

resources shall achieve a 60% utilization threshold, calculated in accordance with paragraph (g)(3)(ii) of this section, for the rate center in which they are requesting growth numbering resources. This 60% utilization threshold shall increase by 5% on June 30, 2002, and annually thereafter until the utilization threshold reaches 75%.

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(k) *Numbering audits.* (1) All telecommunications service providers shall be subject to "for cause" and random audits to verify carrier compliance with Commission regulations and applicable industry guidelines relating to numbering administration.

(2) All telecommunications service providers shall be prepared to demonstrate compliance with Commission regulations and applicable industry guidelines at all times. Service providers shall be prepared to demonstrate compliance with Commission regulations and applicable industry guidelines at all times. Service providers found to be in violation of Commission regulations and applicable industry guidelines relating to numbering administration may be subject to enforcement action.

3. In § 52.16, revise paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 52.16 Billing and collection agent.

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(a) Calculate, assess, bill and collect payments for all numbering administration functions and distribute funds to the NANPA, or other agent designated by the Common Carrier Bureau that performs functions related to numbering administration, on a monthly basis;

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4. In § 52.20, revise paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 52.20 Thousands-block number pooling.

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(c) *Donation of thousands-blocks.* (1) All service providers required to participate in thousands-block number pooling shall donate thousands-blocks with ten percent or less contamination to the thousands-block number pool for the rate center within which the numbering resources are assigned. (2) All service providers required to participate in thousands-block number pooling shall be allowed to retain at least one thousands-block per rate center, even if the thousands-block is

ten percent or less contaminated, as an initial block or footprint block.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Part 195

[Docket RSPA-99-6355; Amdt. 195-70]

RIN 2137-AD45

Pipeline Safety: Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas (Hazardous Liquid Operators With 500 or More Miles of Pipelines)

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2001, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, titled "Regulatory Review Plan," published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2001, this action temporarily delays for 60 days the effective date of the rule titled "Pipeline Safety: Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas (Hazardous Liquid Operators with 500 or More Miles of Pipelines)," published in the **Federal Register** on December 1, 2000, 65 FR 75378. That rule requires operators of hazardous liquid pipelines to establish and implement plans to assess the integrity of pipeline in areas in which a failure could impact certain populated and environmentally sensitive areas.

DATES: The effective date of the final rule is delayed for 60 days, from March 31, 2001, to a new effective date of May 29, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Israni, (202) 366-4571, or by e-mail: mike.israni@rspa.dot.gov, regarding the subject matter of this final rule, or the Dockets Facility for copies of this final rule or other material in the docket. All materials in this docket may be accessed electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To the extent that 5 U.S.C. section 553 applies to this action, it is exempt from notice and comment because it constitutes a rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. section 553(b)(A). Alternatively, the RSPA's implementation of this action without

opportunity for public comment, effective immediately upon publication today in the **Federal Register**, is based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. section 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3). Seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. The temporary 60-day delay in effective date is necessary to give Department officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the Assistant to the President's memorandum of January 20, 2001. Given the imminence of the effective date, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay would have been impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations. The imminence of the effective date is also good cause for making this action effective immediately upon publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Part 195

[Docket RSPA-99-5455; Amdt. 195-71]

RIN 2137-AC34

Pipeline Safety: Areas Unusually Sensitive to Environmental Damage

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2001, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Review Plan," published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2001, this action temporarily delays for 60 days the effective date of the final rule titled "Pipeline Safety: Areas Unusually Sensitive to Environmental Damage," published in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000, 65 FR 80530. That rule defines drinking water and ecological areas that are unusually sensitive to environmental damage if there is a hazardous liquid pipeline release.

DATES: The effective date of the final rule is delayed for 60 days, from February 20, 2001, to a new effective date of April 21, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christina Sames at (202) 366-4561 or christina.sames@rspa.dot.gov. Copies of this document or other material in the docket can be obtained from the Dockets Facility, U.S. DOT, Room #PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. The Dockets Facility is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays when the facility is closed. The public may review material in the docket by accessing the Docket Management System's home page at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To the extent that 5 U.S.C. section 553 applies to this action, it is exempt from notice and comment because it constitutes a rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. section 553(b)(A). Alternatively, the RSPA's implementation of this action without opportunity for public comment, effective immediately upon publication today in the **Federal Register**, is based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. section 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3). Seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. The temporary 60-day delay in effective date is necessary to give Department officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the Assistant to the President's memorandum of January 20, 2001. Given the imminence of the effective date, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay would have been impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations. The imminence of the effective date is also good cause for making this action effective immediately upon publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. NHTSA-98-4515; Notice 3]

RIN 2127-AF43

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Electric-Powered Vehicles: Electrolyte Spillage and Electrical Shock Protection: Delay of Effective Date

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2001, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Review Plan," published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2001, at 66 FR 7702, this action temporarily delays for 60 days the effective date of the rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Electric-Powered Vehicles: Electrolyte Spillage and Electrical Shock Protection," published in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 2000, at 65 FR 57980. That rule established a new Federal motor vehicle safety standard (FMVSS) No. 305, "Electric-powered vehicles: electrolyte spillage and electrical shock protection" addressing safety issues exclusive to electric vehicles (EVs). Except as noted in the next sentence, the standard applies to all EVs that have a propulsion power source greater than 48 volts and a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 4536 kg (10,000 lbs) or less. The standard does not apply to EVs to which FMVSS No. 500, "Low-Speed Vehicles," applies.

DATES: The effective date of the "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Electric-Powered Vehicles: Electrolyte Spillage and Electrical Shock Protection," published in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 2000, at 65 FR 57980, is delayed for 60 days, from October 1, 2001, to a new effective date of December 1, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For non-legal issues, contact Charles Hott, Office of Safety Performance Standards, NHTSA (202-366-0427). For legal issues, contact Taylor Vinson, Office of Chief Counsel, NHTSA (202-366-5263).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To the extent that 5 U.S.C. section 553 applies to this action, it is exempt from notice and comment because it constitutes a rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. section

553(b)(A). Alternatively, NHTSA's implementation of this action without opportunity for public comment, effective immediately upon publication today in the **Federal Register**, is based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. section 553(b)(3)(B) and 553(d)(3). Seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest. The temporary 60-day delay in effective date is necessary to give Department officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the Assistant to the President's memorandum of January 20, 2001. Given the imminence of the effective date, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay would have been impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations. The imminence of the effective date is also good cause for making this action effective immediately upon publication.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322, 30111, 30115, 30166; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.

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L. Robert Shelton,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 86

RIN 1018-AF38

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program: Delay of Effective Date

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2001, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Review Plan," published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2001 (66 FR 7701), this document temporarily delays for 60 days the effective date of the rule entitled "Boating Infrastructure Grant Program," published in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 2001 (66 FR 5282). This rule provides for the uniform administration of the national Boating Infrastructure Grant Program and survey authorized by Section 7404 of the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998. Through this program, the