

improving the Pipeline Safety Program are invited. Please submit comments before July 18, 1996. Please address written comments to the RSPA Dockets Unit, attention Verdell Simpkins, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room 8421, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments should reference Docket No. PS-139.

DATE/ADDRESS: The public meeting will be held on June 27, 1996, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Henry VIII Hotel, 4690 N. Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eben M. Wyman, Transportation Specialist, (202) 366-0918 regarding the subject matter of this notice; or the Dockets Unit (202) 366-4900; RSPA, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 4, 1995, President Clinton issued a memorandum to heads of departments and agencies calling for a review of all agency regulations and elimination or revision of those that are outdated or in need of reform. The President also directed that front line regulators “* * * get out of Washington and create grassroots partnerships” with people affected by agency regulations.

RSPA has reviewed the pipeline safety regulations in response to the President's directive, and has prepared four regulatory actions, now in the final rule stage, that are scheduled to be published in the Federal Register by early June. These rules will lessen unnecessary burdens on the pipeline industry by revisions or updates in areas including the gas pipeline and liquefied natural gas safety standards, administrative practices, industry consensus standards incorporated by reference, and general updates and corrections to the pipeline safety regulations. The four rules “reinvent” 52 pages of the pipeline safety regulations.

In April and May of 1995, RSPA held three similar outreach meetings in Dallas, Denver, and Houston in response to the RRI directive. RSPA received many comments from participants at the meetings as well as written comments to Docket No. PS-139. The public offered support on some issues, and pointed out areas where RSPA needs improvement in its service to customers. Issues discussed at the meetings included RSPA's pipeline risk management initiatives, the present scope of RSPA's outreach efforts, the pipeline safety regulations and the regulatory process, compliance, enforcement, and jurisdictional issues. These issues were

also addressed in written comments to the docket. Commenters expressed views on other issues such as the status of One-Call legislation, the varying needs of small and large pipeline operators, and the role of the pipeline safety advisory committees. Finally, specific comments on numerous regulations were presented. RSPA has summarized the comments discussed at the previous outreach meetings, as well as the written comments submitted by mail or fax. These documents are available in Docket No. PS-139.

RSPA has taken all comments into consideration in its page-by-page review of the pipeline safety regulations. However, RSPA continues efforts to increase outreach projects and to promote partnerships with the pipeline industry. To enhance partnerships with the regulated community and all parties affected by RSPA regulatory actions, RSPA believes that public outreach meetings offer an effective forum to obtain input from the public on its pipeline safety program and regulations.

Conduct of the Meeting

The meeting will be informal and is intended to produce an open dialogue between agency personnel and persons affected by the pipeline safety program. RSPA's goal is to receive input from all interested parties, so no formal agenda will be prepared. Depending on the number of attendees, RSPA reserves the right to limit the time allocated to each speaker to ensure that all participants have an opportunity to speak. Conversely, the meeting may conclude before the scheduled time if all persons have been heard. RSPA invites participation by all interested parties on the status of the pipeline safety program, regulatory reform and customer service efforts, regulations and procedures needing improvement, or any other issues.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 12, 1996.

Richard B. Felder,
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Senior Executive Service; Financial Management Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of members to the Financial Management Service (FMS) Performance Review Board (PRB).

DATES: This notice is effective on June 18, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael T. Smokovich, Deputy Commissioner, Financial Management Service, 401 14th St., SW., Washington, DC 20027; telephone (202) 874-7000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), notice is given of the appointment of individuals to serve as members of the FMS PRB. The PRB reviews the performance appraisals of career senior executives below the Assistant Commissioner level and makes recommendations regarding ratings, bonuses, and other personnel actions. Three voting members constitute a quorum. The names and titles of the FMS PRB members are as follows:

Primary Members

Michael T. Smokovich, Deputy Commissioner
Bland T. Brockenborough, Assistant Commissioner, Regional Operations
Constance E. Craig, Assistant Commissioner, Information Resources
Michael A. Levine, Assistant Commissioner, Management

Alternate Members

Larry D. Stout, Assistant Commissioner, Federal Finance
Walter L. Jordan, Assistant Commissioner, Agency Services
Virginia B. Harter, Associate Deputy Commissioner for Re-Engineering.
Diane E. Clark, Assistant Commissioner, Financial Information

Dated: June 11, 1996.

Russell D. Morris,
Commissioner.

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Internal Revenue Service

[Delegation Order No. 77 (Rev. 28)]

Delegation of Authority

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: The authority to issue or execute agreements to rescind notices of deficiency is given to the appropriate officials at the local level to whom authority should be delegated. These individuals may then redelegate authority to those with actual responsibility for signing or rescinding

statutory notices of deficiency. The text of the delegation order appears below.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 17, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Grace Robertson, CP:EX:CS:R, Room 108, Aerospace Building, Washington, D.C. 20224, (202) 401-4478 (not a toll-free call).

DELEGATION ORDER NO. 77 (REV. 28)

Effective: May 17, 1996.

Authority To Issue or Execute Agreement To Rescind Notices of Deficiency

Authority: To sign and send to the taxpayer by registered or certified mail, any notice of deficiency and to sign a written form or document rescinding any notice of deficiency.

Delegated to:

Chiefs, Appeals Offices
Appeals Team Chiefs (as to their respective cases)
Directors, Computing Centers
Directors, Customer Service Centers
Directors, Submission Processing Centers
Assistant Commissioner (International)
Chiefs, Employee Plans and Exempt Organizations Divisions
Chiefs, Collection Divisions
Chiefs, Examination Divisions

Redelegation: This authority may be redelegated by all the above listed officials, except Appeals Team Chiefs, directly to selected individuals within their functional area. This authority may not be further redelegated.

Sources of Authority: Authority granted to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, District Directors, and Service Center Directors by 26 CFR 301.7701-9; 26 CFR 301.6212-1; 26 CFR 301.6861-1; 26 U.S.C. 6212; 26 U.S.C. 6212(d); Treasury Order 150-10; and section 1562 of the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

To the extent that the authority previously exercised consistent with this order may require ratification, it is hereby approved and ratified. This order supersedes Delegation Order No. 77 (Rev. 27), effective October 15, 1992.

Dated: May 17, 1996.

Michael P. Dolan,

Deputy Commissioner.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy Meeting

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy will be held on June 19 in Room 600, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington D.C. from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

At 10:00 the Commission will hold a panel discussion on NGOs and Public Diplomacy. It will examine the growing role of non-governmental organizations in foreign affairs. The panelists are Penn Kemble, Deputy Director, USIA; Ambassador William Rugh, Director, AMIDEAST Foundation; and Michael Clough, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please call Betty Hayes, (202) 619-4468, if you are interested in attending the meeting. Space is limited and entrance to the building is controlled.

Dated: June 12, 1996.

Rose Royal,

Management Analyst, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Wage Committee, Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Public Law 92-463, gives notice that meetings of the VA Wage Committee will be held on:

Wednesday, July 17, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 14, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 28, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

The July meeting will be held in Room 1225, Department of Veterans Affairs, Tech World Plaza, 801 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001. The August meetings will be held in Room 246, Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

The Committee's purpose is to advise the Under Secretary for Health on the development and authorization of wage schedules for Federal Wage System (blue-collar) employees.

At these meetings the Committee will consider wage survey specifications, wage survey data, local committee reports and recommendations, statistical analyses, and proposed wage schedules.

All portions of the meetings will be closed to the public because the matters considered are related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs and because the wage survey data considered by the Committee have been obtained from officials of private business establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence. Closure of the meetings is in accordance with subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, and as cited in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (4).

However, members of the public are invited to submit material in writing to the Chairperson for the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Chairperson, VA Wage Committee (05), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: June 10, 1996.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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