

installations of wiring for up to four line residential and business telephone service. More complex installations of wiring for multiple line services, for use with systems such as PBX and key telephone systems, are controlled by § 68.215 of these rules.

(b) *Wiring authorized.* Unprotected premises wiring may be used to connect units of terminal equipment or protective circuitry to one another, and to carrier-installed facilities if installed in accordance with these rules. The telephone company is not responsible, except pursuant to agreement between it and the customer or undertakings by it, otherwise consistent with Commission requirements, for installation and maintenance of wiring on the subscriber's side of the demarcation point, including any wire or jacks that may have been installed by the carrier. The subscriber and/or premises owner may install wiring on the subscriber's side of the demarcation point, and may remove, reconfigure, and rearrange wiring on that side of the demarcation point including wiring that may have been installed by the carrier. The customer or premises owner may not access carrier wiring and facilities on the carrier's side of the demarcation point. Customers may not access the telephone company-installed protector. All plugs and jacks used in connection with inside wiring shall conform to subpart F of this part. In multiunit premises with more than one customer, the premises owner may adopt a policy restricting a customer's access to wiring on the premises to only that wiring located in the customer's individual unit wiring that serves only that particular customer. See Demarcation point definition, § 68.3(b)(3). The customer or premises owner may not access carrier wiring and facilities on the carrier's side of the demarcation point. Customers may not access the telephone company-installed protector. All plugs and jacks used in connection with inside wiring shall conform to subpart F of this part.

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5. Section 68.215 is amended by revising the subject heading to read as follows:

**§ 68.215 Installation of other than "fully protected" system premises wiring that serves more than four subscriber access lines.**

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6. Section 68.500 is amended by adding a new sentence at the end of the introductory paragraph, and prior to the specifications for a 6-position plug, to read as follows:

#### **§ 68.500 Specifications.**

*General.* \* \* \* For the purposes of this section, hard gold and contact performance equivalent to gold shall be determined in accordance with the standards detailed in Appendix H of TIA Telecommunications Systems Bulletin No. 31 Part 68 Rationale and Measurement Guidelines (TSB.31), prepared by EIA/TIA TR-41 Committee on Telephone Terminals (1992). This publication may be obtained by contacting Global Engineering Documents, 7730 Carondelet Avenue, Suite # 407, St. Louis, Missouri, 63105. (Telephone number 1-800-854-7179).

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Research and Special Programs Administration**

#### **49 CFR Part 193**

[Docket No. PS-151; Notice 1]

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### **Liquefied Natural Gas Regulations; Miscellaneous Amendments**

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Confirmation of effective date; and partial removal of direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document confirms the effective date of the amendments of the direct final rule which updated the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) regulations by replacing the current "Flammable vapor-gas dispersion protection" method with a method based on the "dense gas dispersion (DEGADIS)" model, and replacing the current "Thermal radiation protection" method with a method based on the "LNGFIRE" program model. This document removes the section of the direct final rule that incorporated safety requirements for mobile and temporary LNG facilities by referencing National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 59A (1996 edition), Standard for the Production, Storage and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** This document confirms June 25, 1997, as the effective date of the amendments to § 193.2057, § 193.2059 and Appendix A to Part 193 published on February 25, 1997, at 62 FR 8402. The approval of the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in those amendments remains June 25, 1997. This document

also removes § 193.2019 effective June 25, 1997.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On February 25, 1997, RSPA published a direct final rule (62 FR 8402) titled "Liquefied Natural Gas Regulations—Miscellaneous Amendments." In that rule, RSPA stated that if no adverse comments were received by April 28, 1997, it would publish a confirmation notice within 30 days, and if an adverse comment was received, RSPA would issue a document to confirm that fact and would withdraw the direct final rule in whole or in part. The rule also stated that RSPA might then incorporate the adverse comment(s) into a subsequent direct final rule or might publish a notice of proposed rulemaking.

RSPA received two comments on Section 193.2019, Mobile and temporary LNG facilities, in the direct final rule. One comment was from the industry and a second was from an individual employed by a state utility commission. The industry comment, from the largest independent natural gas distribution company in New England, applauded RSPA's incorporation by reference of the safety requirements for mobile and temporary LNG facilities contained in standard NFPA 59A. The commenter from the state utility commission expressed concern over adopting the NFPA standard 59A by reference for the mobile and temporary LNG facilities. Details of this comment will be discussed in a subsequent direct final rule.

RSPA did not receive any comments relative to the direct final rule provisions for Section 193.2057, Thermal radiation protection, and Section 193.2059, Flammable vapor-gas dispersion protection, in the direct final rule. Therefore, this document confirms that the changes to Sections 193.2057 and 193.2059 in the direct final rule will become effective on June 25, 1997.

#### **List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 193**

Fire prevention, Pipeline safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures.

In consideration of the foregoing, RSPA amends Part 193 of title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

**PART 193—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for Part 193 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 5103, 60103, 60104, 60108, 60109, 60111, 60112, 60118; and 49 CFR 1.53.

**§ 193.2019 [Removed]**

2. Section 193.2019 is removed.

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