

On-line tracking system for NHTSA's research projects, and  
Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN).

Specific Crashworthiness R&D topics are:

Status of advanced air bag research,  
Demonstration of CD ROM for child restraint/vehicle compatibility,  
Preparation of new dummies for assessment of advanced air bag technology,  
Status of research on restraint systems for rollover protection,  
Improved frontal crash protection (program status, problem identification, offset testing),  
Advanced glazing research,  
Vehicle aggressivity and fleet compatibility,  
Upgrade side crash protection,  
Upgrade seat and occupant restraint systems,  
Child restraint/air bag interaction (CRABI) dummy testing,  
Truck crashworthiness/occupant protection,  
National Transportation Biomechanics Research Center (NTBRC),  
Head and neck injury research,  
Lower extremity injury research,  
Thorax injury research,  
Human injury simulation and analysis,  
Refinements to the Hybrid III dummy, and  
Advanced frontal test dummy.

Specific Crash Avoidance R&D topics are:

National Advanced Driving Simulator (NADS),  
Intelligent vehicle initiative,  
Status and plans for anti-lock brake system (ABS) research and testing,  
Human factors guidelines for crash avoidance warning devices,  
Drowsy driver monitoring,  
Driver workload assessment,  
Rearend collision avoidance system guidelines,  
Road departure collision avoidance system guidelines,  
Intersection collision avoidance system guidelines,  
Lane change/merge collision avoidance system guidelines.

National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) topic is:

Special crash investigation studies of air bag cases.

Separately, questions regarding research projects that have been submitted in writing not later than close of business on September 2, 1998, will be answered. The summary minutes of the meeting, copies of materials handed out at the meeting, and answers to the questions submitted for response at the

meeting will be available for public inspection in the DOT Docket in Washington, DC, within 3 weeks after the meeting. Copies of this material will then be available at ten cents a page upon request to DOT Docket, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. The DOT Docket is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The summary minutes, handouts, and answers to the questions will also be available on NHTSA's Web site under Announcements/Public Meetings at URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>.

NHTSA will provide technical aids to participants as necessary, during the Research and Development Programs Meeting. Thus, any person desiring the assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunication devices for deaf persons (TTDs), readers, taped texts, braille materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Rita Gibbons on (202) 366-4862 or by telefax on (202) 366-5930 by close of business September 4, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rita Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-4862. Fax number: (202) 366-5930.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT

[Docket No. RSPA-98-3891; Notice 14]

#### Pipeline Safety: Mobil Pipe Line Company Approved for Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Pipeline Safety, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of risk demonstration project approval and finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** The Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) has issued a Risk Management Demonstration Project Order authorizing Mobil Pipe Line Company to participate in the Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program. OPS has also made a finding that Mobil's demonstration project will have no significant impacts on the environment.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this or any other demonstration project will be accepted in the Docket throughout the 4-year demonstration period. Comments should be sent to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, or you can E-Mail your comments to [ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov](mailto:ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov). Comments should identify the docket number RSPA-98-3891. Persons should submit the original comment document and one (1) copy. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. The Dockets Facility is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building in Room 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. The Dockets Facility is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Callsen, OPS, (202) 366-4572, regarding the subject matter of this notice. Contact the Dockets Unit, (202) 366-5046, for docket material. Comments may also be reviewed online at the DOT Docket Management System website at <http://dms.dot.gov/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

*Project Authorization:* On August 10, 1998, OPS, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 60126, issued Mobil a Risk Management Demonstration Project Order authorizing Mobil to conduct a risk management project at Mobil's Patoka, Illinois crude breakout tank facility located within the city limits of Vernon, Illinois. OPS has determined, after a comprehensive review of Mobil's demonstration project, that the project is expected to provide superior safety.

More detailed descriptions of all aspects of the Mobil demonstration project, including the OPS rationale for approving the project, are available in the following documents:

(1) 63 FR 36024, "Pipeline Safety: Intent To Approve Project and Environmental Assessment for the Mobil Pipe Line Company Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program", July 1, 1998.

(2) "Demonstration Project Prospectus: Mobil Pipe Line Company; Site: Patoka, Illinois", available by contacting Elizabeth M. Callsen at 202-366-4572. Includes a map showing the demonstration site.

(3) "Mobil Pipe Line Company—Application for DOT-OPS Risk Management Demonstration Program", available in Docket No. RSPA-98-3891 at the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400

Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-5046.

(4) "OPS Project Review Team Evaluation of Mobil Demonstration Project".

(5) "Risk Management Demonstration Project Order" for Mobil Pipe Line Corporation, August 10, 1998.

These documents and other information pertaining to the Mobil project are accessible to the public via the Pipeline Risk Management Information System (PRIMIS), on the OPS Home Page at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

*Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)*: OPS has reviewed Mobil's project for conformity with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332), the Council on Environmental Quality implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Department of Transportation Order 5610.1c, Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts. OPS conducted an Environmental Assessment of Phillips' project (63 FR 36024, "Pipeline Safety: Intent To Approve Project and Environmental Assessment for the Phillips Pipe Line Company Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program", July 1, 1998).

OPS received no public comment on the Environmental Assessment.

Based on the analysis and conclusions reached in the Environmental Assessment and the analyses conducted in the above-listed documents, OPS has found that there are no significant impacts on the environment associated with this action. The Environmental Assessment and the other above-listed documents are incorporated by reference into this FONSI. To summarize, the reason that the project will not have a significant effect on the human environment is that the project as now defined requires no regulatory exemption. This project is expected to demonstrate that risk management techniques can be successfully applied toward achieving superior safety and environmental protection at a tank facility. All activities to be performed by Mobil as part of the demonstration project, including investigating the specific ways that leaks or ruptures could possibly occur within the Patoka facility, taking into account the specific characteristics of the site in determining the potential safety and environmental impacts of such events, defining the most effective means of minimizing the likelihood and consequences of such events, and quantitatively validating its overall approach, exceed what is currently required by pipeline safety regulations. This rationale is further

discussed in the Environmental Assessment referenced above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT

[Docket No. RSPA-98-3892; Notice 15]

#### Pipeline Safety: Phillips Pipe Line Company Approved for Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Pipeline Safety, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of risk demonstration project approval and finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** The Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) has issued a Risk Management Demonstration Project Order authorizing Phillips Pipe Line Company to participate in the Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program. OPS has also made a finding that Phillips' demonstration project will have no significant impacts on the environment.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this or any other demonstration project will be accepted in the Docket throughout the 4-year demonstration period. Comments should be sent to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, or you can E-Mail your comments to [ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov](mailto:ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov). Comments should identify the docket number RSPA-98-3892. Persons should submit the original comment document and one (1) copy. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. The Dockets Facility is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building in Room 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. The Dockets Facility is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Callsen, OPS, (202) 366-4572, regarding the subject matter of this notice. Contact the Dockets Unit, (202) 366-5046, for docket material. Comments may also be reviewed online

at the DOT Docket Management System website at <http://dms.dot.gov/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

*Project Authorization:* On August 10, 1998, OPS, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 60126, issued Phillips a Risk Management Demonstration Project Order authorizing Phillips to conduct a risk management project on a 60-mile pipeline segment of two pipelines of the Phillips-operated pipeline system. OPS has determined, after a comprehensive review of Phillips' demonstration project, that the project is expected to provide superior safety.

More detailed descriptions of all aspects of the Phillips demonstration project, including the OPS rationale for approving the project, are available in the following documents:

(1) 63 FR 36024, "Pipeline Safety: Intent To Approve Project and Environmental Assessment for the Phillips Pipe Line Company Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program", July 1, 1998.

(2) "Demonstration Project Prospectus: Phillips Pipe Line Company; Texas Gulf Coast Region", available by contacting Elizabeth M. Callsen at 202-366-4572. Includes a map of the demonstration segments.

(3) "Phillips Pipe Line Company—Application for DOT-OPS Risk Management Demonstration Program", available in Docket No. RSPA-98-3892 at the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-5046.

(4) "OPS Project Review Team Evaluation of Phillips Demonstration Project".

(5) "Risk Management Demonstration Project Order" for Phillips Pipe Line Corporation, August 10, 1998.

These documents and other information pertaining to the Phillips project are accessible to the public via the Pipeline Risk Management Information System (PRIMIS), on the OPS Home Page at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

*Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)*: OPS has reviewed Phillips' project for conformity with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332), the Council on Environmental Quality implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Department of Transportation Order 5610.1c, Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts. OPS conducted an Environmental Assessment of Phillips' project (63 FR 36024, "Pipeline Safety: Intent To Approve Project and Environmental Assessment for the Phillips Pipe Line Company Pipeline