

for approving the State's request is set forth in the immediate final rule. If no adverse written comments are received in response to that immediate final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse written comments, a second **Federal Register** document will be published before the time the immediate final rule takes effect.

The second document may withdraw the immediate final rule or identify the issues raised, respond to the comments and affirm that the immediate final rule will take effect as scheduled. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before January 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to Alima Patterson, Region 6 Authorization Coordinator, Grants and Authorization Section (6PD-G), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, at the address listed below. Copies of the materials submitted by LDEQ may be examined during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 6 Library, 12th Floor, Wells Fargo Bank Tower at Fountain Place, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, Phone number: (214) 665-6444. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, H.B. Garlock Building, 7290 Bluebonnet, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810, Phone number: (504) 765-0617.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alima Patterson (214) 665-8533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the immediate final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority

This document is issued under the authority of sections 2002(a), 3006 and 7004(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended 42 U.S.C. 6912(a), 6926, 6974(b).

Dated: December 10, 1997.

Lynda F. Carroll,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VI.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

43 CFR Part 3820

RIN 1004-AC60

[WO-320-1990-01-24 1A]

Surface Management of Mineral Activities Within the Bodie Bowl Under the Bodie Protection Act of 1994

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is withdrawing the proposed rule concerning mineral development in the Bodie Bowl which was previously proposed to implement the Bodie Protection Act of 1994. Because this Act closed the area to location of mining claims, and the state of California and the Nature Conservancy have acquired all existing unpatented mining claims and mill sites so that they may be reconveyed to BLM, the development of locatable minerals will not occur on Federal lands within the Bodie Bowl. Thus, regulations are no longer necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Fontecchio, Regulatory Affairs Group, Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401LS, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20240; telephone (202) 452-5012 (Commercial or FTS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bodie Protection Act of 1994 (108 Stat. 4471, 4509), withdrew Federal lands within the Bodie Bowl to protect and preserve the historic mining town of Bodie. The withdrawal closed the area to further mineral location, and the Act compelled the Secretary of the Interior to manage those existing claims in accordance with rules which would minimize adverse effects on historic, cultural, recreational and natural resource values of the Bodie Bowl. Specifically, the Secretary was ordered to promulgate rules for management of mineral activities within the Bodie Bowl that are no less stringent than the rules promulgated by the National Park Service under the Mining in the Parks Act (16 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*), now codified at 36 CFR part 9. In consultation with the California State Department of Parks and Recreation, which administers the Bodie Historic Park, BLM issued proposed rules designed to carry out the terms of the Act on November 8, 1996 (61 FR 57837).

Since these rules were proposed, the State of California and the Nature Conservancy have acquired the

remaining mining claims and mill sites in the Bodie Bowl. BLM expects that the final stages of the agreement, whereby the State and the Nature Conservancy will quitclaim all unpatented mining claims and mill sites back to the United States, will be completed sometime in the near future. As a result, there will be no future mineral development activities in the Bodie Bowl, making BLM regulations of mining in the Bodie Bowl unnecessary. Therefore, the proposed regulations are withdrawn. If for some unforeseen reason development of locatable minerals becomes possible on Federal lands in the Bodie Bowl in the future, BLM would take appropriate action to promulgate any needed rules.

Date: December 17, 1997.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary for Land Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Parts 191, 192, 193, 194, and 195

[Docket PS-153, Notice 3]

RIN 2137-AC98

Metric Equivalents

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

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to amend the pipeline safety regulations to provide metric equivalents. The metric equivalents are being provided for informational purposes only. Operators would continue to use the English measures for purposes of compliance and enforcement. No changeover to the metric system of measurement is being contemplated at this time. This may be reconsidered in the future.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments in duplicate by February 27, 1998. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable. Interested persons should submit as part of their written comments all the material that is relevant to any statement of fact or argument.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the subject of this notice may be submitted to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Special

Programs Administration 400 Seventh Street, SW, Dockets Unit Room 8421, Washington, DC 20590. Comments should identify the docket number stated in the heading of this notice. Persons should submit the original and one copy. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. The Dockets Unit is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, (202)366-6205, or by e-mail at fellm@rspa.dot.gov regarding the subject matter of this notice; or the RSPA Docket Unit, (202) 366-5046 regarding copies of this notice or other material in the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Executive Order 12770, "Metric Usage in the Federal Government" (July 25, 1991), requires Federal agencies to use metric measures in their business-related activities as a means to implement the metric system of measures as the preferred system of weights and measures for the United States.¹ In order to explore its responsibilities under this Executive Order, RSPA published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) on October 23, 1996 (61 FR 55069). RSPA also held a public meeting on January 10, 1997 in Dallas, Texas. On March 11, 1997, RSPA published an additional notice seeking further comment on the metrication issue, particularly on the publication of metric equivalents for all numerical measures in the pipeline safety regulations. After considering the public comments to the notice and the opinions expressed at the public meeting, RSPA is publishing this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM).

In its October 23, 1996, Notice of Public Meeting, RSPA requested comments on seven questions. These questions concerned the best method for providing metric conversion and the cost impact of conversion on the pipeline industry, including the impact on small entities. The majority of respondents were pipeline operators who opposed metric-only regulations. As a alternative, they favored providing

metric equivalents. They cited the increased costs that could result from metric conversion with no increase in safety. Some operators contended that metric-only regulations might adversely impact small entities by imposing training and administrative costs that would not contribute to pipeline safety. A few commenters were in favor of metric only regulations.

By providing English measures and metric equivalents in its pipeline safety regulations, RSPA would provide the benefit of increasing public understanding of the metric system, the goal of Executive Order 12770. Providing metric equivalents also meets the requirement that "metric usage shall not be required to the extent that such use is impractical or cause significant inefficiencies or loss of markets to United States firms." (Executive Order 12770 of July 25, 1991, p. 344) A complete conversion to the metric system would prove extremely costly to pipeline operators because most pipelines were designed using English measures. Converting these pipelines to metric-only measures would be a very time-consuming process involving considerable expenditure, including educating pipeline employees in use of the metric system. One pipeline operator noted in its comments that the metrication process in pipeline safety dates to 1978 when sections 192.121 and 192.123 were amended to include both English and metric measures. No changeover to the metric system of measurement is being contemplated at this time. This may be reconsidered in the future.

II. Regulatory Analyses and Notices

A. The Department of Transportation (DOT) does not consider this action to be a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735; October 4, 1994) and does not consider this action significant under DOT's regulatory policies and procedures (44 FR 1103; February 26, 1979). Therefore, this rulemaking was not reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Because this proposed change to the regulations providing metric equivalents for all English measures is for information and education purposes only, it will have no economic impact. Therefore, no regulatory evaluation is necessary.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

As discussed above this rule has no economic impact. Therefore, I certify pursuant to Section 605 of the regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605) that this rulemaking action will not

have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

C. Executive Order 12612

RSPA has analyzed this action in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 (52 FR 41685). RSPA has determined that the action does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

D. Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule change has no impact on the amount of paperwork required by these regulations.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rule does not impose unfunded mandates under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995. It does not result in costs of \$100 million or more to either State or local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or to the private sector, and is the least burdensome alternative that achieves the objective of the rule.

List of Subjects

49 CFR Part 191

Natural gas, Pipeline safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 192

Incorporation by reference, Natural gas, Pipeline safety.

49 CFR Part 193

Incorporation by reference, Liquefied natural gas (LNG), Pipeline safety.

49 CFR Part 194

Oil pollution, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 195

Anhydrous ammonia, Carbon dioxide, Incorporation by reference, Petroleum, Pipeline safety.

In consideration of the foregoing, RSPA proposes to amend 49 CFR parts 191-195 as follows:

PART 191—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 191 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5121, 60102, 60103, 60104, 60108, 60117, 60118, 60124, and 49 CFR 1.53.

2. In part 191, in the following section remove the numbers or words in the middle column and add the numbers or words in the third column in their place as follows:

¹ Section 2(a) of Executive Order 12770 states that "[t]he head of each executive department and agency shall use... the metric system of measurement in Federal Government procurements, grants and other business-related activities. Other business-related activities include all use of measurement units in agency programs and functions related to trade, industry, and commerce."

| Section number | Remove | Add |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 191.23(b)(3) | 220 yards | 200 meters (220 yards) |

§ 191.27 Filing offshore pipeline condition reports.

(a) * * *

(4) Total length of pipeline inspected.

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Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5103, 60102, 60104, 60108, 60109, 60110, 60113, and 60118, and 49 CFR 1.53.

2. In part 192, for the following sections, remove the numbers or words in the middle column and add the numbers or words in the third column in their place as follows:

3. Amend section 191.27 by revising paragraph (a)(4) to read as follows:

PART 192—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 192 continues to read as follows:

| Section number | Remove | Add |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 192.3 Definitions: | | |
| Exposed pipeline | 15 feet | 4.57 meters (15 feet) |
| Gulf of Mexico and its inlets | 15 feet | 4.57 meters (15 feet) |
| Hazard to navigation | 12 inches | 305 millimeters (12 inches) |
| | 15 feet | 4.57 meters (15 feet) |
| 192.5(a)(1) | 220 yards | 200 meters (220 yards) |
| | 1-mile | 1.6 kilometers (1-mile) |
| 192.5(b)(3)(ii) | 100 yards | 91 meters (100 yards) |
| 192.5(c)(2) | 220 yards | 200 meters (220 yards) |
| 192.55 (c) | 6,000 p.s.i. | 41.4 MPA (6,000 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.105 | square inch gauge | kPa (square inch gauge) |
| | square inch | kPa (square inch) |
| | inches | millimeters (inches) |
| 192.107(b)(2) | 24,000 p.s.i. | 165 MPA (24,000 p.s.i.) |
| 192.109(b) | 20 inches (twice) | 508 millimeters (20 inches) |
| 192.115 | Fahrenheit | Centigrade (Fahrenheit) |
| | 250° or less | 121° (250°) or less |
| | 300° | 149° (300°) |
| | 350° | 177° (350°) |
| | 400° | 204° (400°) |
| | 450° | 232° (450°) |
| 192.125(b) | inch (3 times) | millimeter (inch) |
| | 1/2 | 12.7 (1/2) |
| | 5/8 | 15.9 (5/8) |
| | 3/4 | 19.1 (3/4) |
| | 1 | 25.4 (1) |
| | 1 1/4 | 31.8 (1 1/4) |
| | 1 1/2 | 38.1 (1 1/2) |
| | .625 | 15.9 (.625) |
| | .750 | 19.1 (.750) |
| | .875 | 22.2 (.875) |
| | 1.125 | 28.6 (1.125) |
| | 1.375 | 34.9 (1.375) |
| | 1.625 | 41.3 (1.625) |
| | .040 | 1.061 (.040) |
| | .042 | 1.067 (.042) |
| | .045 | 1.143 (.045) |
| | .050 | 1.270 (.050) |
| | .055 | 1.397 (.055) |
| | .060 | 1.524 (.060) |
| | .0035 (twice) | .0889 (.0035) |
| | .004 (twice) | .1016 (.004) |
| | .0045 (twice) | .1143 (.0045) |
| 192.125(c) | 100 p.s.i.g. | 689 kPa (100 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.125(d) | 0.3 grains | 19.4 milligrams (0.3 grains) |
| | 100 standard cubic feet | 2.8 meters (100 standard cubic feet) |
| 192.145(d)(1) | 1,000 p.s.i.g. | 6.9 MPA (1,000 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.150(b)(7) | 10 inches | 254 millimeters (10 inches) |
| 192.151(c)(2) | 1-1/4 inch | 32 millimeters (1-1/4 inch) |
| | 4-inch | 102 millimeters (4-inch) |
| | 6-inch | 152 millimeters (6-inch) |
| 192.153(d) | 100 p.s.i.g. | 689 kPa (100 p.s.i.g.) |
| | 3 inch | 76 millimeters (3 inch) |
| 192.163(b)(1) | 2 inches | 51 millimeters (2 inches) |
| 192.163(d) | 200 feet | 61 meters (200 feet) |
| 192.167(a) | 1000 horsepower | 746 kilowatt (1000 horsepower) |
| 192.167(a)(4)(iii) | 500 feet | 152 meters (500 feet) |
| 192.175(b) | C=(3D×P×F/1,000) | C =(D×P×F/48.33) (C=(3D×P×F/1,000)) |

| Section number | Remove | Add |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| 192.177(a)(1) | inches (twice) p.s.i.g. 1,000 p.s.i.g. (twice) | millimeters (inches) kPa (p.s.i.g.) 6.9 MPA (1,000 p.s.i.g.) |
| | feet | meters (feet) |
| | 25 | 7.62(25) |
| | 100 | 30.5 (100) |
| 192.179(a)(1) | 2½ miles | 4 kilometers (2½ miles) |
| 192.179(a)(2) | 4 miles | 6.4 kilometers (4 miles) |
| 192.179(a)(3) | 7½ miles | 12 kilometers (7½ miles) |
| 192.179(a)(4) | 10 miles | 16 kilometers (10 miles) |
| 192.183(c) | 10 inch | 254 millimeters (10 inch) |
| 192.187(a) | 200 cubic feet | 5.663 cubic meters (200 cubic feet) |
| 192.187(a)(1) | 4 inches | 102 millimeters (4 inches) |
| 192.187(b) | 75 cubic feet | 2.12 cubic meters (75 cubic feet) |
| 192.197(a) | 60 p.s.i.g. | 414 kPa (60 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.197(c) | 60 p.s.i.g. | 414 kPa (60 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.197(c)(1) | 60 p.s.i.g. (3 times) | 414 kPa (60 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.197(c)(3) | 125 p.s.i.g. | 862 kPa (125 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.201(a)(2)(i) | 60 p.s.i.g. | 414 kPa (60 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.201(a)(2)(ii) | 12 p.s.i.g. | 83 kPa (12 p.s.i.g.) |
| | 60 p.s.i.g. | 414 kPa (60 p.s.i.g.) |
| | 6 p.s.i.g. | 41 kPa (6 P.S.I.G.) |
| 192.201(a)(2)(iii) | 12 p.s.i.g. | 83 kPa (12 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.229(d)(2)(ii) | 2 inches | 51 millimeters (2 inches) |
| 192.203(b)(3) | 400° F | 204° C (400° F) |
| 192.241(b)(1) | 6 inches | 152 millimeters (6 inches) |
| 192.309(b)(3)(i) | one-quarter inch | 6.35 millimeters (¼ inch) |
| | 12¾ inches | 324 millimeters (12¾ inches) |
| 192.313(a)(3)(ii) | 12 inches | 304.8 millimeters (12 inches) |
| 192.313(c) | 2 inches | 50.8 millimeters (2 inches) |
| | 1 inch | 25.4 millimeters (1 inch) |
| 192.315(b)(3) | 16 inches | 406 millimeters (16 inches) |
| 192.319(c) | 12 feet | 3.66 meters (12 feet) |
| | 200 feet | 61 meters (200 feet) |
| | 15 feet | 4.57 meters (15 feet) |
| | 36 inches | 914 millimeters (36 inches) |
| | 18 inches | 457 millimeters (18 inches) |
| 192.321(d) | 0.090 inch | 2.286 millimeters (0.090 inch) |
| | 0.875 inch | 22.33 millimeters (0.875 inch) |
| | 0.062 inch | 1.575 millimeters (0.062 inch) |
| 192.327(a) | Inches | Millimeters (Inches) |
| | 30 | 762 (30) |
| | 18 | 457 (18) |
| | 36 (twice) | 914 (36) |
| | 24 (twice) | 610 (24) |
| 192.327(b) | 24 inches | 610 millimeters (24 inches) |
| 192.327(d) | 24 inches | 610 millimeter (24 inches) |
| 192.327(e) | 48 inches | 1219 millimeters (48 inches) |
| | 24 inches | 610 millimeters (24 inches) |
| 192.327(f) | 200 feet | 60 meters (200 feet) |
| 192.327(f)(1) | 12 feet | 3.66 meters (12 feet) |
| | 36 inches | 914 millimeters (36 inches) |
| | 18 inches | 457 millimeters (18 inches) |
| 192.327(f)(2) | 12 feet | 3.66 meters (12 feet) |
| 192.353(c) | 3 feet | 914 millimeters (3 feet) |
| 192.359(b) | 10 p.s.i.g. | 68.9 kPa (10 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.361 | 12 inches | 305 millimeters (12 inches) |
| | 18 inches | 457 millimeters (12 inches) |
| 192.371 | 100 p.s.i.g. (twice) | 689 kPa (100 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.373(a) | 6 inches | 152 millimeters (6 inches) |
| 192.381(a) | 10 p.s.i.g. | 68.9 kPa (10 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.381(a)(3) | 10 p.s.i.g. | 68.9 kPa (10 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.381(a)(3)(i)(A) | 20 cubic feet | 0.566 cubic meters (20 cubic feet) |
| 192.(a)(3)(ii)(B) | 0.4 cubic feet | .011 cubic meters (0.4 cubic feet) |
| 192.455 | 20 feet | 6 meters (20 feet) |
| 192.465(a) | 100 feet | 30 meters (100 feet) |
| 192.475(c) | 0.25 grain | 16.2 milligrams (0.25 grain) |
| | 100 standard cubic feet | 2.8 cubic meters (100 cubic feet) |

| Section number | Remove | Add |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| 192.505(a) | 300 feet (twice) 600 feet (twice) | 91 meters (300 feet) 183 meters (600 feet) |
| 192.507 (heading) | 100 p.s.i.g. | 689 kPa (100 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.507 (introductory text) | 100 p.s.i.g. | 689 kPa (100 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.507(b)(1) | 100 p.s.i.g. | 689 kPa (100 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.509 | 100 p.s.i.g. | 689 kPa (100 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.509(b) | 1 p.s.i.g. (twice) 10 p.s.i.g. 90 p.s.i.g. | 6.89 kPa (1 p.s.i.g.) 68.9 kPa (10 p.s.i.g.) 621 kPa (90 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.511(b) | 1 p.s.i.g. 40 p.s.i.g. 50 p.s.i.g. | 6.89 kPa (1 p.s.i.g.) 276 kPa (40 p.s.i.g.) 345 kPa (50 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.511(c) | 40 p.s.i.g. 90 p.s.i.g. 50 p.s.i.g. | 276 kPa (40 p.s.i.g.) 621 kPa (90 p.s.i.g.) 345 kPa (50 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.513(c) | 10 p.s.i.g. | 68.9 kPa (10 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.557(c) | 11,000 p.s.i. 31,000 p.s.i. | 75.8 MPA (11,000 p.s.i.g.) 214 MPA (31,000 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.557(d)(4) | | |
| 192.557(d)(3) | inches (twice) | millimeters (inches) |
| | 3 to 8 10 to 12 14 to 24 30 to 42 48 54 to 60 0.075 (3 times) 0.08 (4 times) 0.09 (5 times) 0.065 (twice) 0.07 (twice) | 76 to 203 (3 to 8) 254 to 305 (10 to 12) 356 to 610 (14 to 24) 762 to 1067 (30 to 42) 1219 (48) 1372 to 1524 (54 to 60) 1.905 (0.075) 2.032 (0.08) 2.286 (0.09) 1.651 (0.065) 1.778 (0.07) |
| 192.612(b)(2) | 500 yards 200 yards | 457 meters (500 yards) 183 meters (200 yards) |
| 192.612(b)(3) | 36 inches 18 inches | 914 millimeters (36 inches) 457 millimeters (18 inches) |
| 192.619(a)(2)(ii) | 100 p.s.i.g. | 689 kPa (100 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.621(a)(2) | 60 p.s.i.g. (twice) | 414 kPa (60 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.621(a)(3) | 25 p.s.i.g. | 172 kPa (25 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.707(d)(1) | one inch one-quarter inch 1/8 inch | 25 millimeters (1 inch) 6.35 millimeters (1/4 inch) 3.175 millimeters (1/8 inch) |
| 192.715(b)(3) | 1,000 horsepower | 746 kW (1,000 horsepower) |
| 192.736(a)(2) | 200 cubic feet | 5.66 cubic meters (200 cubic feet) |
| 192.749(a) | 25 p.s.i.g. | 172 kPa (25 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.753(a) | 25 p.s.i.g. | 172 kPa (25 p.s.i.g.) |
| 192.753(b) | 2 inches (twice) 4 inches (twice) | 51 millimeters (2 inches) 102 millimeters (4 inches) |
| Appendix B (II)(A) | 24,000 p.s.i. | 165 MPA (24,000 p.s.i.g.) |
| Appendix B (II)(B) | 12 inches 1/8-inch | 305 millimeters (12 inches) 3.175 millimeters (0.125 inches) |
| Appendix B (II)(D) | 8 inches | 203 millimeters (8 inches) |
| Appendix C (I) | 2 inches | 51 millimeters (2 inches) |
| Appendix C (III) | | |
| Appendix C (III)(1) | | |

PART 193—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 193 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5103, 60102, 60103, 60104, 60108, 60109, 60110, 60113, 60118; and 49 CFR 1.53.

In part 193 for the following sections remove the numbers and words in the middle column and add the numbers and words in the third column in their place as follows:

| Section | Remove | Add |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| 193.2057 (d) | Btu/ft. ² hour 1600 4000 (twice) 6700 (twice) 10000 | watts/ft. ² hour(Btu/ft. ²) 5047 (1600) 12600 (4000) 21100 (6700) 31500 (10000) |
| 193.2059(c)(2) | 4.5 miles per hour | 7.24 km/hour (4.5 miles/hour) |
| 193.2061(a) | 70,000 gallons | 265 cubic meters (70,000 gallons) |
| 193.2061(b)(1) | 70,000 gallons 2 feet | 265 cubic meters (70,000 gallons) 610 millimeters (2 feet) |
| 193.2061 (e)(1) | 100 miles | 161 kilometers (100 miles) |
| 193.2061 (e)(3) | 10 miles | 16.1 kilometers (10 miles) |
| 193.2061(f)(2) | 30 inches | 762 millimeters(30 inches) |
| 193.2061 (f)(3) | one mile 60 inches | 1.6 kilometers (1 mile) 1.52 meters (60 inches) |

| Section | Remove | Add |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| 193.2067 (b)(1) | 70,000 gallons | 265 cubic meters (70,000 gallons) |
| 193.2067 (b)(2)(i) | 200 miles | 322 kilometers (200 miles) |
| 193.2133(b) | 1 cubic foot | .028 cubic meters (1 cubic foot) |
| 193.2153(a) | per square foot | per square meter (per square foot) |
| 193.2191 | 24 inches | 610 millimeters (24 inches) |
| 193.2195(d) | 5,000 barrels | 795 cubic meters (5,000 barrels) |
| 193.2209(a) | 70,000 gallons | 265 cubic meters (70,000 gallons) |
| 193.2209(b) | 70,000 gallons | 265 cubic meters (70,000 gallons) |
| 193.2211(a) | 15 p.s.i.g | 103 kPa (15 p.s.i.g.) |
| 193.2211(b) | 15 p.s.i.g | 103 kPa (15 p.s.i.g.) |
| 193.2233(b) | 50 feet | 15.2 meters (50 feet) |
| 193.2321(a) | 2 inches (twice) | 51 millimeters (2 inches) |
| 193.2321(d) | 15 p.s.i.g | 103 kPa (15 p.s.i.g.) |
| 193.2321(e) | 15 p.s.i.g | 103 kPa (15 p.s.i.g.) |
| 193.2327(a) | 15 p.s.i.g | 103 kPa (15 p.s.i.g.) |
| 193.2327(b) | 15 p.s.i.g | 103 kPa (15 p.s.i.g.) |
| 193.2519(b) | 70,000 gallons | 265 cubic meters (70,000 gallons) |

PART 194—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 194 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231, 1321(j)(1)(C), (j)(5) and (j)(6); sec. 2, E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351; 49 CFR 1.53.

2. In part 194, for the following sections remove the numbers or words in the middle column and add the numbers or words in the third column in their place as follows:

| Section | Remove | Add |
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| 194.5 Definitions | | |
| Barrel | 42 United States gallons | 159 liters (42 United States gallons) |
| | 60 degrees Fahrenheit | 15.6° Celsius (60° Fahrenheit) |
| High volume area | 20 inches | 508 millimeters (20 inches) |
| 194.101(b)(1) | 6 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches | 168 millimeters (6 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches) |
| | 10 miles | 16.1 kilometers (10 miles) |
| 194.101(b)(1)(i) | 1,000 barrels | 159 cubic meters (1,000 barrels) |
| 194.101(b)(2)(ii) | 6 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches | 168 millimeters (6 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches) |
| | 10 miles | 16.1 kilometers (10 miles) |
| 194.103(c) | 6 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches | 168 millimeters (6 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches) |
| | 10 miles | 16.1 kilometers (10 miles) |
| 194.103(c)(1) | 1,000 barrels | 159 cubic meters (1,000 barrels) |
| 194.103(c)(4) | five-mile | 8 kilometers (5 miles) |
| 194.103(c)(5) | one-mile | 1.6 kilometers (1 mile) |
| 194.105(b) | barrels | cubic meters (barrels) |
| 194.105(b)(1) | barrels | cubic meters (barrels) |
| 194.105(b)(2) | barrels | cubic meters (barrels) |
| 194.105(b)(3) | barrels | cubic meters (barrels) |
| Appendix A: | | |
| Section 9(h)(2)(i) | five miles | 8 kilometers (5 miles) |
| Appendix A: | | |
| Section 9(h)(2)(ii) | one mile | 1.6 kilometers (1 mile) |

PART 195—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 195 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5103, 60102, 60104, 60108, 60109, 60118, and 49 CFR 1.53.

2. In part 195, for the following sections, remove the numbers or words in the middle column and add the numbers or words in the third column in their place as follows:

| Section | Remove | Add |
|--|------------------------|---|
| 195.2 Definitions: | | |
| Exposed pipeline | 15 feet | 4.57 meters (15 feet) |
| Gulf of Mexico and its inlets | 15 feet | 4.57 meters (15 feet) |
| Hazard to navigation | 12 inches | 305 millimeters (12 inches) |
| | 15 feet | 4.57 meters (15 feet) |
| Specified minimum yield strength | pounds per square inch | kPa (p.s.i.g.) |
| 195.50(b) | 50 or more barrels | 8 or more cubic meters (50 or more barrels) |
| 195.50(c) | 5 barrels | 0.8 cubic meters (5 barrels) |
| 195.55(b)(1) | 220 yards | 200 meters (220 yards) |

| Section | Remove | Add |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 195.57(a)(4) | miles | kilometers (miles) |
| 195.106(a) | pounds per square inch | kPa (p.s.i.g.) |
| 195.120(b)(6) | inches (twice) | millimeters (inches) |
| 195.208 | 10 inches | 254 millimeters (10 inches) |
| 195.210(b) | 100 p.s.i.g. | 689 kPa (100 p.s.i.g.) |
| | 50 feet | 15.2 meters (50 feet) |
| | 12 inches | 305 millimeters (12 inches) |
| 195.248(a) | inches | millimeters (inches) |
| | 36 (4 times) | 914 (36) |
| | 30 (twice) | 762 (30) |
| | 48 (twice) | 1219 (48) |
| | 18 (3 times) | 457 (18) |
| | 24 (twice) | 610 (24) |
| 195.250 | 12 inches (3 times) | 305 millimeters (12 inches) |
| | 2 inches | 51 millimeters (2 inches) |
| 195.260(e) | 100 feet | 30.48 meters (100 feet) |
| 195.302(c)(2)(i)(A) | mileage | length (mileage) |
| 195.302(c)(2)(i)(B) | mileage | length (mileage) |
| 195.302(c)(2)(ii) | mileage | length (mileage) |
| 195.306(b)(2) | 300 feet | 91 meters (300 feet) |
| 195.306(c)(2) | 300 feet | 91 meters (300 feet) |
| 195.310(b)(9) | 100 feet | 30 meters (100 feet) |
| 195.410(a)(2)(i) | one inch | 25.4 millimeters (1 inch) |
| | one-quarter inch | 6.35 millimeters (1/4 inch) |
| 195.413(b)(2) | 500 yards | 457 meters (500 yards) |
| | 200 yards | 183 meters (200 yards) |
| 195.413(b)(3) | 36 inches | 914 millimeters (36 inches) |
| | 18 inches | 457 millimeters (18 inches) |
| 195.424(b)(3)(ii) | 50 p.s.i.g. | 345 kPa (50 p.s.i.g.) |

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Parts 192 and 195

[Docket No. PS-94; Notice 9]

RIN 2137-AB38

Qualification of Pipeline Personnel

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This announces the next RSPA Negotiated Rulemaking Committee. This committee is conducting a negotiated rulemaking to develop a proposed rule on qualification of pipeline employees performing certain safety-related functions on pipelines subject to the pipeline safety regulations. The advisory committee is composed of persons who represent the interests that would be affected by the rule, such as gas pipeline operators, hazardous liquid pipeline operators,

representatives of state and federal governments, labor organizations, and other interested parties. The Committee hopes to conclude the development of this NPRM by the end of this meeting. OPS will then publish the NPRM in the **Federal Register** for public evaluation and comment.

DATES: The Committee will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on January 27-29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The Committee will meet at the American Gas Association, 1515 Wilson Boulevard, 11th floor, in Arlington, Virginia.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 600

[Docket No. 970708168-7168-01; I.D. 061697B]

RIN 0648-AJ58

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; National Standard Guidelines

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On August 4, 1997, NMFS published a proposed rule to amend the national standard guidelines under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The public comment period for the proposed guidelines ended September 18, 1997. Because of remaining issues regarding interpretation of the Magnuson-Stevens Act's provisions relative to overfishing, NMFS is reopening the public comment period on national standard 1 for an additional 30 days.