

**United States Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

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Emergency Waiver Order No. 29
Docket No. PHMSA-2024-0013

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EMERGENCY WAIVER ORDER

In accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5103(c), the Associate Administrator for the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety within the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) hereby declares that an emergency exists that warrants issuance of a Waiver of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) to persons conducting operations under the direction of United States Coast Guard (USCG) Seventh District, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4, and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) within the Hurricane Milton emergency areas in the State of Florida. The Waiver is granted to support USCG, EPA, and FDEP in taking appropriate actions to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a threat to public health, welfare, or the environment caused by actual or potential oil and hazardous materials incidents resulting from Hurricane Milton.

On October 7, 2024, the President issued an Emergency Declaration for Hurricane Milton for several counties in the State of Florida (EM-3622-FL). On October 8, 2024, the President issued an Emergency Declaration for Hurricane Milton for several Tribal Areas in the State of Florida (EM-3623-EM).

This Waiver Order covers all areas identified in the declarations, as amended. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5103(c), PHMSA has authority delegated by the Secretary (49 CFR 1.97(b)(3)) to waive compliance with any part of the HMR provided that the grant of the waiver is: (1) in the public interest; (2) not inconsistent with the safety of transporting hazardous materials; and (3) necessary to facilitate the safe movement of hazardous materials into, from, and within an area of a major disaster or emergency that has been declared under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.).

Given the continuing impacts caused by Hurricane Milton, PHMSA's Associate Administrator has determined that regulatory relief is in the public interest and necessary to ensure the safe

transportation in commerce of hazardous materials while the USCG, EPA, and FDEP execute their recovery and cleanup efforts in the State of Florida. Specifically, PHMSA's Associate Administrator finds that issuing this Waiver Order will allow the USCG, EPA, and FDEP, to conduct their Emergency Support Function #10 response activities under the National Response Framework to safely remove, transport, and dispose of hazardous materials. By execution of this Waiver Order, persons conducting operations under the direction of USCG Seventh District, EPA Region 4, and FDEP, within the Hurricane Milton emergency areas in the State of Florida are authorized to offer and transport non-radioactive hazardous materials under alternative safety requirements imposed by USCG Seventh District, EPA Region 4, and FDEP when compliance with the HMR is not practicable. Under this Waiver Order, non-radioactive hazardous materials may be transported to staging areas within 50 miles of the point of origin. Further transportation of the hazardous materials from staging areas must be in full compliance with the HMR.

This Waiver Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 60 days from the date of issuance.



Dated: October 10, 2024

William S. Schoonover
Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration