

prepared. Copies of the environmental assessment are available for inspection through the Rules Docket Clerk, Federal Emergency Management Agency, room 840, 500 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20472.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that this proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq., because the increased rates proposed will average approximately \$1.75 per month, and the proposed rule is not expected: (1) To adversely affect the availability of flood insurance to small entities, (2) to have significant secondary or incidental effects on a substantial number of small entities, nor (3) to create any additional burden on small entities.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This proposed rule does not contain a collection of information requirement as described in section 3504(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This proposed rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets the applicable standards of section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 61

Flood insurance.

Accordingly, FEMA proposed to amend 44 CFR part 61 as follows:

PART 61—INSURANCE COVERAGE AND RATES

1. The authority citation for part 61 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 43 FR 41943, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127 of Mar. 31, 1979, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

2. Section 61.9 is revised to read as follows:

§ 61.9 Establishment of chargeable rates.

(a) Pursuant to section 1308 of the Act, chargeable rates per year per \$100 of flood insurance are established as follows for all areas designated by the Administrator under part 64 of this subchapter for the offering of flood insurance.

RATES FOR NEW AND RENEWAL POLICIES

Type of structure	Rates per year per \$100 coverage on	
	Structure	Contents
(1) Residential ..	\$0.60	\$0.70
(2) All other (including hotels and motels with normal occupancy of less than 6 months in duration70	1.40

(b) The contents rate shall be based upon the use of the individual premises for which contents coverage is purchased.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, "Flood Insurance")

James L. Witt,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Part 192

[Docket PS-135; Notice 2]

RIN 2137-AC32

Customer-Owned Service Lines

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

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document relates to a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published on Thursday, February 3, 1994 (59 FR 5168). The NPRM proposed to require operators of gas distribution systems who do not maintain buried customer-owned service lines to advise their customers of the proper maintenance of these gas lines and of the potential hazards of not properly maintaining them. This supplemental notice clarifies that the proposed notification requirements apply to operators of gas transmission systems who do not maintain customer-owned service lines. It also proposes to apply the proposed notification requirements to above ground customer-owned service lines.

DATES: The comment period for this supplemental NPRM and for the NPRM published February 3, 1994 is May 5, 1994. 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 considered relevant to any statement or argument made.

ADDRESSES: Written comments must be submitted in duplicate and mailed or hand-delivered to the Dockets Unit, room 8421, U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Special Programs Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Identify the docket and notice numbers stated in the heading of this notice. All comments and materials cited in this document will be available for inspection and copying in room 8421 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each business day. Non-federal employee visitors are admitted to the DOT headquarters building through the southwest quadrant at Seventh and E Streets.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina M. Sames, (202) 366-4561, regarding the content of this document, or the Dockets Unit (202) 366-5046 for copies of this document or other materials in the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 3, 1994, RSPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking titled, "Customer-Owned Service Lines" (59 FR 5168). This notice proposed to require each operator of a natural gas or petroleum gas distribution system that does not maintain buried customer-owned service lines up to the building wall or to the end-use equipment to part 192 standards, to provide written notification to the customer of the proper maintenance requirements for these lines and of the potential hazards of not maintaining these lines. The notice proposed to define a customer-owned service line as " * * * a pipeline that transports natural gas or petroleum gas from a service line to (1) an exterior wall of a building, or (2) end-use equipment. 'Farm taps' are customer-owned service lines which begin at a customer meter, usually adjacent to a gas transmission line, and run to a single consumer." By including "farm taps" in the definition of a customer-owned service line, RSPA intended to include gas transmission operators in the proposed notification requirements.

RSPA wishes to clarify that the notification requirements apply to each gas transmission operator who does not maintain a customer-owned service line up to the building wall. Thus, the proposed requirements would apply to gas transmission pipelines which branch off and run to a single consumer (also referred to as farm taps or industrial taps). The portion of the

pipeline subject to the proposed regulation would be the section from the meter or the connection to the customers piping up to the building wall. The term "single consumer" is meant to include, but is not limited to, farms, homes, schools, manufacturing plants, and factories.

RSPA also proposes to extend the proposed notification requirements to gas transmission and distribution operators who do not maintain above ground customer-owned service lines up to the building wall. RSPA has become aware of situations where the meter is adjacent to the home or building and the pipeline running from the outlet of the meter to the home or building wall is above ground. In these instances, the operator is responsible for the pipeline up to the meter, and the customer is responsible for the small portion of pipeline from the outlet of the meter to the home or building wall. RSPA invites public comment on whether these short sections of customer-owned service lines have been properly installed and whether they are periodically maintained. RSPA believes that some of these sections were installed and are voluntarily maintained by the operator, even though they are the responsibility of the customer. Commenters are requested to support their responses with leak and incident data that includes information on personal injuries, deaths, and property damages.

RSPA would also like to clarify that, for buried customer-owned service lines, RSPA is only referring to the main line running from the outlet of the meter or the connection to the customer's piping to the building wall or end-use equipment. RSPA does not intend to include lines which branch off of the main customer-owned service line and run to heated pools, grills, and similar equipment.

Regulatory Analyses

Executive Order 12866 and DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures

This proposed rule is not considered a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, was not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget. The rule is not considered significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979). A revised regulatory evaluation is available for review in the docket.

Executive Order 12612

The proposed rule has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria in Executive Order 12612 ("Federalism"), and does not have sufficient federalism impacts to warrant the preparation of a federalism assessment.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

A draft regulatory evaluation has been prepared to determine the economic impact of the NPRM and this supplemental NPRM. Based on the facts available, I certify that this proposal will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This certification is subject to modification as a result of a review of comments received in response to this proposal.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements associated with this notice of proposed rulemaking are being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with 44 U.S.C. chapter 35 under the following:

Administration: Department of Transportation, Research and Special Programs Administration;

Title: Customer-owned service line information dissemination;

Need for Information: To reduce the number of incidents and resulting deaths, injuries, property, and environmental damage caused by improper maintenance of customer-owned service lines;

Proposed Use of Information: To advise owners of customer-owned service lines of the proper maintenance of these gas lines and of the potential hazards of not properly maintaining these lines;

Frequency: Occasionally;

Burden Estimate: \$500,000 initially, \$50,000 annually thereafter;

Respondents: Gas transmission & distribution operators;

Form(s): N/A;

Average Burden Hours per Respondent: Minimal.

For further information contact: The Information Management Division, M-34, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4735. Comments on the proposed information collection requirements should be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Desk Officer for Department of Transportation, Research and Special

Programs Administration. It is requested that comments sent to OMB also be sent to the RSPA rulemaking docket for this proposed action.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 192

Pipeline safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

In consideration of the foregoing, RSPA proposes to amend 49 CFR part 192 as follows:

PART 192—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: 49 App. U.S.C. 1672 and 1804; 49 CFR 1.53,

2. Section 192.3 would be amended by adding the following definition to read as follows:

§ 192.3 Definitions

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Customer-Owned service line means a pipeline that transports natural gas or petroleum gas from a service line to:

(1) An exterior wall of a building, or

(2) End-use equipment. *Farm taps* and *industrial taps* customer-owned service lines which begin at a customer meter, usually adjacent to a gas transmission line, and run to a single consumer.

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3. Section 192.16 would be added to subpart A to read as follows:

§ 192.16 Customer-owned service lines:

(a) Each transmission or distribution operator that does not maintain a customer-owned service line to part 192 standards, shall provide written notification to the customer:

(1) That the customer owns and is responsible for the maintenance of the customer-owned service line;

(2) Of the essential elements for proper maintenance of the customer-owned service line, such as those listed in subpart M of this part or those listed in applicable local building codes;

(3) Of available resources that could aid the customer in obtaining maintenance assistance, such as the gas pipeline operator, the state licensing board for plumbers and state plumbers' associations, Federal and state gas pipeline safety organizations, the local building code agencies, and appropriate leak detection, gas utility, and corrosion protection contractors;

(4) Of any information that the operator has concerning the operation and maintenance of the customer-owned service line that could aid the customer, such as information on excavation damage prevention, local codes and standards (when applicable), and the age, location, and material of the customer-owned service line; and

(5) The potential hazards of not maintaining the customer-owned service line, such as corrosion and gas leakage.

(b) An operator shall provide the notification required in paragraph (a) of this section:

(1) Before (enter date 6 months after date of publication of final rule) for existing customers; and

(2) Before (enter date 6 months after date of publication of final rule) or within 30 days from date the gas service line is placed in service for new customers, whichever is later.

(c) Each operator must keep a record of the written notifications made under the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section.

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Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Comment Period on Proposed Endangered Status for Argali

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Service gives notice that the comment period on the proposed rule to determine endangered status for the argali in Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, and Tajikistan will be reopened for 30 days to obtain comments on new data.

DATES: All comments and information received through April 20, 1994 will be considered in making a final decision on the proposal and will be included in the administrative record.

ADDRESSES: Please send correspondence regarding this notice to the Chief, Office of Scientific Authority; Mail Stop: Arlington Square, room 725; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Washington, DC 20240 (Fax number 703-358-2276). Express and messenger-delivered mail should be addressed to the Office of Scientific Authority; room 750, 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Arlington, Virginia 22203. Comments and other information received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Arlington, Virginia address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Charles W. Dane, Chief, Office of Scientific Authority, at the above address (phone 703-358-1708).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of April 27, 1993 (58 FR 25595-25600), the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a proposed rule to determine endangered status for the argali (*Ovis ammon*), a wild sheep, in Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, and Tajikistan. The species currently is classified as threatened in those three countries and as endangered throughout the rest of its range. Effective January 1, 1993, a special rule (50 CFR 17.40(j)) provides for the limited importation into the United States of argali trophies taken in Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, and Tajikistan, once the Service has received from the governments of those countries properly documented and verifiable certification that: (1) Argali populations are sufficiently large to sustain sport hunting; (2) regulating authorities have the capability to obtain sound data on these populations; (3) regulating authorities recognize these populations

as a valuable resource and have the legal and practical means to manage them as such; (4) the habitat of these populations is secure; (5) regulating authorities can ensure that the involved trophies have in fact been legally taken from the specified populations; and (6) funds derived from the involved sport hunting are applied primarily to argali conservation. The original comment period on the proposed reclassification and proposed repeal of the special rule ended on October 25, 1993.

The proposal of April 27, 1993, stated that the threatened classification and special rule appeared inadequate to provide for the protection of the species in Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, and Tajikistan. In addition, no substantive response has been received relative to the special rule's requirement for the certification indicated above. The Service, however, attempted to collect information that could help meet this requirement, through the funding of a survey by Dr. Anna Lushechina of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow. A final report of this survey was recently submitted to the Service. As this report contains information that may be relevant to a final decision regarding the proposal of April 27, 1993, the Service now reopens the comment period for 30 days and will provide copies of the report upon request.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531-1544.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 17

Endangered and threatened species, Exports, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and Transportation.

Dated: February 28, 1994.

Mollie H. Beattie,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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