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Inert Ingredients	Limits	Uses
α-Pinene.....	Not more than 2 pct of formulation by weight.	Stabilizer.
Polyoxyethylene (5) sorbitan monooleate.....		Surfactants, related adjuvants of surfactants.
Styrene-maleic anhydride copolymer.....	For preemergence use only.....	Suspending or dispersing agent.

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Inert Ingredients	Limits	Uses
Corn syrup.....		Sticker, attractant.
D and C green No. 6.....		Dye, coloring agent.
D and C red No. 17.....		Do.
D and C violet No. 2.....		Do.
FD and C blue No. 1.....		Dye, coloring agent.
α-Pinene.....	Not more than 2 pct of formulation by weight.	Stabilizer.
Tartrazine.....		Dye, coloring agent.

2. Part 180, Subpart D, is amended by adding the new § 180.1040 to read as follows:

§ 180.1040 Ethylene glycol; exemption from the requirement of a tolerance.

Ethylene glycol as a component of pesticide formulations is exempt from the requirement of a tolerance when used in foliar applications to peanut plants.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[43 CFR Parts 3200, 3220]

GEOHERMAL RESOURCES LEASING; GENERAL COMPETITIVE LEASES

Miscellaneous Amendments

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of comment period extension.

SUMMARY: Proposed rulemaking regarding the competitive leasing of geothermal resources was published on pages 20826 and 20827 of the FEDERAL REGISTER of May 15, 1978. Public comments were invited through July 14, 1978. This notice extends that comment period to August 15, 1978, to provide for more complete analysis of the rulemaking by interested persons and agencies.

DATE: Comment by August 15, 1978.

ADDRESS: Send comments to: Director (210), Bureau of Land Management, 1800 C Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20240. Comments will be available for public review at the above address from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on regular work days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Billy R. Templeton at the above address or telephone 202-343-8735.

ARNOLD E. PETTY,
Acting Associate Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Materials Transportation Bureau

[49 CFR Part 191]

[Docket No. OPS-49; Notice 21]

TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL AND OTHER GAS BY PIPELINE

Leak Reporting Requirements; Extension of Comments Period

AGENCY: Materials Transportation Bureau (MTB).

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the period for comment to the notice published June 5, 1978 (43 FR 24478), from July 10, 1978, until August 10, 1978.

DATE: Comments must be received on or before August 10, 1978.

ADDRESS: Comments should identify the docket and notice number and be

submitted in triplicate to the Docket Section, Materials Transportation Bureau, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. Comments are available at MTB's Docket Room 6500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

A. O. Garcia, 202-426-2082.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests for an extension of time were submitted by the American Gas Association (AGA), the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), and the New York Gas Group (NYGG). The AGA and the ASME requested that the comment period be extended to August 10, 1978, while the NYGG requested that the deadline for response be extended for a period of 60 days until September 10, 1978. The requests argued that a document of this importance and detail requires more than the 30 days allotted in Notice 1. It is also argued that preliminary study of the proposed revision of the various leak reporting forms introduces questions of substance going far beyond editorial or technical changes.

The MTB has decided that in light of the advance participation by interested groups in development of the revised forms, as discussed in the notice, a reasonable extension of the comment closing date is 30 days from the Existing (July 10, 1978) date and the comment period is hereby extended to August 10, 1978. Late filed comments will be considered as far as practicable. The MTB does not anticipate that this extension will result in any extension of the effective date of the proposed revised individual leak and annual report forms.

(Sec. 3, Pub. L. 90-481, 82 Stat. 721 (49 U.S.C. 1672); for offshore gathering lines, Sec. 105, Pub. L. 93-633, 88 Stat. 2157 (49 U.S.C. 1804); 49 CFR App. A of Part 1 and App. A of Part 102.)

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CESAR DELEON,
Acting Director,
Office of Pipeline Safety Operations.
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**INTERSTATE COMMERCE
COMMISSION**

[49 CFR Part 1057]

[Ex Parte No. MC-43 Sub-No. 7]

LEASE AND INTERCHANGE OF VEHICLES

Proposed final rules

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Proposed final rules.

SUMMARY: By notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on November

23, 1977, 42 FR 59984, the Commission initiated this rulemaking proceeding by asking for comments relating to a number of problem areas between owner-operator lessors and authorized carrier lessees as a first step in revising its leasing regulations. The Commission is now proposing revised and rewritten leasing regulations based upon the comments received and upon the recently completed nationwide survey of owner-operators and analysis of permanent leases by the Commission's Bureau of Economics. This action is also based upon information received by the Commission's Small Business Assistant Office and information upon which this rulemaking proceeding was originally instituted. The leasing regulations are being modified to promote full disclosure between the carrier and owner-operator in the leasing contract, to promote the stability and economic welfare of the independent trucker segment of the motor carrier industry, and to eliminate or reduce opportunities for skimming and other illegal practices. The lease and interchange regulations have been rewritten so as to be simpler and easier to understand.

DATES: Written comments should be filed with the Commission by August 25, 1978.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: The Secretary, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edward J. Schack, phone: 202-275-7581.

DECISION

By notice of proposed rulemaking published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on November 23, 1977,¹ this proceeding was instituted to revise and rewrite the Commission's leasing regulations in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter X, Part 1057—Lease and Interchange of Vehicles (49 CFR Part 1057). The proceeding was initiated on the basis of: (1) a Bureau of Operations (BOP) Report on Motor Carrier Leasing Practices, August 1977; (2) a Bureau of Economics (BOE) Preliminary Report on the Independent Trucker, November 1977; (3) evidence gathered during Congressional testimony before a special subcommittee of the House Committee on Small Business; and (4) testimony presented during Commission field hearings around the country. All indicate a number of problem areas between owner-operator lessors and authorized carrier lessees. This Commission decid-

¹42 FR 59984-59985. Because the notice did not include formal rules, but rather discussed the proposals generally, this decision will necessarily be interim in nature.

ed to investigate further to determine whether revised leasing rules should be proposed.

This proceeding was initiated under the authority of 49 U.S.C. 304(e) and (f) and 5 U.S.C. 552, 553, and 559 by us at a General Session held on November 15, 1977. Some of the objectives of this proceeding are; (1) To simplify existing and new leasing regulations and to write them in understandable English; (2) to promote truth-in-leasing—a full disclosure between the carrier and the owner-operator of the elements, obligations, and benefits of leasing contracts signed by both parties; (3) to eliminate or reduce opportunities for skimming and other illegal or inequitable practices; and (4) to promote the stability and economic welfare of the independent trucker segment of the motor carrier industry.

The notice instituting this proceeding outlined several minimum standards which we viewed as the starting point for an overall revision of the leasing regulations. Interested parties were invited to comment on these areas as well as the full range of issues in leasing and interchange agreements.

The comment period was extended from its original 30 days to 60 days and ended on February 22, 1978. Because of the interest generated by this issue, comments received as late as February 28th were accepted and made part of the record in this proceeding. However, comments filed as late as March 28, 1978, were rejected.

Over 150 carriers, owner-operators, transportation consultants, government agencies, shippers, and unions responded to the notice, the overwhelming majority being either individual motor carriers or carrier conferences.

Our decisions in this proceeding are based (1) on the comments filed by the parties, (2) the studies and hearings mentioned above, (3) the information received by our Small Business Assistance Office (SBAO), and (4) the recently completed BOE nationwide survey of owner-operators and BOE analysis of permanent leases. These last two sources in number (4) are combined in one report and are being released simultaneously with this decision. Copies of the owner-operator survey and the lease analysis study can be obtained from the Publications room, Room 1333, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423 or by contacting the Office of Communications, telephone 202-275-7252.

A number of motor carrier parties filed motions for oral argument before this Commission. These motions are denied. We do not find, in light of all the pleadings, evidence, studies, and Commission and congressional hearings on these issues, that oral argument would produce any further sub-