

PIPES ACT 2020 WEB CHART

Rule Title/Subject/Docket No.	RIN	Rule Stage and Significance	Legislation	Description of Work Plan	PHMSA Projected Timelines		OST Projected Timelines		OST Date in RMS; Date for completing review (45 days)	Date(s) returned to PHMSA and date resubmitted to OST	Current staff PHMSA/OST Allocation - staff assigned to more than one project at a time**	Resource constraints affecting process in PHMSA/OST	Date Rulemaking transmitted to OMB (90 day review) (reginfo.gov)	Additional Details Affecting Rule-making Progress	Additional Comments on Rulemaking Status
					To AA/CC	To PH-1	To OST	To OMB							
OPS: Safety of Gas Gathering Pipelines	2137-AF38	Final Rule	PIPES Act 2020 Sec 112	Complete final rule.	To AA/CC To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	3/03/21 3/07/21 3/19/21 5/04/21 9/09/21	At OST To C1 To S1 To OMB	3/19/21 4/16/21 4/23/21 5/04/21			9 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES			
OPS: Pipeline Rupture Detection and Mitigation for Onshore Populated and High Consequence Areas; New and Replace	2137-AF06	Final Rule	Pipeline Safety 2011 Sec 4 Sec 8; PIPES Act 2020 Sec 113	Complete final rule.	To AA/CC To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	2/26/21 3/26/21 4/9/21 5/24/21 9/17/21	At OST To C1 To S1 To OMB	4/9/21 5/3/21 5/10/21 5/24/21			8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES			NPRM published in FR on 2/6/2020. GPAC/LPAC meeting held 6/22-23/2020.
OPS: Coastal Ecological Unusually Sensitive Areas	2137-AF31	TBD	PIPES Act 2016 Sec 19; PIPES Act 2020 Sec 120	Determine path forward based on PIPES 2020 Act	To AA/CC To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub		At OST To C1 To S1 To OMB				8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES			PHMSA is considering all available options to expedite the rulemaking, including a potential IFR.
OPS: Gas Pipeline Leak Detection	2137-AF51	NPRM	PIPES Act 2020 Sec 113		To AA/CC To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	9/24/21 12/09/21 12/27/21 2/11/22 5/27/22	At OST To C1 To S1 To OMB	12/27/21 1/21/22 2/3/22 2/11/22			8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES			PHMSA planning public meeting on leak detection in the spring.
OPS: Safety of Gas Distribution Pipelines	2137-AF53	NPRM	PIPES Act 2020 Leonel Rondon Act Sec 202, 203, 204, and 206		To AA/CC To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	11/01/21 12/30/21 1/31/22 3/17/22 7/05/22	At OST To C1 To S1 To OMB	1/31/22 2/14/22 2/25/22 3/17/22			8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES			
OPS: Amendments to Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities	2137-AF45	NPRM	PIPES Act 2016 Sec 27; PIPES Act 2020 Sec 110	Revise rule to align with PIPES Act 2020 requirements.	To AA/CC To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	2/21/22 3/21/22 3/31/22 5/16/22 9/09/22	At OST To C1 To S1 To OMB	3/31/22 4/28/22 5/06/22 5/16/22			8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES			
OPS: Class Location	2137-AF29	Final Rule	PIPES Act 2020 Sec 115	Hold GPAC meeting.	To AA/CC To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	6/17/22 9/19/22 10/11/22 11/28/22 03/21/23	At OST To C1 To S1 To OMB	10/11/22 11/08/22 11/18/22 11/28/22			8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES			NPRM published in FR on 10/14/2020 Comment period closed on 12/14/2020; developing GPAC plan.
OPS: Pipeline Operational Status	2137-AF52	NPRM	PIPES Act 2020 Sec 109		To AA/CC To PH-1 To OST To OMB FR Pub	8/17/22 10/11/22 11/03/22 12/22/22 4/14/23	At OST To C1 To S1 To OMB	11/03/22 12/01/22 12/12/22 12/22/22			8 staff PHMSA 5 staff OST	YES			

**Staff allocations listed in this chart identify the total number of persons assigned to each rulemaking project. However, DOT staff are often assigned to multiple rulemaking teams and have additional tasks that prevent them from working full-time on a single rulemaking project. Workplan Projected Completion Dates based on currently available information.

ACRONYMS used: OPS - Office of Pipeline Safety; CC or PHC- PHMSA Office of Chief Counsel; AA – Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety; PH-1 Administrator of PHMSA; C-1 –OST Chief Counsel; S1 – Secretary of Transportation; FR - Federal Register; OST - Office of the Secretary of Transportation; OIRA - Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; OMB – Office of Management and Budget; IFR - Interim Final Rule; NPRM – Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; ANPRM - Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; NPRM – Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; To OST equals PH-1 approval; FR Pub – Federal Register Publication Date.