

Notice of Meetings and Announcement of a Pipeline Safety Subcommittee

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) announces meetings of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC) and the creation of a subcommittee to assist PHMSA in the preparation of a pipeline safety report to the nation. PHMSA will host a series of meetings with a newly formed subcommittee to review and consider information gathered in response to the U.S. Department of Transportation's and PHMSA's action plan and information related to a recent pipeline safety forum. PHMSA is also requesting general public comments including comments on a report titled, "The State of the National Pipeline Infrastructure - A Preliminary Report."

MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS:

The meeting locations (in the Washington DC Metro area) and any new information or changes will be posted on the PHMSA/Office of Pipeline Safety "Pipeline Safety Awareness" webpage (<http://opsweb.phmsa.dot.gov/pipelineforum/>) 15 days before the meeting takes place.

The meeting dates are:

June 15, 2011 - Subcommittee Kick-off Meeting - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST

The agenda includes an introduction of the subcommittee and discussion of the subcommittee's task. This meeting will provide the public an opportunity to participate in an exchange of ideas and recommendations, including a discussion of the report outline, prior to the subcommittee's preparatory meetings. You may pre-register for this at:

<http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=72>

August 2-3, 2011- TPSSC and THLPSSC Joint Public Meeting, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST

The agenda will include an overview of the subcommittee's deliberations and summary of the draft final report. You may pre-register for this meeting at:

<http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=73>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

- A meeting notice will be published in the *Federal Register* on Friday, May 20, 2011-
After that date you may view a copy of the notice and post comments by logging on to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for docket number **PHMSA-2011-0127**.
- *Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Details:* Cheryl Whetsel 202-366-4431 or by e-mail at cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov.
- *Report to the Nation on Pipeline Safety:* Linda Daugherty 202-366-4595 or by e-mail at linda.daugherty@dot.gov.
- For more information you may view the published meeting notice at:
<http://www.regulations.gov/#!searchResults;rpp=10;po=0;s=PHMSA-2011-0127>.