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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

#### 49 CFR Parts 192

[Docket No. PS-95; Notice 1]

#### Deletion of Standards Affecting Iron and Copper Pipe and Other Materials

**AGENCY:** Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS).

**ACTION:** Advance Notice of Proposed  
 Rulemaking (ANPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This advance notice invites comment on the advisability of deleting specific design and construction standards that may no longer be needed for materials that have minimal usage in new gas pipelines, including cast iron (CI), ductile iron (DI), wrought steel and wrought iron pipe, electric resistance welded coiled steel tubing, well casing, tubing and drill pipe, copper pipe and bronze flanges. Deletion of these standards would not prevent the use of these materials in new or existing pipelines, subject to applicable general safety requirements. This action would significantly reduce the number of voluntary standards that are now incorporated by reference in Part 192 and the burden of keeping these references up-to-date.

**DATE:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this advance notice by August 3, 1987. Late filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable. All persons must submit as part of their written comments all of the material that they consider relevant to any statement of fact made by them.

**ADDRESS:** Comments should identify the docket and notice numbers and be submitted in triplicate to Sandra Cureton, Dockets Unit, Office of Hazardous Materials Transportation, Room 8426, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments and other docket material are available in Room 8426 for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each working day.

content of the advance notice or Docket Unit, (202) 366-3148, regarding copies of this advance notice or other material in the docket.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OPS has reviewed the editions of voluntary standards incorporated by reference in Parts 192, 193 and 195 to determine the need for updating these references to the latest editions. In this review it was noted that Part 192 referenced many standards of ANSI and

ASTM relate to CI, DI, copper and other materials that may no longer be selected for use in new gas pipeline systems. These referenced standards are listed in the table below according to the material concerned and the Part 192 section that refers to the voluntary standard. If a voluntary standard appears in Appendix B of Part 192, it is a "listed specification" authorized for use in pipe manufacture under Subpart B of Part 192.

Part 192 Section	Cast Iron, Ductile Iron, Wrought Iron Pipe and Casing, Tubing and Drill Pipe
192.117; 192.557 .....	ANSI A 21.1—1977 "Thickness Design of Cast Iron Pipe" (formerly ANSI C 101-1967) Note:—This standard has been discontinued.
192.277.....	ANSI A 21.11—1979 (now AWWA C-111-1985) "Rubber-Gasket Joints for Ductile Iron and Grey Iron Pressure Pipe and Fittings."
192.119; 192.557 .....	ANSI A 21.50—1976 "Thickness Design of Ductile Iron Pipe" (revised to American Water Works Association (AWWA) C 150-1981)
192.119; 192.277; App. B .....	ANSI A 21.52—1976 "Ductile Iron Pipe, Centrifugally Cast in Metal Molds or Sand Lined Molds for Gas."
App. B.....	ASTM A 377—1979 (1984) "Standard Specifications for Cast Iron and Ductile Iron Pipe."
192.275.....	ANSI B 16.1—1975 CI Pipe Flanges and Flange Fittings.
192.279.....	ANSI B 36.10—1979 "Wrought Steel and Wrought Iron Pipe."
192.177.....	API Specification 5A 1979 "API Specification for Casing, Tubing, and Drill Pipe."
<b>Copper Pipe and Steel Tubing</b>	
App. B.....	ASTM A539-1979 Standard Specification for Electric Resistance Welded Coiled Steel Tubing for Gas and Fuel Oil Lines.
App. B.....	ASTM B42-1980 Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Pipe Standard Sizes.
App. B.....	ASTM B68-1960 Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Pipe, Bright Annealed.
App. B.....	ASTM B75-1980 Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube.
192.125, App. B.....	ASTM B88-1980 Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube.
App. B.....	ASTM B251-1976 Standard Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Seamless Copper and Copper-Alloy Tube.
<b>Bronze Pipe Flanges and Fittings</b>	
192.147.....	ANSI B16.24-1979 "Bronze Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings."

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paul J. Cory, (202) 366-4561, regarding OPS contacted the American Gas Association (AGA), the Gas Research Institute (GRI) and seven pipeline operators who were known to have used CI, DI, and copper pipe in the past. The consensus was that gas operators normally do not construct cast iron pipelines. There were three operators who indicated that they had small quantities of DI pipe in stock which were manufactured to the currently referenced standards. They indicated they intended to use this pipe for

replacement in repairing failures in CI or DI pipelines, but that DI pipe would not be used otherwise. These operators plan to make future replacements with polyethylene plastic or steel pipe, as other operators are now doing. There was one member of the AGA Operating Committee who indicated it will install DI pipe in its distribution system. All other contacts indicated that DI pipe would not be installed in gas pipelines in the foreseeable future.

Similarly, there were two operators who stated that they still used copper

pipe for limited applications in service lines where they could not use polyethylene pipe because of operating pressure or temperature limitations, but they were looking for other less costly materials for use in these situations. All other operators stated they would not use copper pipe in the foreseeable future.

There were no operators contacted who planned to install bronze flanges.

Two gas distribution operators pointed out that due to low sales, electric resistance welded coiled steel tubing for gas was no longer being manufactured.

Deletion of Part 192 design and construction standards that incorporate by reference voluntary standards for CI, DI copper or other little used materials would not prevent operators from using these materials for new or replacement pipelines provided they qualify them under the general requirements of § 192.53 for structural integrity and chemical compatibility, § 192.103 for wall thickness, § 192.273 for joining, and the applicable requirements for Subpart G for construction. These requirements must now be followed to qualify for gas pipelines materials that are not covered by a referenced standard, such as aluminum pipe.

Therefore, OPS proposes to delete or revise Part 192 requirements for materials, design and construction that reference the listed standards for CI, DI copper pipelines and certain other materials because of the minimal use of these materials in new gas pipelines. Each of the rules set forth in the above table of referenced standards would be deleted or revised as set forth below. Deletion or revision of these Part 192 standards would minimize the number of voluntary standards incorporated by reference in Part 192 and, thus reduce the work load required to update references to the voluntary standards to the latest editions of those standards.

The following changes would be made to Part 192:

(1) Remove § 192.57(a) and (b)(2) "Cast iron and ductile iron pipe", § 192.61 "Copper pipe," § 192.117, "Design of cast iron pipe;" § 192.119, "Design of ductile iron pipe;" "§ 192.125(a) and (b), "Design of copper pipe;" § 192.75(e) "Cast iron pipe;" § 192.277(a) "Ductile iron pipe."

(2) Amend § 192.147, "Flanges and flange accessories," by removing "or ANSI B16.24," in paragraph (a).

(3) Amend § 192.177, "Additional Provisions for bottle-type holders" by removing "API 5A or" in paragraph (b)(1) and adding "or equivalent" after ASTM A 372.

(4) Amend § 192.279 "Copper pipe" by substituting performance language in

place of reference to ANSI B36.10

(5) Amend § 192.557, "Upgrading" by removing the reference §§ 192.117 and 192.119 in paragraph (d) introductory text, and adding in its place "determine stresses produced by internal pressure, trench loading, rolling loads, beam stresses and other bending loads."

(6) Amend Appendices A and B by removing the voluntary standards included in the above table.

Certain requirements that provide restrictions relating to materials, pipe design, joining and service lines are proposed to be retained although reference to listed standards would be deleted. These requirements are §§ 192.57(b)(1), 192.125(c) and (d), 192.275(a), (b), (c) and (d), and 192.277(b) and (c).

Requirements for operation and maintenance of CI pipelines in §192.621, §192.753 and §192.755 would be retained because they are applicable to existing CI pipelines.

To assist OPS in evaluating the need for the standards proposed to be deleted or revised we are soliciting comment with supporting reasoning from interested persons on the following questions in advance of issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking:

1. Would you install any of the following materials in a new pipeline:

- a. Cast iron pipe
- b. Ductile iron pipe
- c. Copper pipe or tubing
- d. Coiled steel tubing
- e. Casing, tubing or drill pipe
- f. Bronze pipe flanges or fittings

2. Deletion or revision of the subject standards will not prevent use of the affected materials in new or existing pipelines, subject to application of the general safety standards. Considering this, is there any safety justification for continuing in their present form the standards proposed to be deleted or revised?

3. Besides those listed in the table above, are there other standards in 49 CFR Parts 192, 193 or 195 that should be deleted because of the minimal use of materials involved?

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 1672; 49 CFR 1.53; Appendix A of Part 1 and Appendix A to Part 106.

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Richard L. Beam,  
Director, Office of Pipeline Safety.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Public Hearing and Reopening of Comment Period on Proposed Endangered Status for Trillium Reliquum (Relict Trillium)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of public hearing and reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has received a request, as provided for by section 4(b)(5) of the Endangered Species Act, for a public hearing on the Service's proposal to list *Trillium reliquum* (relict trillium) as an endangered species. This notice announces a public hearing for the proposal and reopens the comment period.

**DATES:** The comment period on the proposal is reopened June 4, 1987. The public hearing on the proposal will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on Monday, June 22, 1987, in North Augusta, South Carolina. The comment period, which originally closed on March 16, 1987, now closes July 2, 1987.

**ADDRESSES:** The public hearing will be held at the North Augusta Community Center, Brookside Drive, North Augusta, South Carolina. Written comments should be sent to the Field Supervisor, Asheville Field Office, Room 224, 10 Otis Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment, at the above field office address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert R. Currie at the above field office address (704/259-0321 or FTS 672-0321).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

*Trillium reliquum* (relict trillium), a rare herbaceous member of the lily family, is known from only 10 locations—Alabama (two sites), Georgia (five sites), and South Carolina (three sites). The continued existence of this species is threatened by timber harvesting, wildfires, and development of its habitat. On January 14, 1987, the Service published in the *Federal Register* (52 FR 1497) a proposal to list *Trillium reliquum* as an endangered species.