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### News Digest

**PHMSA Harmonizes the U.S. Hazardous Materials Regulations with IAEA Standards and Regulations.** The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) published a final rule July 11, 2014; to incorporate changes adopted in the 2009 Edition of the International Atomic Energy Agency Safety Standards publication titled *Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, 2009 Edition, Safety Requirement, No. TS-R-1*. These changes will help ensure that the classification, packaging requirements and hazard communication requirements for shipments of radioactive materials provide the requisite level of public safety and are consistent with those employed throughout the world. The final rule becomes effective October 1, 2014. As the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is preparing a parallel rulemaking under Docket ID NRC-2008-0198, PHMSA is authorizing voluntary compliance with the final rule beginning on the date of publication in the Federal Register. To allow the NRC time to address comments received to their Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and to ensure concurrent effective dates for our parallel rulemakings, mandatory compliance is delayed until one year from publication in the Federal Register. For more information go to: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-07-11/pdf/2014-15514.pdf>. Contact for media: Joe Delcambre (202) 493-0730.

**PHMSA Seeks Public Comment on Requirements for Safe Transportation of Explosives.** The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking asking for comment on requirements to authorize the safe transportation of certain explosives. These hazardous materials are used in blasting operations on specialized vehicles used as mobile work platforms to create blends of explosives at blast sites. Also, this rulemaking addresses the construction of new multipurpose explosives trucks. For more information go to: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-07-15/pdf/2014-16382.pdf> Contact for media: Joe Delcambre (202) 493-0730.