NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 12 January 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

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**Title:** Pipeline Safety: Gas Pipeline Regulatory Reform

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| **Reason for Addendum:** | |
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| [  ] | Notified measure adopted - date: |
| [X] | Notified measure published - date: 11 January 2021 |
| [X] | Notified measure enters into force - date: 12 March 2021 |
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**Description:** Pipeline Safety: Gas Pipeline Regulatory Reform

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

ACTION: Final rule; withdrawal of enforcement discretion

SUMMARY: PHMSA is amending the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations to ease regulatory burdens on the construction, maintenance, and operation of gas transmission, distribution, and gathering pipeline systems without adversely affecting safety. The amendments in this rule are based on rulemaking petitions from stakeholders, and DOT and PHMSA initiatives to identify appropriate areas where regulations might be repealed, replaced, or modified, and PHMSA's review of public comments. PHMSA also, as of the effective date of this final rule, withdraws the 29 March 2019 "Exercise of Enforcement Discretion Regarding Farm Taps" and the unpublished 27 October 2015 letter to the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America announcing a stay of enforcement pertaining to certain pressure vessels.

DATES:

Effective Date: This rule is effective 12 March 2021.

Incorporation by reference date: The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of 12 March 2021.

Voluntary compliance date: 12 March 2021.

Delayed compliance date: Compliance with the amendments adopted in the rule is required beginning 1 October 2021.

Enforcement discretion withdrawal date: The withdrawal of 84 FR 11253 (26 March 2019) is effective as of 12 March 2021.

This final rule and the notice of proposed rulemaking notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/1624](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=&DocumentSymbol=usa%2F1624&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=) are identified by Docket Number PHMSA-2018-0046. The Docket Folder is available on [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=PHMSA-2018-0046> 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 measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)