

Periodic Update of Regulatory References to Technical Standards NPRM**Advisory Committee Action: Information****Contact: *Mike Israni***

PHMSA will soon issue the proposed rule revising technical standards incorporated by reference to the most recent editions of voluntary consensus standards in Part 192, 193, and 195. This proposed rule does not require pipeline operators to undertake any significant new pipeline safety initiatives.

Background:

- National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 and OMB Circular A-119 *Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Standards* require PHMSA to reference voluntary consensus standards. Most standards are updated every three to five years.
- The previous Periodic Update rule NPRM was published in 2005 and the final rule was published in 2006. It was amended in 2007.
- Across Parts 192, 193 & 195, there are sixty-one standards incorporated by reference. Since the last NPRM, forty-six standards have been updated.
- This NPRM also proposes minor revisions to the pipeline safety regulations to correct language or clarify meaning in a number of sections.