

4134, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, before and after the closing date for comments.

This notice of proposed rule making is issued under the authority of section 204 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, 49 U.S.C. 304, section 6 of the Department of Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. 1655, and the delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.48 and 389.4.

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ROBERT A. KAYE,

Director,

Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety.

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Hazardous Materials Regulations Board

[49 CFR Part 195]

[Notice 71-19; Docket No. HM-6B]

MOVEMENT OF PIPELINES CONTAINING LIQUEFIED GASES

Proposed Modification of Restriction

The Hazardous Materials Regulations Board is considering an amendment to § 195.424 of the Hazardous Materials Regulations of the Department of Transportation. The proposed amendment would modify the restriction on movement of pipe carrying liquefied gases.

Interested persons are invited to participate in making the proposed amendment by submitting written information, views, or arguments. Communications should identify the docket number (or notice number) and be submitted in duplicate to the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, Department of Transportation, 400 Sixth Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. All communications received on or before August 20, 1971, will be considered before final action is taken on the proposed amendment. Comments filed after that date will be considered so far as practicable. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in the light of comments received. All comments received will be available, both before and after the closing date for communications, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons.

Under the present regulations, no carrier may move any pipeline containing liquefied gases unless the line section involved is isolated to prevent the flow of commodity. It has come to the Board's attention that this requirement is not only costly to the industry, but may actually create an unnecessary hazard in practice.

Simply stated, due to added heat from the sun, isolation of an exposed line section can cause the internal line pressure to rise and introduce unnecessary stresses in the pipe which could be harmful. Conversely, if commodity flow is maintained while a pipeline is being moved, added heat will be dissipated, and

internal pressure will remain nearly the same.

To remedy the situation, the proposed amendment would permit pipe movement without isolation, provided the internal line pressure has been substantially reduced. Due to the unusually hazardous nature of liquefied gases, the Board believes that internal line pressure must be reduced below the level presently required under § 195.424(a), and yet remain high enough to prevent vaporization of the liquid. To accomplish this result, § 195.424(b) would be deleted and a new provision governing pressure in pipelines containing liquefied gases has been added at the end of present § 195.424(a).

This notice is issued under the authority of sections 831-835 of title 18, United States Code, and 6(e) (4) and (f) (3) (A) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1655(e) (4) and (f) (3) (A)) and § 1.49(f) of the regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is proposed to amend § 195.424 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations to read as follows:

§ 195.424 Pipe movement.

No carrier may move any line pipe unless the pressure in the line section involved is reduced to 50 percent or less of the maximum operating pressure. In the case of pipelines containing liquefied gases, the pressure in the line section involved must be reduced to the lowest practical level that will maintain the commodity in a liquid state with continuous flow, but must not be less than 50 p.s.i.g. above the vapor pressure of that commodity.

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CARL V. LYON,

Acting Administrator,

Federal Railroad Administration.

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[49 CFR Part 195]

[Notice 71-20; Docket No. HM 6C]

TRANSPORTATION OF LIQUIDS BY PIPELINE

Telephonic Accident Reporting Requirements

The Hazardous Materials Regulations Board is considering an amendment to Part 195 to broaden the requirements for immediate reporting of certain accidents by carriers engaged in the transportation of liquids by pipeline.

The purpose of immediate reporting is to provide notice of significant incidents in order that the Board may investigate the incident and take any action that may be necessary to protect persons or property. However, the present regulation only requires an immediate report in the event of a fatality. A recent acci-

dent on a liquefied petroleum gas line destroyed or extensively damaged 17 buildings and injured eight persons. Yet an immediate report was not required under § 195.52.

The proposed new § 195.52 would be similar to § 191.5 of Title 49, which contains the immediate notification requirements for leaks occurring on gas pipelines. The one significant difference is the addition of a proposed requirement for reporting of leaks that result in pollution of bodies of water.

Interested persons are invited to give their views on the proposal discussed herein by submitting written data or arguments as they may desire. Communications should be identified by the notice number and docket number and should be submitted in duplicate to the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, Department of Transportation, 400 Sixth Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received on or before August 20, 1971, will be considered before final action is taken on the proposal. All comments received will be available for examination by interested persons at the Office of the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, both before and after the closing date for comments.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is proposed to amend Part 195 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations by amending § 195.52 to read as set forth below.

This notice is issued under the authority of sections 831-835 of title 18, United States Code, sections 6 (e) (4) and (f) (3) (A) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1655 (e) (4) and (f) (3) (A)), and § 1.49(f) of the regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation.

§ 195.52 Telephonic notice of certain leaks.

(a) At the earliest practicable moment following discovery, each carrier shall give notice, in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section, of any leak that:

(1) Caused a death or personal injury requiring hospitalization.

(2) Required the taking of any segment of trunk pipeline out of service, except for leaks occurring as a consequence of, or in connection with, planned or routine maintenance or construction.

(3) Resulted in fire or explosion not intentionally set by the carrier.

(4) Caused estimated damage to the property of the carrier or others, or both, of a total of \$5,000 or more.

(5) Resulted in pollution of any stream, river, lake, reservoir, or other similar body of water.

(6) In the judgment of the carrier, was significant even though it did not meet the criteria of any other subparagraph of this paragraph.

(b) Reports made under paragraph (a) of this section are made by telephone

to Area Code 202, 426-0700 and must include the following information:

- (1) The location of the leak.
- (2) The time of the leak.
- (3) The fatalities and personal injuries, if any.
- (4) All other significant facts that are known by the carrier that are relevant to the cause of the leak or extent of the damages.

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ROBERT LEE KESSLER,
Acting Administrator,

Federal Railroad Administration.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[18 CFR Part 640]

STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR MARINE SANITATION DEVICES

Extension of Time for Comments

The Environmental Protection Agency published a notice of proposed rule making in the FEDERAL REGISTER on Wednesday, May 12, 1971 (36 F.R. 8739), proposing standards of performance for marine sanitation devices under section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1163.

Several requests for extension of time to comment on that Notice have been received. The present deadline for submitting comments expires on June 26, 1971. An extension of time is considered reasonable to allow all interested parties adequate opportunity to submit written views, comments, and recommendations concerning the proposed standards.

Accordingly, the time for submitting written views, comments and recommendations on the proposed standards for marine sanitation devices is extended for 60 days to August 25, 1971.

Dated: June 23, 1971.

WILLIAM D. RUCKELSHAUS,
Administrator.

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