

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
11769-M	Hydrite Chemical Company, Brookfield, WI	4	01/31/2001
11798-M	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA	4	01/31/2001
11798-M	Anderson Development Company, Adrian, MI	4	01/31/2001
11911-M	Transfer Flow, Inc., Chico, CA	4	02/28/2001
11916-M	CP Industries, Inc., McKeesport, PA	4	02/28/2001
11967-M	Savage Industries Incorporated, Pottstown, PA	4	02/28/2001
12074-M	Van Hool NV, B-2500 Lier Koningshooikt, BG	1	02/28/2001
12130-M	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA	4	02/28/2001
12178-M	STC Technologies, Inc., Bethlehem, PA	1	02/28/2001
12301-M	Steptoe & Johnson, LLP, Washington, DC	4	02/28/2001

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-00-7283; Notice No. 01-03]

Hazardous Materials Safety: Public Meeting Related to Customer Service and Regulatory Review

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: RSPA will hold a public meeting to seek information from the public on improving safety, reducing costs (especially to small businesses) and increasing customer service through RSPA's management of the national hazardous materials transportation safety program. This meeting is being held in conjunction with a Hazardous Materials Multimodal Training Seminar sponsored by RSPA on February 6 and 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Westin Long Beach Hotel, 333 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802 (562-436-3000). For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact Michael Johnsen at the address or phone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2001, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; however, the meeting may end prior to 5:00 p.m., dependent upon public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Johnsen, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards, RSPA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Phone (202) 366-8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Focus on Issues of Interest to Affected Parties

RSPA ("we" and "our") is interested in soliciting comments on the kind and quality of services our customers want and their level of satisfaction with the services we currently provide to promote understanding and compliance with the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR parts 171-180). These services include the following:

(1) *Hazardous Materials Information Center (HMIC).* A staff of three persons is available Monday to Friday (except Federal holidays) between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm (Eastern time) to address telephonic inquiries from shippers, carriers, packaging manufacturers and other persons concerning requirements in the HMR for the safe transportation of hazardous materials. In 2000, the HMIC handled more than 33,000 calls. The toll-free number is 1-800-HMR-4922.

(2) *Internet access.* Our site on the worldwide web (<http://hazmat.dot.gov>) provides information concerning hazardous materials rulemakings, exemptions, letters of clarification, international activities, incident data, the 2000 Emergency Response Guidebook and much more.

(3) *Fax on demand.* For persons who do not have access to the internet, we operate an automated fax-back system that allows callers access to more than 600 pages of informational materials, including letters of clarification and recently published rulemakings, through their own fax machines. A facsimile copy of the catalog of available documents may be obtained by accessing the fax-on-demand feature through our HMIC number 1-800-HMR-4922.

(4) *Training.* To promote compliance with the HMR, we distribute brochures, charts, publications, training materials, videotapes, and other safety-related information to hazmat employers and hazmat employees in the private and government sectors, as well as to the general public. Hazardous materials

training is provided to Federal, State and local enforcement agencies, industry, and emergency response personnel. In addition, we provide personal computer based self-study programs through a CD-ROM modular training series.

(5) *Government-Industry partnerships.* To the extent permitted through our limited resources, we participate in meetings, conferences, training workshops, and the like sponsored by public sector, industry, and international organizations having an interest in the safe transportation of hazardous materials.

Regulations and Administrative Procedures

On December 20, 1999, we published a notice of regulatory review (Docket No. RSPA-99-5143, 64 FR 71098) requesting comments on the economic impact of the regulations on small entities. This year we are analyzing rules in 49 CFR parts 174 and 177, Carriage by Rail and Carriage by Public Highway, respectively. Meeting participants are invited to take this opportunity to suggest whether specific rules in these parts should be revised or revoked to lessen the impact on small entities.

We are interested, also, in receiving comments on the quality of our processing of written requests for information, applications for exemptions and approvals, registration statements, and other administrative actions. Meeting participants are encouraged to provide suggestions on how we may improve our performance in processing these administrative actions.

We welcome all comments on ways to improve understanding and compliance with the HMR, including removal of obsolete requirements, revisions to conflicting or confusing requirements, and the use of plain language in regulations. We will address inquiries concerning new or proposed requirements, including recently

published rulemaking actions concerning:

- RSPA's registration and fee assessment program (Docket No. RSPA-00-8439; 65 FR 76890, December 7, 2000); and

- Harmonization of requirements in the HMR pertaining to the transportation of hazardous materials with standards published by the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, and the International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Docket No. RSPA-2000-7702; 65 FR 63294, October 23, 2000).

Representatives from the United States Coast Guard, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Railroad Administration and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will participate with RSPA in this public meeting and address modal-specific issues.

Conduct of the Meeting

This is an informal meeting intended to produce a dialogue between agency personnel and persons affected by the hazardous materials transportation safety program. The presiding official may find it necessary to limit the time available to each person to ensure that all participants have an opportunity to speak. Conversely, this meeting may conclude early if all persons wishing to participate have been heard. While there will be no transcript of the meeting, RSPA will prepare a written summary of the meeting and post it in this notice's docket (RSPA-00-7283). Persons interested in participating in this public meeting need not be registered for the Hazardous Materials Multimodal Training Seminar.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on December 29, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT

[Docket No. RSPA-00-7666; Notice 1 and RSPA-00-7408; Notice 1]

Pipeline Safety: Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas (Natural Gas Pipelines) and Communications (Natural Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipelines)

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a three-day public meeting. Day 1 will feature reports on the status of industry and government activities on how to improve the integrity of natural gas pipelines. On Day 2, the Integrity Management Communications Work Group will report its status and presentations from members of the public and will further explore communication needs and options. On Day 3, meeting attendees are invited to participate in in-depth discussions on the integrity of natural gas pipelines. This meeting is a continuation of the integrity project begun at a November 18, 1999, public meeting held in Herndon, VA. Since that meeting, OPS has initiated rulemakings requiring hazardous liquid pipeline operators to assess the integrity of pipeline segments that, in the event of a leak or failure, could affect high consequence areas. In anticipation of similar rulemakings applying to natural gas pipelines, OPS has been meeting with representatives of the natural gas pipeline industry, research institutions, and State pipeline safety agencies to understand how integrity management principles can best be applied to improve safety in the gas pipeline industry. OPS has also been exploring communication requirements for all pipeline operators to share information with community and State officials and the public about risks from pipelines, how pipeline risks can be managed and controlled, and how we know the pipelines are being operated safely. This three-day public meeting will present, to the widest possible audience, the results of all analyses and discussions to date, identify issues, and obtain public comment.

DATES: The public meeting will be on February 12, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., February 13, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and February 14, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Crystal City Marriott.

ADDRESSES: (1) *Meeting Address:* Crystal City Marriott, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, 22202, 703-413-5500. Rooms may be reserved within a block identified as "Department of Transportation Integrity Management Meetings". (2) *Address for Written Comments:* OPS requests that comments relating to the public meeting be submitted on or before January 29, 2001, so they can be considered as the meeting agenda is being developed. Submit written comments by mail or delivery to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You also may submit written comments to the docket electronically. To do so, log on to the dms.dot.gov. Click on "Help & Information" for instructions on how to file a document electronically. Written comments should identify the appropriate docket RSPA-00-7666 for integrity management for gas pipelines and RSPA-00-7408 for communications. Anyone desiring confirmation of mailed comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. The Dockets Facility is located on the plaza level, Room PL-401, of the US Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

If you want to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify Jenny Donohue no later than January 29, 2001, by phone (202-366-4046) or by Internet e-mail (jenny.donohue@rspa.dot.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Callsen (tel: 202-366-4572; E-mail: beth.callsen@rspa.dot.gov). You can read comments and other material in the docket on the Internet at: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

1. Background

OPS's integrity management and communication initiatives are the culmination of experience gained from pipeline inspections, accident investigations and risk management and system integrity initiatives. These initiatives are intended to improve safety and environmental protection and to provide better assurance to the public about the safety of pipelines. They are also intended to comprehensively address National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommendations, Congressional mandates and pipeline safety and environmental issues raised over the years.