

already begun distributing COVID-19 vaccine doses to high-risk groups, including frontline workers. It may take many months before all frontline transit workers can be vaccinated, though their communities will continue to rely on them to provide critical transportation services every day—including transportation to vaccination sites.

On January 21, 2021, President Biden issued E.O. 13998, “to save lives and allow all Americans, including the millions of people employed in the transportation industry, to travel and work safely,” requiring immediate Federal action to mandate masks on public forms of transportation, including transit. On January 29, 2021, the CDC issued an Order requiring the wearing of masks by travelers, including on public transportation, to prevent spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. The CDC Order requires transportation operators to require that all persons wear masks when boarding, disembarking, and for the duration of travel, with certain exemptions. Operators of transportation hubs, which include bus terminals and subway stations, must require all persons wear a mask when entering or on the premises of a transportation hub. Subsequently, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a Security Directive on February 1, 2021 that implements the CDC Order.

The FTA plays a critical role in providing risk-based guidance and support for the COVID-19 recovery efforts of the transit industry. Accordingly, the FTA will require that respondents provide the following information using a fillable electronic online application: Transit Worker Counts: Total number of transit operators, other frontline essential personnel, and other workers during the reporting period.

**COVID-19 Impacts on Transit Agency Service Levels:** Yes or no responses to indicate if the agency suspended service, reduced service, or operated at normal levels during the reporting period.

**COVID-19 Impacts on Transit Workforce:** Cumulative counts of transit worker COVID-19 positives, fatalities, recoveries, and unvaccinated employees during the reporting period, and yes or no responses on whether the agency is requiring workers to be vaccinated, whether the agency has implemented the CDC Order and TSA Security Directive requiring workers and passengers to wear masks.

**Respondents:** FTA will require this information, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5334, from recipients and sub-recipients of FTA funds under the Urbanized Area

Formula Funding program (49 U.S.C. 5307) or the Formula Grants for Rural Areas program (49 U.S.C. 5311) that operate transit systems or pass through funds to sub-recipients that operate transit systems. Recipients of FTA funds under the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (49 U.S.C. 5310) are requested to provide this information on a voluntary basis.

**Estimated Average Total Annual Respondents:** 2,390 respondents.

**Estimated Average Total Responses:** 28,680.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:** 10,356.

**Estimated Annual Burden per Response:** 5 minutes per Section 5307 or 5311 respondent, 200 minutes per Section 5311 State respondent, and 8 minutes per Section 5310 transit operator respondent.

**Frequency:** Biweekly to monthly through December 31, 2021, or the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency, whichever comes first.

**Nadine Pembleton,**

*Director Office of Management Planning.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0150]

#### Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit; Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is publishing this notice to solicit public comments on a request for special permit received from the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC (NGPL). The special permit request is seeking relief from compliance with certain requirements in the Federal pipeline safety regulations. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit request.

**DATES:** Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by April 5, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference the docket number for this special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

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

- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.

- **Mail:** Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- **Hand Delivery:** Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two (2) copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

**Note:** There is a privacy statement published on <http://www.Regulations.gov>. Comments, including any personal information provided, are posted without changes or edits to <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

**Confidential Business Information:** Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.343, you may ask PHMSA to give confidential treatment to information you give to the agency by taking the following steps: (1) Mark each page of the original document submission containing CBI as “Confidential”; (2) send PHMSA, along with the original document, a second copy of the original document with the CBI deleted; and (3) explain why the information you are submitting is CBI. Unless you are notified otherwise, PHMSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this notice.

Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Kay McIver, DOT, PHMSA—PHP—80, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this matter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*General:* Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202–366–0113, or by email at [kay.mciver@dot.gov](mailto:kay.mciver@dot.gov).

*Technical:* Mr. Steve Nanney by telephone at 713–272–2855, or by email at [steve.nanney@dot.gov](mailto:steve.nanney@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PHMSA received a special permit request from NGPL, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, Inc., seeking a waiver from the requirements of 49 CFR 192.611(a) and (d): Change in class location: Confirmation or revision of maximum allowable operating pressure, and 49 CFR 192.619(a): Maximum allowable operating pressure: Steel or plastic pipelines. This special permit is being requested in lieu of pipe replacement or pressure reduction for three (3) pipeline segments totaling 570 feet (approximately 0.108 miles) of 36-inch diameter pipe on the Amarillo Lines #3 and #4 Pipelines located in Muscatine County, Iowa, and 655 feet (approximately 0.124 miles) of 30-inch diameter pipe on the Louisiana Line #1 Pipeline located in Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. The proposed special permit will allow operation of the original Class 1 pipe in the Class 3 locations.

The proposed special permit segments have a maximum allowable operating pressure of 712 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) for the NGPL Amarillo Lines #3 and #4 Pipelines and 1,100 psig for the Louisiana Line #1 Pipeline. The Amarillo Lines #3 and #4 Pipelines and the Louisiana Line #1 Pipeline were constructed in 1958, 1973, and 1967, respectively.

The special permit request, proposed special permit with conditions, and

Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Amarillo Lines #3 and #4 Pipelines and the Louisiana Line #1 Pipeline are available for review and public comments in Docket No. PHMSA–2019–0150. PHMSA invites interested persons to review and submit comments on the special permit request and DEA in the docket. Please include any comments on potential safety and environmental impacts that may result if the special permit is granted. Comments may include relevant data.

Before issuing a decision on the special permit request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comments closing date. Comments received after the closing date will be evaluated, if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment it receives in making its decision to grant or deny this special permit request.

Issued in Washington, DC on under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

**Alan K. Mayberry,**  
*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

**Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Modifications to Special Permit**

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

**ACTION:** List of applications for modification of special permits.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of

Transportation’s Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the “Nature of Application” portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 22, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald Burger, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, General Approvals and Permits Branch, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4535.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington DC.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 02, 2021.

**Donald P. Burger,**  
*Chief, General Approvals and Permits Branch.*

**SPECIAL PERMITS DATA**

Application No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
10915–M .....	Luxfer Inc .....	172.203(a), 172.301(c), 173.302a(a)(1), 173.304a(a)(1), 180.205.	To modify the special permit to authorize additional Division 2.2 and 2.3 gases. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
14193–M .....	Honeywell International Inc.	172.101(h) .....	To modify the special permit to add additional portable tanks. (modes 1, 2, 3)
14232–M .....	Luxfer Inc .....	173.302(a), 173.304(a), 180.205.	To modify the special permit to authorize additional 2.2 and 2.3 gases. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
16427–M .....	Washington State Department of Transportation.	172.101(k) .....	To modify the special permit to add an additional 1.4S hazmat to the permit. (passenger ferry vessel)
20425–M .....	Composite Advanced Technologies, LLC.	173.302(a) .....	To modify the special permit to waive the annual batch test for composite cylinders. (mode 1)