

**List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 195**

Ammonia, Carbon dioxide, Petroleum, Pipeline safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ For the reasons discussed in the preamble, RSPA/OPS amends 49 CFR part 195 as follows:

**PART 195—TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS LIQUIDS BY PIPELINE**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 195 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 5103, 60102, 60104, 60108, 60109, 60118; and 49 CFR 1.53.

■ 2. Amend § 195.222 as follows:

- a. Redesignate the existing text as paragraph (a); and
- b. Add paragraph (b) to read as follows:

**§ 195.222 Welders: Qualification of welders.**

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(b) No welder may weld with a particular welding process unless, within the preceding 6 calendar months, the welder has—

- (1) Engaged in welding with that process; and
- (2) Had one weld tested and found acceptable under Section 6 of API 1104.

■ 3. Revise § 195.252 to read as follows:

**§ 195.252 Backfilling.**

When a ditch for a pipeline is backfilled, it must be backfilled in a manner that:

- (a) Provides firm support under the pipe; and
- (b) Prevents damage to the pipe and pipe coating from equipment or from the backfill material.

■ 4. Amend § 195.310 as follows:

- a. Remove the word “and” at the end of paragraph (b)(8);
- b. Remove the period at the end of paragraph (b)(9) and add “; and” in its place; and
- c. Add paragraph (b)(10) to read as follows:

**§ 195.310 Records.**

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(b) \* \* \*  
(10) Temperature of the test medium or pipe during the test period.

■ 5. Revise § 195.403(a)(5) to read as follows:

**§ 195.403 Training.**

(a) \* \* \*  
(5) Learn the potential causes, types, sizes, and consequences of fire and the appropriate use of portable fire extinguishers and other on-site fire

control equipment, involving, where feasible, a simulated pipeline emergency condition.

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■ 6. Revise § 195.434 to read as follows:

**§ 195.434 Signs.**

Each operator must maintain signs visible to the public around each pumping station and breakout tank area. Each sign must contain the name of the operator and a telephone number (including area code) where the operator can be reached at all times.

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**Samuel G. Bonasso,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Part 648**

**[Docket No. 021017238–2314–02; I.D. 090503E]**

**Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery; Quota Harvested for Maine Mahogany Quahog Fishery**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that the annual quota for the Maine mahogany quahog fishery has been harvested. Commercial vessels operating under a Maine mahogany quahog permit may not harvest Maine mahogany quahogs from the Maine mahogany quahog zone for the remainder of the fishing year (through December 31, 2003). Regulations governing the Maine mahogany quahog fishery require publication of this notification to advise the public of this closure.

**DATES:** Effective 0001 hrs local time, September 12, 2003, through 2400 hrs local time, December 31, 2003.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The regulations governing the Maine

mahogany quahog fishery appear at 50 CFR section 648.76. The annual quota for the harvest of mahogany quahogs within the Maine mahogany quahog zone for the 2003 fishing year was established at 100,000 Maine bu (35,150 hL). The quota may be revised annually by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) within the range of 17,000 to 100,000 Maine bu (5,975 and 35,150 hL, respectively). The Maine mahogany quahog zone is defined as the area bounded on the east by the U.S.-Canada maritime boundary, on the south by a straight line at 43°50’ N. lat., and on the north and west by the shoreline of Maine.

The Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator) monitors the commercial Maine mahogany quahog quota for each fishing year using dealer and other available information to determine when the quota is projected to have been harvested. NMFS is required to publish notification in the **Federal Register** informing commercial vessel permit holders that, effective upon a specific date, the Maine mahogany quahog quota has been harvested and no commercial quota is available for harvesting mahogany quahogs by vessels possessing a Maine mahogany quahog permit for the remainder of the year, from within the Maine mahogany quahog zone.

The Regional Administrator has determined, based upon dealer reports and other available information, that the 2003 Maine mahogany quahog quota has been harvested. Therefore, effective 0001 hrs local time, September 12, 2003, further landings of Maine mahogany quahogs harvested from within the Maine mahogany quahog zone by vessels possessing a Maine mahogany quahog Federal fisheries permit are prohibited through December 31, 2003. The 2004 fishing year for Maine mahogany quahog harvest will open on January 1, 2004.

**Classification**

This action is required by 50 CFR part 648 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 8, 2003.

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