

the arm assembly exceeds 0.030 inch (0.762 mm), replace the magnetic brake assembly with an airworthy magnetic brake assembly. Contacting the manufacturer is not required.

(b) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Regulations Group, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Regulations Group.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Regulations Group.

(c) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with 14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199 to operate the helicopter to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in Transport Canada (Canada) AD CF-2002-17, dated March 4, 2002.

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David A. Downey,
Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

24 CFR Part 3500

[Docket No. FR-4727-N-01]

Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA); Rule on Simplifying and Improving the Process of Obtaining Mortgages to Reduce Settlement Costs to Consumers: Target Publication Date of Final Rule

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of target publication date of RESPA final rule.

SUMMARY: On July 29, 2002, HUD published its proposed rule on "RESPA; Simplifying and Improving the Process of Obtaining Mortgages to Reduce Settlement Costs to Consumers" (RESPA rule). This notice advises the public of HUD's anticipated publication date for the RESPA final rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ivy Jackson, Acting Director, Office of RESPA and Interstate Land Sales, Room 9146, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-0502 (this is not a toll-free number) or for legal questions Kenneth A. Markison, Assistant General Counsel

for GSE/RESPA, or Steven J. Sacks or Teresa L. Baker (Senior RESPA Attorneys); Room 9262, telephone (202) 708-3137. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. The address for the above listed persons is: Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 9, 2002, over 60 Federal departments, agencies and commissions (collectively, Federal agencies) published, in the **Federal Register**, their respective agendas of regulations and regulatory plans. This compilation, referred to as the Unified Agenda, is published semiannually under the coordination of the Office of Management and Budget. The Unified Agenda provides for uniform reporting by Federal agencies of regulatory and deregulatory actions that are under development and expected to be issued within the next six to 12 months. In the fall, each Federal agency's semiannual agenda of regulations is accompanied by the agency's regulatory plan. The regulatory plan contains the Federal agency's most important significant regulatory actions that the agency expects to issue in the new fiscal year. Both documents provide the agencies' estimates of publication dates for their proposed and final rules. HUD's fall semiannual agenda of regulations and regulatory plan can be found in the December 9, 2002, **Federal Register** at 67 FR 74550 and 67 FR 74140, respectively.

HUD's regulatory plan advised that HUD's RESPA final rule would be published in January 2003. (See 67 FR 74147). This date is incorrect. HUD anticipates that its RESPA final rule will be published in the spring of 2003.

Dated: January 30, 2003.

John C. Weicher,

Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Part 192

[Docket No. RSPA-00-7666; Notice 5]

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Pipeline Safety: Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas (Gas Transmission Pipelines)

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT

ACTION: Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a two-day workshop on proposed regulations on "Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas", jointly organized by the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) Foundation and the American Gas Association (AGA). This workshop is intended to give participants an understanding of the integrity management program requirements being proposed in the rule and the process to comment on the proposed rulemaking. An OPS representative will give an overview of the proposed regulation and answer questions about it.

DATES: The workshop is open to all. There is no registration fee. This workshop will be held on February 20, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on February 21, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Renaissance Houston Hotel, 6 Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas, 713-629-1200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Mike Israni by phone at (202) 366-4571, by e-mail at mike.israni@rspa.dot.gov. General information about RSPA/OPS programs may be obtained by accessing OPS's Internet page at <http://ops.dot.gov>. For other details on this workshop contact Linda A. Thomas of INGAA at 202-216-5925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

RSPA/OPS has just proposed a rule to require operators of gas transmission pipelines to develop integrity management programs. The programs include conducting baseline and periodic assessments of pipeline segments. This follows rulemaking that requires integrity management programs for hazardous liquid pipelines.

Although the hazardous liquid and natural gas programs are structured somewhat differently to accommodate the differences between the two types of pipeline systems, both integrity management programs are designed to identify the best method(s) for maintaining the structural soundness (*i.e.*, integrity) of pipelines operating across the United States.

On January 9, 2002, RSPA/OPS began the integrity management rulemakings for gas transmission lines by proposing a definition of high consequence areas (See 67 FR 1108). We finalized the high consequence area definition on August 6, 2002 (67 FR 50824). On January 28, 2003 (68 FR 4278), we proposed a new 49 CFR 192.763 setting out integrity management program requirements for gas transmission pipelines affecting those areas. The comment period for this proposal closes on March 31, 2003.

The INGAA Foundation and AGA are conducting this workshop to give participants a better understanding of the proposed rule's requirements as they are intended to apply to gas transmission pipelines, and the process to comment on the proposed rulemaking. An OPS representative will give an overview of the proposed regulation and answer questions related to it.

The preliminary agenda for this AGA/INGAA sponsored workshop on Integrity Management for Natural Gas Pipelines is as follows:

February 20, 2003

Pipeline Safety Legislation—An overview of the recently passed legislation and its impact on the proposed integrity management program requirements.

Overview of Proposed Regulation—An OPS representative will discuss the intent and structure of the recently published proposed integrity management rule for gas transmission pipelines.

HCA Identification—An industry panel will discuss the high consequence area definition and the proposed refinement of that definition in the proposed integrity management rule.

Risk Assessment—An industry panel will discuss the risk assessment process detailed in the proposed rulemaking and compare it to present practices.

Plan Development—An industry panel will discuss the plan development as envisioned in the proposed rule and compare it to present practices.

IMP Implementation & Data Integration—Issues surrounding data integration and implementing the administrative process in a company will be discussed by an industry group.

February 21, 2003

Mitigation & Repair—An industry panel will discuss the proposed requirements for mitigation and remediation.

Performance Metrics—An industry panel will discuss performance measures for an integrity management program.

Open Forum and O&A—The audience will be able to query all the panelists and state their opinions during this session. Because this involves an open rulemaking, RSPA/OPS will include detailed notes of this workshop in the docket for the proposed rule. However, participants wishing to comment on the proposed rule should comment directly in the docket rather than rely on the notes of the workshop.

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James K. O'Steen,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Halibut Fisheries in U.S. Convention Waters Off Alaska; Management Measures to Reduce Seabird Incidental Take in the Hook-and-Line Halibut and Groundfish Fisheries

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes revisions to current regulations requiring seabird avoidance measures in the hook-and-line groundfish fisheries of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and in the Pacific halibut fishery in U.S. Convention waters off Alaska. The proposed revisions to the current seabird measures are intended to enhance the current requirements and further mitigate interactions with the short-tailed albatross (*Phoebastria*

albatrus), an endangered species protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and with other seabird species in hook-and-line fisheries in and off Alaska. This action is necessary to effect such regulatory revisions and is intended to further the goals and objectives of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982 (Halibut Act), the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the ESA.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Sue Salvesson, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, Attn: Lori Gravel-Durall. Hand delivery or courier delivery of comments may be sent to the Federal Building, 709 West 9th St., Room 453, Juneau, AK, 99801. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (EA/RIR/IRFA) prepared for this action are available from NMFS at the above address, or by calling the Alaska Region, NMFS, at (907) 586-7228.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim S. Rivera, (907) 586-7424, or Kim.Rivera@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. groundfish fisheries of the GOA and the BSAI in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) are managed by NMFS under the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (FMPs). The FMPs were prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) under the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and are implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 679. General regulations that also pertain to U.S. fisheries appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600. The Halibut Act, 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*, authorizes the Council to develop, and NMFS to implement, halibut fishery regulations that are in addition to, and not in conflict with, regulations adopted by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC).

This proposed action is designed to reduce the incidental take of seabirds in hook-and-line fisheries. The Magnuson-Stevens Act emphasizes the importance of reducing bycatch to maintain sustainable fisheries. Although seabirds are not included within the Magnuson-Stevens Act's 'bycatch' definition,