

Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), prepared a draft EIS for a project that has been proposed to improve the transportation system in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri. The Notice of Availability for the New I-64 EIS (volumes 1 and 2) was published in the **Federal Register** on January 3, 2003. The end of the official comment period was to be February 28, 2003. However, the comment period has been extended to April 14, 2003. Please note the new Comment Period end date, April 14, 2003. Comments or questions should be directed to the FHWA or MoDOT at the addresses provided above.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Notice To Extend Comment Period for An Environmental Impact Statement: Texas and Howell Counties, MO

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Extend comment period for an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that we are extending the comment period for an environmental impact statement (EIS) for improvements on Route 17 in Texas and Howell Counties, Missouri.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Donald L. Neumann, Programs Engineer, FHWA Division Office, 209 Adams Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101; Telephone: (573) 636-7104 or Mr. Kevin Keith, Chief Engineer, Missouri Department of Transportation, PO Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), prepared a draft EIS for a project that has been proposed to improve the transportation system in

Texas and Howell Counties, Missouri. The Notice of Availability for the Route 17 draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2002. The end of the official comment period was to be February 18, 2003. However, the comment period has been extended to April 15, 2003. Please note the new Comment Period end date, April 14, 2003. Comments or questions should be directed to the FHWA or MoDOT at the addresses provided above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)

[Docket No. RSPA-03-14448; Notice 3]

#### Pipeline Safety: Qualification of Pipeline Personnel

**AGENCY:** Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) will conduct a public meeting to discuss progress in implementing the operator qualification (OQ) rule for gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. OPS will continue to develop the protocols and guidance materials, and provide an opportunity for public comment. A panel of experts will address technical issues associated with protocols and related materials. A record of the previous public meeting on Qualification of Pipeline Personnel that was held in San Antonio, TX, is available in this docket (RSPA-03-14448).

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on March 25, 2003, beginning at 8:30 a.m., ending at 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at the Sheraton Phoenix East Hotel & Convention Center, 200 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, AZ 85201 (Tel: 800-456-6372 or 480-898-8300); Fax: 480-964-9279; web: <http://www.sheratonmesa.com/>. The deadline

for making a hotel reservation is March 18, 2003 (refer to the U.S. DOT Operator Qualification Group block for government rates). This meeting is free and open to the public. You may register electronically for this meeting at: <http://primis.rspa.dot.gov/meetings>.

The program will continue to address the 13 issues generated by the first public meeting held in January 2003, and will be open for technical input. This will include presentations on definitions of terms discussed at the last meeting. Persons wishing to make a presentation or statement at the meeting should notify Janice Morgan, (202) 366-2392, no later than March 21, 2003.

Although we encourage persons wishing to comment on operator qualification and inspection protocols to participate in the public meeting, written comments will be accepted. You may submit written comments on operator qualification and inspection issues by mail or delivery to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The dockets facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. You should submit the original and one copy. Anyone who wants confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. You may also submit comments to the docket electronically. To do so, log on to the Internet Web address <http://dms.dot.gov> and click on "Help" for instructions on electronic filing of comments. All written comments should identify the docket number RSPA-03-14448; Notice 2.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comments (or signing the comments, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the U.S. Department of Transportation's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (volume 65, number 70; pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may contact Richard Sanders at (405) 954-7214 or (405) 954-7219, regarding the agenda of this public meeting. General information about OPS programs may be obtained by accessing OPS's Internet home page at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

*Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities:*

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities

or to request special assistance, contact Janice Morgan, (202) 366-2392.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The operator qualification rules at 49 CFR 192.801 (for gas pipelines) and at 49 CFR 195.501 (for hazardous liquid pipelines) require every pipeline operator to have and follow a written qualification program that includes provisions to identify covered tasks and to ensure that all persons performing these tasks are qualified. By October 28, 2002, all gas and hazardous liquid pipeline operators should have completed the qualification of all individuals performing covered tasks on pipeline facilities.

On March 25, 2003, OPS will conduct a public meeting to continue discussions on the progress in implementing the operator qualification rule for gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. OPS will present a detailed review of the development of the operator qualification inspection protocols. The meeting will focus on areas considered high priority and discussion on compliance issues from Federal and State pipeline safety personnel. These issues, as identified at a previous public meeting on January 22, 2003, in San Antonio, TX, are as follows:

- (1) Scope of Operator Qualification
- (2) Evaluation of Knowledge, Skills, and Physical Ability
- (3) Re-evaluation Intervals
- (4) Maintenance versus New Construction
- (5) Treatment of Emergency Response
- (6) Additional Covered Tasks
- (7) Extent of Documentation
- (8) Abnormal Operating Conditions
- (9) Treatment of Training
- (10) Criteria for Small Operators
- (11) Direction and Observation of Non-Qualified People
- (12) Noteworthy Practices
- (13) Persons Contributing to an Incident or Accident

All persons attending the meeting will have an opportunity to comment on operator qualification compliance issues and to question the expert panel on the new operator qualification compliance protocols.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 12, 2003.

**James K. O'Steen,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34233]

#### Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Reinstitution of Service—Between Toledo and Maumee in Lucas County, OH

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board grants an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901, for the reinstatement of service by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) over 3.2 miles of the Toledo to Maumee branch line extending from milepost TM-9.3 in Toledo to milepost TM-12.5 near Maumee, in Lucas County, OH.

**DATES:** This exemption is effective April 16, 2003. Petitions to stay must be filed by April 1, 2003. Petitions to reopen must be filed by April 11, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34233, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative, John V. Edwards, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-9241.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beryl Gordon (202) 565-1600. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. Copies of the decision may be purchased from Dã 2 Dã Legal Copy Service by calling (202) 293-7776 (assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1-800-877-8339) or by visiting Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: March 11, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Morgan.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 911

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 911, Application for Taxpayer Assistance Order (TAO).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 16, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet (CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* Application for Taxpayer Assistance Order (TAO).

*OMB Number:* 1545-1504.

*Form Number:* 911.

*Abstract:* This form is used by taxpayers to apply for relief from a significant hardship which may have already occurred or is about to occur if the IRS takes or fails to take certain actions. This form is submitted to the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Office in the district where the taxpayer lives.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, farms and state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 93,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 46,500.