

PIPES ACT 2020 WEB CHART

Rule Title/Subject/Docket No.	RIN	Rule Stage	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	OMB Date for Completing Review (90 days) ( <a href="http://reginfo.gov">reginfo.gov</a> )	Additional Details Affecting Rulemaking	Additional Comments on Rulemaking Status
OPS: Gas Pipeline Leak Detection	2137-AF51	Final Rule	<b>PIPES Act 2020</b> Sec 113	Complete Final Rule	To OST To OMB FR Pub	TBD TBD TBD				PHMSA: 2 staff  OST: 1 staff	YES		<a href="#">PHMSA held public meetings May 5-6, 2021, and February 17, 2022.</a>	NPRM published in the Federal Register [88 FR 31890] on 5/18/2023. GPAC meeting held week of November 27, 2023. Additional GPAC meeting held week of March 25 <sup>th</sup> . Unpublished Final Rule withdrawn from the Federal Register for review pursuant to the regulatory freeze issued by the White House on January 20, 2025.
OPS: Safety of Gas Distribution Pipelines	2137-AF53	NPRM	<b>PIPES Act 2020; Leonel Rondon Act</b> Sec 202, 203, 204, and 206	Hold GPAC meeting	To OST To OMB FR Pub	2/14/23* 4/18/23* 9/7/23*	4/10/23	2/27/23 3/15/23	3/14/23 3/21/23	PHMSA: 8 staff  OST: 5 staff	YES	7/18/2023		The NPRM published in the FR on 9/7/2023. Comment period closed 11/6/2023. PHMSA is planning GPAC meeting.
OPS: Amendments to Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities	2137-AF45	NPRM	<b>PIPES Act 2016</b> Sec 27; <b>PIPES Act 2020</b> Sec 110	Complete NPRM	To OST To OMB FR Pub	1/30/26 3/16/26 6/29/26				PHMSA: 8 staff  OST: 5 staff	YES			ANPRM published on 5/5/25. Comment period ended 7/7/25. A virtual public meeting was held on October 22, 2025. PHMSA has reviewed the comments and is drafting the NPRM.
OPS: Pipeline Operational Status	2137-AF52	NPRM	<b>PIPES Act 2020</b> Sec 109	Complete NPRM	To OST To OMB FR Pub	10/5/26 11/18/26 2/26/27				PHMSA: 8 staff  OST: 5 staff	YES			
OPS: Carbon Dioxide and Hazardous Liquid Pipelines	2137-AF60	NPRM	<b>Pipeline Safety Act 2011</b> Sec 15	Complete NPRM	To OST To OMB FR Pub	TBD TBD TBD				PHMSA: 2 staff  OST: 1 staff	YES			Public meeting held May 31 – June 1, 2023. Unpublished NPRM withdrawn from the Federal Register for review pursuant to the regulatory freeze issued by the White House on January 20, 2025.
**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 a single rulemaking project. Workplan Projected Completion Dates based on currently available information.														
ACRONYMS used: OPS - Office of Pipeline Safety; FR - Federal Register; OST - Office of the Secretary of Transportation; OMB - Office of Management and Budget; IFR - Interim Final Rule; NPRM - Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; ANPRM - Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; GPAC - Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee; LPAC - Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee; FR Pub - Federal Register Publication Date.														

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COMPLETED RULEMAKINGS

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OPS: Safety of Gas Transmission Pipelines: Discretionary Integrity Management Improvements <b>*** COMPLETED ***</b>	2137-AF39	Final Rule	<b>Pipeline Safety Act 2011</b> Sec 5	Completed	To OST To OMB FR Pub	09/07/21* 02/23/22* 08/24/22*	10/22/21	11/15/21 12/15/21 01/26/22	12/10/21 01/25/22 01/26/22	PHMSA: 9 staff  OST: 5 staff	YES	05/24/22	<a href="#">GPAC meeting held March 26-28, 2018.</a>	<a href="#">The Final Rule published in FR on 08/24/2022.</a> This completes the mandate.
OPS: Safety of Gas Gathering Pipelines <b>*** COMPLETED ***</b>	2137-AF38	Final Rule	<b>Pipeline Safety Act 2011</b> Sec 5; <b>PIPES Act 2020</b> Sec 112	Completed	To OST To OMB FR Pub	06/30/21* 08/31/21* 11/15/21*	08/16/21	07/09/21 07/21/21 09/24/21	07/15/21 07/22/21 10/05/21	PHMSA: 9 staff  OST: 5 staff	Yes	11/01/21		<a href="#">Final rule published in FR on 11/15/2021.</a> PHMSA completed the applicable legislative mandate upon publication of the Final Rule.
OPS: Amendments to Parts 192 and 195 to require Valve Installation and Minimum Rupture Detection Standards <b>*** COMPLETED ***</b>	2137-AF06	Final Rule	<b>Pipeline Safety Act 2011</b> Sec 4 and 8; <b>PIPES Act 2020</b> Sec 113	Completed	To OST To OMB FR Pub	09/24/21* 12/15/21* 04/08/22*	12/13/21	10/26/21 11/16/21 11/23/21	11/10/21 11/17/21 11/24/21	PHMSA: 8 staff  OST: 5 staff	YES	03/15/22		<a href="#">Final Rule published in FR on 04/08/2022.</a> PHMSA completed the applicable legislative mandate upon publication of the Final Rule.
OPS: Coastal Ecological Unusually Sensitive Areas <b>*** COMPLETED ***</b>	2137-AF31	Interim Final Rule	<b>PIPES Act 2016</b> Sec 19; <b>PIPES Act 2020</b> Sec 120	Completed	To OST To OMB FR Pub	09/07/21* 10/22/21* 12/27/21*	10/22/21	09/28/21	10/15/21	PHMSA: 8 staff  OST: 5 staff	YES	12/10/21	<a href="#">Public workshop held June 12-13, 2019.</a>	<a href="#">IFR published in FR on 12/27/2021.</a> PHMSA completed the applicable legislative mandates upon publication of the IFR.
OPS: Class Location <b>***COMPLETED***</b>	2137-AF29	Final Rule	<b>PIPES Act 2020</b> Sec 115	Completed	To OST To OMB FR Pub	NA NA NA				PHMSA: 8 staff  OST: 5 staff	YES			<a href="#">NPRM published in FR on 10/14/2020.</a> Comment period closed 12/14/2020; GPAC meeting held week of March 25, 2024. The comment period closed on August 22, 2024, for the GPAC proceedings. Final Rule published in FR on 1/14/2026. Effective date is 3/16/2026.