrea.ceartin@dot.gov, no later than March 20, 2026. For additional information, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: The R&D Forum will be held in person in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. The hotel reservation link, meeting agendas, and instructions on how to attend will be published on the following public meeting registration pages: <https://primis-meetings.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/ddb31d47-73da-48de-856b-fee8ee1fa7f5>.

Presentations: Presentations will be available on the meeting website and on the E-Gov website, <https://regulations.gov>, at docket number

PHMSA-2025-0017 no later than 30 days following the meeting.

Submitting Comments: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. PHMSA-2025-0017 (R&D Forum), by 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: DOT Docket Management System: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Fax: 202-493-2251. The Docket Management Facility, DOT will not issue confirmation notices for faxed comments.

Instructions: Identify Docket No. PHMSA-2025-0017 at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, you must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Confidential Business Information: Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and 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 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 provide confidential treatment to information you give 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 Kandilarya Barakat, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, DOT: PHMSA-PHP-80, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Any

comments PHMSA receives that are not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrea Ceartin, Engineering and Research Division, at 406-577-6818 or andrea.ceartin@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The mission of PHMSA is to advance the safe transportation of energy products and other hazardous materials that are essential to our daily lives. The Pipeline Safety R&D Forum is held biennially to generate a national research agenda that addresses challenges to improve pipeline safety. The R&D Forum also provides a venue for information exchange among key stakeholders, including the pipeline industry, public, States, Tribal governments, other Federal agencies, and international colleagues. The R&D Forum allows PHMSA to meet the congressional requirements in section 12, paragraph 2 of the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-355).

Public Participation: The R&D Forum will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend must register on the meeting website(s), including their names and organizational affiliation. PHMSA is committed to providing all participants with equal access to these meetings. If you need disability accommodations for the R&D Forum, please contact Andrea Ceartin by email at andrea.ceartin@dot.gov.

PHMSA is not always able to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** quickly enough to provide timely notification of last-minute changes that impact scheduled meetings. Therefore, individuals should check the meeting website listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice or contact Andrea Ceartin by phone at 406-577-6818 or via email at andrea.ceartin@dot.gov regarding any possible changes to the R&D Forum.

PHMSA invites public participation on the pipeline safety topics to be addressed during the R&D Forum. Please review the SUBMITTING COMMENTS section of this notice for information on how to submit written comments.

Issued in Washington, DC, under authority delegated in 49 Code of Federal Regulations § 1.97.

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Acting Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2026-0463, (2026-02)]

Hazardous Materials: 2026 Hazardous Materials Safety Research, Development, and Technology Forum

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS) will host a public Research, Development, & Technology Forum (Forum) from March 31–April 2, 2026, in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. More details, to include the location, will be posted on the PHMSA website at the link provided below. The Forum will provide an opportunity for PHMSA-funded research projects to present the results of recently completed or ongoing projects. OHMS will discuss upcoming hazardous materials transportation research project plans and obtain stakeholder input on the direction of OHMS's current and future research projects. Potential topics include:

- Efficient Safety Standards
- Risk Reduction for Emergency Response

- Safe Energy Storage Technologies
- Innovative Packaging

During the Forum, OHMS will host subject matter experts to discuss a variety of topics affecting the hazardous materials transportation industry. Additionally, OHMS will solicit input and feedback related to potential research topics that may be considered for future work and gather and review research need statements from industry, academia, and other stakeholders. The Forum actively will encourage the identification of critical research gaps in hazardous materials transportation to ensure the transportation community's evolving needs are addressed while advancing the U.S. Department of Transportation's strategic priorities—Safety, Infrastructure Investment, Innovation, and System Efficiency.

DATES: March 31–April 2, 2026, from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The Forum will be held in person in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Details about the in-person forum, such as hotel reservations and additional information, will be posted on PHMSA's website under "Upcoming Events" at <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/research-and-development/hazmat/rd-meetings-and-events>.

Registration: PHMSA requests that attendees pre-register for these meetings by completing the form at: <https://primis-meetings.phmsa.dot.gov/>.

Presentations: Presentations will be available on the meeting website and on the E-Gov website at <https://regulations.gov> at docket number PHMSA-2026-0463 no later than 30 days following the meeting.

Submitting Comments: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. PHMSA-2026-0463 by any of the following methods:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andy Leyder, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Research, Development & Technology, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, DOT: Washington, DC 20590-0001, or by email at HAZMATRESEARCH@dot.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request on Form 8233

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the