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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), prepared a draft EIS for a project that has been proposed to improve the transportation system in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri. The Notice of Availability for the New I-64 EIS (volumes 1 and 2) was published in the **Federal Register** on January 3, 2003. The end of the official comment period was to be February 28, 2003. However, the comment period has been extended to April 14, 2003. Please note the new Comment Period end date, April 14, 2003. Comments or questions should be directed to the FHWA or MoDOT at the addresses provided above.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice To Extend Comment Period for An Environmental Impact Statement: Texas and Howell Counties, MO

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Extend comment period for an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that we are extending the comment period for an environmental impact statement (EIS) for improvements on Route 17 in Texas and Howell Counties, Missouri.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), prepared a draft EIS for a project that has been proposed to improve the transportation system in

Texas and Howell Counties, Missouri. The Notice of Availability for the Route 17 draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2002. The end of the official comment period was to be February 18, 2003. However, the comment period has been extended to April 15, 2003. Please note the new Comment Period end date, April 14, 2003. Comments or questions should be directed to the FHWA or MoDOT at the addresses provided above.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)

[Docket No. RSPA-03-14448; Notice 3]

Pipeline Safety: Qualification of Pipeline Personnel

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) will conduct a public meeting to discuss progress in implementing the operator qualification (OQ) rule for gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. OPS will continue to develop the protocols and guidance materials, and provide an opportunity for public comment. A panel of experts will address technical issues associated with protocols and related materials. A record of the previous public meeting on Qualification of Pipeline Personnel that was held in San Antonio, TX, is available in this docket (RSPA-03-14448).

DATES: The public meeting will be held on March 25, 2003, beginning at 8:30 a.m., ending at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Sheraton Phoenix East Hotel & Convention Center, 200 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, AZ 85201 (Tel: 800-456-6372 or 480-898-8300); Fax: 480-964-9279; web: <http://www.sheratonmesa.com/>. The deadline

for making a hotel reservation is March 18, 2003 (refer to the U.S. DOT Operator Qualification Group block for government rates). This meeting is free and open to the public. You may register electronically for this meeting at: <http://primis.rspa.dot.gov/meetings>.

The program will continue to address the 13 issues generated by the first public meeting held in January 2003, and will be open for technical input. This will include presentations on definitions of terms discussed at the last meeting. Persons wishing to make a presentation or statement at the meeting should notify Janice Morgan, (202) 366-2392, no later than March 21, 2003.

Although we encourage persons wishing to comment on operator qualification and inspection protocols to participate in the public meeting, written comments will be accepted. You may submit written comments on operator qualification and inspection issues by mail or delivery to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The dockets facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. You should submit the original and one copy. Anyone who wants confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. You may also submit comments to the docket electronically. To do so, log on to the Internet Web address <http://dms.dot.gov> and click on "Help" for instructions on electronic filing of comments. All written comments should identify the docket number RSPA-03-14448; Notice 2.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comments (or signing the comments, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the U.S. Department of Transportation's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (volume 65, number 70; pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Richard Sanders at (405) 954-7214 or (405) 954-7219, regarding the agenda of this public meeting. General information about OPS programs may be obtained by accessing OPS's Internet home page at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

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