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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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Alan K. Mayberry,

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.

Telephone: 202-366-8553. Email: lithiumbatteryFACA@dot.gov. Any committee-related request should be sent to the email address listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, Pub. L. 92-463), in accordance with Section 333(d) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-254).

II. Agenda

The meeting agenda will address the following duties of the Committee as specifically outlined in Section 333(d) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018:

(a) Facilitate communication among manufacturers of lithium batteries and products containing lithium batteries, air carriers, and the federal government.

(b) Discuss the effectiveness and the economic and social impacts of lithium battery transportation regulations.

(c) Provide the Secretary with information regarding new technologies and transportation safety practices.

(d) Provide a forum to discuss Departmental activities related to lithium battery transportation safety.

(e) Advise and recommend activities to improve the global enforcement of U.S. regulations and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Technical Instructions relevant to air transportation of lithium batteries, and the effectiveness of those regulations.

(f) Provide a forum for feedback on potential positions to be taken by the U.S. at international forums.

(g) Guide activities to increase awareness of relevant requirements.

(h) Review methods to decrease the risk posed by undeclared hazardous materials.

A final agenda will be posted on the Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee website at least 15 days in advance of the meeting.

III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public. DOT is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than April 5, 2023. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, time for each commenter may be limited. There will be five minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, PHMSA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee members. All prepared remarks submitted on time will be accepted and considered as part of the record. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time. Copies of the meeting minutes and committee presentations will be available on the Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee website. Presentations will also be posted on the E-Gov website in docket number [PHMSA-2019-0098], within 30 days following the meeting.

Written comments: Persons who wish to submit written comments on the meetings may submit them to docket [PHMSA-2019-0098] in the following ways:

1. *E-Gov Website:* This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

2. *Mail:* Dockets Management System; U.S. Department of Transportation,

Dockets Operations, M-30, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Instructions: Identify the docket number [PHMSA-2019-0098] at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to the E-Gov website, including any personal information provided. Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Therefore, consider reviewing DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or view the Privacy Notice on the E-Gov website before submitting comments.

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William S. Schoonover,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

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