

data from thirty-two (32) fully operational sites. The current scope of crashes in CISS is limited to crashes involving at least one passenger vehicle towed from the scene. There are very few crashes in CISS involving a non-motorist, motorcyclist or large vehicle. CISS investigates about 4,000 crashes annually making it sometimes difficult to identify new or emerging crash trends and containing an adequate number of rare crashes or crashes involving a non-motorist, motorcycle, large vehicle, or a vehicle with new technology for meaningful analysis. However, the original sample was designed to be flexible and scalable to accommodate different types of crashes and increase the number of data collection sites without redesigning the site sample. NHTSA plans to utilize these capabilities to increase the number of data collection sites and types of crashes included in CISS. These changes will increase the number of crashes investigated annually, reduce variance of key estimates, and expand the current scope of crashes.

The current CISS investigation process selects crashes to be investigated usually 3 to 7 days after the crash. Then crash technicians locate, visit, measure, and photograph the crash scene; locate, inspect, and photograph vehicles; conduct a telephone or personal interview in specific crashes with the involved individuals or surrogate (another person who can provide occupant or crash information, such as parents of a minor, or a parent or spouse for the deceased individual); and obtain and record injury information received from various medical data sources. From the time of the crash to the time of investigation, critical evidence from the scene can be destroyed, altered or removed, vehicles can be hard to locate or repaired, and people involved tend to forget information related to the crash. To obtain this critical information, on-scene or rapid response investigations protocols would be required. On-scene protocols involve crash investigators arriving at the scene of the crashes before the crash scene is cleared allowing investigators to collect critical evidence and interview drivers or witnesses while the crash is still fresh. Rapid response protocols are where crash investigators arrive at the scene of the crash 1–2 days after the crash.

NHTSA is pursuing data improvement initiatives that will enhance the amount of data collected and the quality of the data collected in CISS as authorized by BIL.

This effort includes the following major objectives:

- Add more data collection sites to increase the number of crashes collected and reduce the variance of estimates,
- Expand the scope of crashes investigated to collect real-world data for crashes involving other types of vehicles and non-motorists (pedestrian, pedalcyclist, etc.); and
- Utilize rapid response investigation protocols to collect data sooner than the current method to reduce the loss of critical information needed from the scene, vehicle and people involved.

In order to meet these objectives, NHTSA invites stakeholders to comment on the types of crashes to include in CISS, propose new data elements for new crash types, make suggestions on the improving timeliness of investigation protocols or notification and identification of crashes, and make any other suggestions they feel NHTSA should consider in an attempt to improve crash data collection.

For more information about CISS can be reviewed on NHTSA's websites: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/crash-data-systems/crash-investigation-sampling-system>. Current CISS data elements, coding instructions, and descriptive materials can be reviewed on NHTSA's website at: <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/#!/PublicationList/110> and the CISS crash viewer at: <https://crashviewer.nhtsa.dot.gov/CISS/SearchIndex>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2023–0009]

Safety of Underground Natural Gas Storage Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that PHMSA will host a two-day public meeting titled: “Safety of Underground Natural Gas Storage Public Meeting” in Broomfield, Colorado. PHMSA is hosting this meeting as part of its core mission to improve safety through better communications between PHMSA and its stakeholders. The purpose of the public meeting is to share important safety information with the public and

industry, as well as gather input to inform future rulemaking decisions.

DATES: The public meeting and forum will be held May 16–17, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (MT). Persons who wish to attend the meeting are asked to register no later than April 21, 2023. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other aids, are asked to notify Kimberly Harrigan at K.Harrigan.ctr@dot.gov no later than April 21, 2023. For additional information, please see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Renaissance Boulder Flatiron Hotel, 500 Flatiron Boulevard, Broomfield, Colorado. The agenda and instructions on how to attend are available on the meeting website at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=164>.

Presentations: Presentations from the public meeting will be available on the meeting website no later than five business days following the meeting.

Submitting Comments: Persons who wish to submit written comments may submit them to the docket in one of the following ways:

E-Gov Website: <https://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1–202–493–2251—The Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation will not issue confirmation notices for faxed comments.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building: Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001

Hand Delivery: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building: Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST Monday through Friday, except federal holidays

Instructions: Identify Docket No. PHMSA–2023–0009 at the beginning of your comments. Internet users may submit comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit two copies. If you would like confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard that is labeled “Comments on PHMSA–2023–0009.” The docket clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail.

Note: All comments received will be posted without edits to <https://www.regulations.gov>

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Docket: For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to

<https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets. Alternatively, this information

is available by visiting DOT at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building: Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Washabaugh by email at Catherine.Washabaugh@dot.gov, or phone (816) 728-7945.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The underground natural gas storage regulations have been in place for five years. Operators are now experienced in operating under these regulations. The meeting will bring federal and state regulators, emergency responders, industry, underground natural gas storage operators, and interested members of the public together to participate in understanding, enhancing, and shaping the future of underground natural gas storage safety. The meeting will provide a forum for discussion of multiple topics related to underground natural gas storage including: regulatory review, inspection processes, frequently asked question, jurisdictional coverage, incorporation by reference of American Petroleum Institute's Recommended Practices 1170 and 1171, general enforcement processes, common operator challenges, well annulus monitoring and exceedances, surface and subsurface safety valves, best practices, and lessons learned from incidents.

PHMSA's mission is to protect people and the environment by advancing the safe transportation of energy products and other hazardous materials that are essential to our daily lives. Part of this mission includes preventing the release of natural gas, which releases methane into the atmosphere. PHMSA is pursuing the DOT Strategic Goals of Safety, Economic Strength and Global Competitiveness, Equity, Climate & Sustainability, Transformation, and Organizational Excellence in effort to profile these goals during the public meeting.

Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend are requested to register on the meeting website and include their names and organization affiliation (see **ADDRESSES**). PHMSA is committed to providing all participants with equal access to these meetings.

PHMSA is not always able to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** quickly enough to provide timely notification regarding last minute changes that

impact a previously announced meeting. Therefore, individuals should check the meeting website listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice regarding any possible changes.

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Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[PHMSA-2019-0098]

Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee (Committee).

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 20, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT. Requests to attend the meeting must be sent by April 5, 2023, to the point of contact identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Persons requesting to speak during the meeting must submit a written copy of their remarks to DOT by April 5, 2023. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than April 5, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at DOT Headquarters, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. A remote participation option will also be available and the meeting will be webcast. Specific details on location and access to this meeting will be posted on the Committee website located at: <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/rulemakings/lithium-battery-safety-advisory-committee>. The E-Gov website is located at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Mailed written comments intended for the Committee should be sent to Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Webb or Aaron Wiener, PHMSA, U.S. Department of Transportation.