

PIPES ACT 2020 WEB CHART

Rule Title/Subject/Docket No.	RIN	Rule Stage and Significance	Legislation	Description of Work Plan	Rulemaking Timeline (*actual date)	OST Date for Completing Review (45 days)	Date(s) Sent back to PHMSA	Date(s) Sent Back to OST	Current Staff PHMSA/OST Allocation **	Resource Constraints Affecting Process in PHMSA/ OST	Date Rulemaking Transmitted to OMB (90 day review) (reginfo.gov)	Additional Details Affecting Rule-making	Additional Comments on Rulemaking Status
OPS: Safety of Gas Gathering Pipelines	2137-AF38	Final Rule	PIPES Act 2020 Sec 112	Complete final rule.	To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	6/29/21* 6/30/21* 8/16/21 11/30/21	8/16/21	7/9/21	7/15/21	9 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES	GPAC meeting held June 25-26, 2019.	NPRM published in FR on 10/1/2019.
OPS: Safety of Gas Transmission Pipelines: Discretionary Integrity Management Improvements	2137-AF39	Final Rule	Pipeline Safety 2011 Sec 5	Complete final rule.	To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	7/18/21 7/30/21 9/15/21 12/29/21				9 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES	GPAC meeting held March 26-28, 2018.	NPRM published in FR on 10/1/2019.
OPS: Amendments to Parts 192 and 195 to require Valve Installation and Minimum Rupture Detection Standards	2137-AF06	Final Rule	Pipeline Safety 2011 Sec 4 and 8; PIPES Act 2020 Sec 113	Complete final rule.	To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	7/22/21 7/30/21 9/15/21 12/29/21				8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES	GPAC/LPAC meeting held June 22-23, 2020.	NPRM published in FR on 2/6/2020.
OPS: Coastal Ecological Unusually Sensitive Areas	2137-AF31	IFR	PIPES Act 2016 Sec 19; PIPES Act 2020 Sec 120	Complete drafting IFR.	To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	8/16/21 8/30/21 10/14/21 12/28/21				8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES	Public workshop held June 12-13, 2019.	
OPS: Gas Pipeline Leak Detection	2137-AF51	NPRM	PIPES Act 2020 Sec 113	Complete drafting NPRM.	To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	12/09/21 12/27/21 2/11/22 5/27/22				8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES	PHMSA held public meeting May 5-6, 2021.	
OPS: Safety of Gas Distribution Pipelines	2137-AF53	NPRM	PIPES Act 2020 Leonel Rondon Act Sec 202, 203, 204, and 206	Complete drafting NPRM.	To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	12/30/21 1/31/22 3/17/22 7/05/22				8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES		
OPS: Amendments to Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities	2137-AF45	NPRM	PIPES Act 2016 Sec 27; PIPES Act 2020 Sec 110	Complete drafting NPRM.	To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	3/21/22 3/31/22 5/16/22 9/09/22				8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES		
OPS: Class Location	2137-AF29	Final Rule	PIPES Act 2020 Sec 115	Hold GPAC meeting.	To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	9/19/22 10/11/22 11/28/22 03/21/23				8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES		NPRM published in FR on 10/14/2020. Comment period closed 12/14/2020; planning GPAC.
OPS: Pipeline Operational Status	2137-AF52	NPRM	PIPES Act 2020 Sec 109	Complete drafting NPRM	To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	10/11/22 11/03/22 12/22/22 4/14/23				8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES		

**Staff allocations listed in this chart identify the total number of persons assigned to each rulemaking project. However, PHMSA and DOT staff are often assigned to multiple rulemaking teams and have additional tasks that prevent them from working full-time on a single rulemaking project.
Workplan Projected Completion Dates based on currently available information.

ACRONYMS used: OPS - Office of Pipeline Safety; CC or PHC - PHMSA Office of Chief Counsel; AA - Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety; PH-1 - Administrator of PHMSA; C-1 - OST Chief Counsel; S1 - Secretary of Transportation; FR - Federal Register; OST - Office of the Secretary of Transportation; OIRA - Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; OMB - Office of Management and Budget; IFR - Interim Final Rule; NPRM - Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; ANPRM - Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; NPRM - Notice of Proposed; GPAC - Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee; LPAC - Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee; FR Pub - Federal Register Publication Date.