NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 26 August 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

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**Title:** Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines

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| **Reason for Addendum:** | |
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| [X] | Notified measure published - date: 24 August 2022 |
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**Description:** TITLE: Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Transmission Pipelines: Repair Criteria, Integrity Management Improvements, Cathodic Protection, Management of Change, and Other Related Amendments

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT)

ACTION: Final rule

SUMMARY: PHMSA is revising the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations to improve the safety of onshore gas transmission pipelines. This final rule addresses several lessons learned following the Pacific Gas and Electric Company incident that occurred in San Bruno, California, on 9 September 2010, and responds to public input received as part of the rulemaking process. The amendments in this final rule clarify certain integrity management provisions, codify a management of change process, update and bolster gas transmission pipeline corrosion control requirements, require operators to inspect pipelines following extreme weather events, strengthen integrity management assessment requirements, adjust the repair criteria for high-consequence areas, create new repair criteria for non-high consequence areas, and revise or create specific definitions related to the above amendments.

DATES: The final rule is effective 24 May 2023. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of 24 May 2023. The incorporation by reference of other publications listed in this rule was approved by the Director of the Federal Register on 1 July 2020.

This current final rule as well as the "final rule; response to petition for reconsideration; enforcement discretion; technical corrections" notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/1117/Add.7](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN16/USA1117A7.DOCX), an earlier final rule notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/1117/Add.6](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN16/USA1117A6.DOCX), the notice of proposed rulemaking notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/1117](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/q/G/TBTN16/USA1117.pdf), the extension of comment period for the proposed rule notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/1117/Add.1](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/q/G/TBTN16/USA1117A1.pdf), the final rule notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/1117/Add.2](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN16/USA1117A2.DOCX), and the final rule; petition for reconsideration notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/1117/Add.4](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN16/USA1117A4.DOCX) are all identified by Docket Number PHMSA-2011-0023. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/PHMSA-2011-0023/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number.

The actions notified in [G/TBT/N/USA/1117/Add.3](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN16/USA1117A3.DOCX) and [G/TBT/N/USA/1117/Add.5](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN16/USA1117A5.DOCX) are identified by Docket Number PHMSA-2019-0225. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/PHMSA-2019-0225/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number.

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1. This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)