

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. 6901–6992(k).

9. *Executive Orders*: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

The projects subject to this notice are:

1. *Project Location*: Richland and Calhoun Counties, U.S. 601 Bridge Replacements. Project Reference Number: BR–BR88(042). Project type: The project proposes to provide for the replacement of the U.S. Route 601 bridge over the Congaree River and three overflow bridges including pavement resurfacing. The section of U.S. 601 proposed for pavement resurfacing and replacement of the four bridges extends from near the intersection of U.S. Route 601/S.C. Route 48 to a point just beyond the Congaree River, a distance of approximately 4.3 miles. NEPA document: An Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed project and approved on March 23, 2005. A Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) was issued on November 30, 2005.

2. *Project Location*: Beaufort and Colleton Counties. U.S. 17 Bridge Replacement. Project Reference Number: BR–BR88(039). Project type: The project includes the replacement of the existing 2-lane U.S. 17 bridge over the Combahee River. The proposed project involves the construction of a new bridge downstream from the existing bridge. The finished product will be an 840' long by 81'9" wide structure that will carry four 12' lanes. NEPA document: A Categorical Exclusion (CE) was completed on the proposed project and approved on August 29, 2005.

3. *Project Location*: Lone Star, Calhoun County; Remini, Clarendon County; Briggs, DeLane, Pearson Connector formerly known as the James E. Clyburn Connector. Project Reference Number: FHWA–SC–EIS–01–01–F. Project type: The proposed action consists of constructing a two-lane road to connect the existing road system from the intersection of S.C. Route 33 and S.C. Route 267 to Secondary Road 52 or Road S–26. The proposed action crosses Lake Marion in the vicinity of an

existing CSX railroad bridge and would consist of a 46'10" wide and approximately 2.8 mile long bridge structure. NEPA document: An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared for the project. The FEIS was approved and issued on December 5, 2002. The Record of Decision (ROD) for the project was issued on June 12, 2003.

4. *Project Location*: Hanahan, Berkeley County, Secondary Road 732, Railroad Avenue Extension. Project Reference Number: NCB–NC08(001). Project type: The project proposes to extend Railroad Avenue east of the existing CSX railroad along the existing railroad right of way. This extension would begin from a point just south of Mabeline Road northward approximately 1.2 miles to Eagle Landing Road. The extended roadway would have a typical section consisting of two 12-foot travel lanes including curb and gutter, and a sidewalk on one side. NEPA document: An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the project and was approved on October 6, 2004. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued on December 20, 2004.

5. *Project Location*: North Augusta, Aiken County, Palmetto Parkway Extension Phase II formerly known as the Bobby Jones Expressway. Project Reference Number: FHWA–SC–75–03–F. Project type: The proposed project will construct a four-lane divided freeway with full access control on new location, along the east side of North Augusta. The freeway, which will be designed to interstate standards and designated as the Palmetto Parkway or I–520, will begin just north of U.S. 1/U.S. 78 and continue north to I–20, a distance of approximately 6.5 miles. The roadway will provide regional travel between I–20 and I–520 south of Augusta, GA. NEPA document: An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared for the project. A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was issued on September 19, 1979. A Re-evaluation of the FEIS was completed on October 9, 2003. A Record of Decision (ROD) was issued on February 24, 2004.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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Robert D. Thomas,

Assistant Division Administrator, Columbia, SC.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Informal Hearing Implementation Process

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) final rule revising 49 CFR part 386, "Rules of Practice for Motor Carrier, Broker, Freight Forwarder, and Hazardous Materials Proceedings" (Rules of Practice), published on May 18, 2005, became effective on November 14, 2005. As revised, the Rules of Practice permit a respondent in a civil penalty proceeding to request an informal hearing as an alternative to either a request for a formal hearing or a request to submit written evidence without a hearing. The Rules of Practice, however, do not prescribe specific procedures for conducting informal hearings.

As the informal hearing process is a new alternative for motor carriers, FMCSA will implement this alternative in two phases. This approach allows FMCSA to carefully evaluate and refine, as necessary, how the informal hearing process is conducted.

During the first phase of implementation, FMCSA will only consider requests for an informal hearing from respondents with a principal place of business within the FMCSA Midwest Service Center's geographical area. The Midwest Service Center's geographical area encompasses the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin. The second phase, nationwide implementation, will begin within one year of the effective date of the Rules of Practice. FMCSA will publish a notice of its nationwide implementation in the **Federal Register**.

FMCSA will consider any request for an informal hearing received by FMCSA before the publication date of this notice during the first phase of implementation, regardless of the location of respondent's principal place of business.

When an informal hearing request is granted, the hearing officer will provide

written information to each respondent about the procedures that will govern the hearing.

DATES: The first phase will begin on March 17, 2006 and will end September 18, 2006. The second phase will begin by November 14, 2006.

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Annette M. Sandberg,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2006-24149]

Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration.

ACTION: Notice of the Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this Notice is to make available for public review and comment the Port of Anchorage Intermodal Expansion, North End Runway Material Extraction and Transport draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The draft EA analyzes the potential impacts on the human and natural environment associated with the proposed material extraction activities at the North End Borrow Site and potential transportation corridors located on Elmendorf Air Force Base (EAFB). This environmental documentation supports the proposed expansion of the Port of Anchorage (POA), which includes a variety of activities to enhance the transportation of goods and people within the State of Alaska.

DATES: Comments on this draft EA must be received by April 17, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel E. Yuska, Jr., Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Environmental Activities, U.S. Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590; telephone (202) 366-0714, fax (202) 366-6988.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments may be submitted by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Written comments should refer to docket number MARAD 2006-24149. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except

Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket are available at <http://dms.dot.gov>. No comments will be accepted after April 17, 2006. In addition, copies of the draft EA are available for public viewing on the Port of Anchorage web site (<http://www.portofanchorage.org>) or at the Loussac Library in Anchorage.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.66)

Dated: March 13, 2006.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2006-24044; Notice 1]

Pipeline Safety: Request for Waiver; Dominion Transmission, Inc.

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to consider waiver request.

SUMMARY: Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) requested a waiver of compliance from the pipeline safety regulation that requires each liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility constructed after March 31, 2000 to comply with the American National Standards Institute and National Fire Protection Association (ANSI/NFPA) standard for low-pressure welded storage containers.

DATES: Persons interested in submitting comments on the waiver request described in this Notice must do so by April 17, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- DOT Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>.
- To submit comments on the DOT electronic docket site, click "Comment/Submissions," click "Continue," fill in the requested information, click "Continue," enter your comment, then click "Submit."
- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.
- Mail: Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- Hand Delivery: DOT Docket Management System; Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington,

DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

• E-Gov Web site: <http://www.Regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

Instructions: You should identify the docket number, PHMSA-2006-24044, at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, you should submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, you should include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and may access all comments received by DOT at <http://dms.dot.gov> by performing a simple search for the docket number. Note: All comments will be posted without changes or edits to <http://dms.dot.gov> including any personal information provided.

Privacy Act Statement: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received for any of our dockets. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Reynolds by telephone at 202-366-2786; by fax at 202-366-4566; by mail at DOT, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; or by e-mail at james.reynolds@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI), requests a waiver of compliance from the regulatory requirements at 49 CFR 193.2301. This regulation requires each LNG facility constructed after March 31, 2000, to comply with 49 CFR 193 and ANSI/NFPA standard 59A (NFPA 59A).

NFPA 59A requires that welded containers designed for not more than 15 pounds per square inch gauge pressure (psig) comply with the Eighth Edition, 1990, of American Petroleum Institute standard 620 (API 620), *Design and Construction of Large, Welded, Low-Pressure Storage Tanks (Appendix Q)*. The Eighth Edition of API 620 requires inspection according to Appendix Q which calls for the full radiographic examination of all vertical and horizontal butt welds associated with the container.

DTI is proposing to use the current Tenth Edition, Addendum 1, of API 620. The Tenth Edition, Addendum 1, of API