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Subject: Categorical Exclusion Determination
Texas Gas Transmission, LLC, Special Permit for Non-Odorization in De Soto
County, MS (PHMSA-2026-0067)

PROPOSED ACTION

A special permit is an order that waives or modifies compliance with one or more regulatory requirements.¹ This special permit waives compliance from 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §§ 192.625(b) for 14 segments, totaling approximately 0.72 miles (3,787 feet) of natural gas transmission pipeline in Mississippi. This special permit would allow Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (TGT) to not comply with the requirement to odorize gas on its pipeline. Special permits must be consistent with pipeline safety. The draft special permit with conditions is available on the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/PHMSA-2026-0067>.

APPLICABLE CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

PHMSA has incorporated the following categorical exclusion, which complies with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Order 5610.1D, subpart E.c.(2):

- 1. Granting, renewing, or denying a special permit related to waiving class location or odorization requirements, following the procedures set forth in 49 CFR § 190.341, including the identification of any enforceable conditions, imposed pursuant to 49 CFR § 190.341(d)(2), that are required to prevent and address pipeline safety and environmental risk.*

¹ Pipeline special permits are authorized by statute in [49 USC § 60118\(c\)](#) and the application process is set forth in [49 CFR 190.341](#).

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Based on the scope of the action, PHMSA has determined that the proposed action does not meet the criteria for extraordinary circumstances listed in DOT Order 5610.1D. No extraordinary circumstances have been identified (see Attachment – Review of Extraordinary Circumstances). Therefore, there are no anticipated adverse impacts to biological, water, or land resources, and no potential to affect cultural resources related to relevant laws and regulations.

The operator will implement all conditions identified in the special permit conditions document on the docket. These conditions have been reviewed by PHMSA's engineers to ensure that they provide an equivalent level of pipeline safety compared to following the regulations in full.

DETERMINATION

Based on a review of the information and documentation submitted by the operator, including review of extraordinary circumstances, PHMSA finds that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion in accordance with section 102 of NEPA, 42 U.S. Code § 4332, and DOT Order 5610.D, Departmentwide National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures.

Approved by the Environmental Analysis and Compliance Division:

Attachment: Review of Extraordinary Circumstances