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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Meeting Detail and Agenda

The GPAC will be considering the gathering line component of the proposed rule titled “Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines,” which was published in the **Federal Register** on April 8, 2016, (81 FR 20722) and the associated regulatory analysis. The proposed rule for gathering lines proposes to (1) repeal the use of API Recommended Practice 80 for gathering lines; (2) apply Type B requirements along with emergency requirements to newly regulated greater than 8-inch Type A gathering lines in Class 1 locations; and (3) extend the reporting requirements to all gathering lines.

Prior to this meeting, PHMSA will finalize the agenda and will publish it on the PHMSA meeting page at [https://](https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=143)

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##### II. Committee Background

The GPAC is a statutorily mandated advisory committee that advises PHMSA on proposed gas pipeline safety standards and their associated risk assessments. The committee is established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, as amended) and 49 U.S.C. 60115. The committee consists of 15 members with membership evenly divided among federal and state governments, the regulated industry, and the public. The committee advises PHMSA on the technical feasibility, reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability of each proposed gas pipeline safety standard.

##### III. Public Participation

Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to make a statement during the meeting. The proceeding will be recorded and a record of the proceeding will be made available to the public at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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

**Fax:** 1–202–493–2251.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Comments in Aid of Analyses of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (TRIA) created the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program (Program) to address disruptions in the market for terrorism risk insurance, to help ensure the continued availability and affordability of commercial property and casualty insurance for terrorism risk, and to allow for the private markets to stabilize and build insurance capacity to absorb any future

losses for terrorism events. Treasury requests comments from interested parties concerning the issues that Treasury will be analyzing in connection with its next report concerning the participation of small insurers in the Program, including any competitive challenges such insurers face in the terrorism risk insurance marketplace.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before May 13, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by mail to the Federal Insurance Office, Attn: Richard Ifft, Room 1410 MT, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220. Because postal mail may be subject to processing delays, it is recommended that comments be submitted electronically. If submitting comments by mail, please submit an original version with two copies. Comments should be captioned with "2019 TRIA Small Insurer Study Comments." Please include your name, group affiliation, address, email address, and telephone number(s) in your comment. Where appropriate, a comment should include a short Executive Summary (no more than five single-spaced pages).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Richard Ifft, Senior Insurance Regulatory Policy Analyst, Federal Insurance Office, Room 1410 MT, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220, at (202) 622-2922 (not a toll-free number), or Lindsey Baldwin, Senior Policy Analyst, Federal Insurance Office, at (202) 622-3220 (not a toll free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access these numbers via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Section 111 of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2015 (2015 Reauthorization Act)<sup>1</sup> directs the Secretary, beginning in calendar year 2016, to "require insurers participating in the Program to submit to the Secretary such information

regarding insurance coverage for terrorism losses of such insurers as the Secretary considers appropriate to analyze the effectiveness of the Program[.]". This information and data includes information regarding: (1) Lines of insurance with exposure to such losses; (2) premiums earned on such coverage; (3) geographical location of exposures; (4) pricing of such coverage; (5) the take-up rate for such coverage; (6) the amount of private reinsurance for acts of terrorism purchased; and (7) such other matters as the Secretary considers appropriate.

In addition, Section 112 of the Reauthorization Act requires the Secretary to conduct, by June 30, 2017 and every other year thereafter, a study of small insurers (to be defined by the Secretary, as has been done under 31 CFR 50.4(z)) participating in the Program to identify any competitive challenges that small insurers face in the terrorism risk insurance marketplace. Section 112 also identifies specific matters that Treasury is to analyze in the small insurers study. In addition to the data that it has and will be collecting, Treasury seeks comments for use in the study that Treasury must conduct concerning the participation of small insurers in the Program.

**II. Solicitation for Comments on Small Insurer Participation in the Program**

As discussed above, Treasury will be collecting certain data from small insurers as part of its 2019 TRIP Data Call, which Treasury will use (along with data collected by Treasury during prior TRIP Data Calls) in connection with the study. Treasury welcomes comments concerning small insurer participation in the Program generally, and invites responses to the following particular issues specified in Section 112 of the 2015 Reauthorization Act:

(1) Changes to the market share, premium volume, and policyholder surplus of small insurers relative to large insurers.

(2) How the property and casualty insurance market for terrorism risk differs between small and large insurers, and whether such a difference exists within other perils.

(3) The impact of the Program's mandatory availability requirement under Section 103(c) of TRIA<sup>2</sup> on small insurers.

(4) The effect of increasing the trigger amount for the Program under Section 103(e)(1)(B) of TRIA for small insurers.

(5) The availability and cost of private reinsurance for small insurers.

(6) The impact that state workers' compensation laws have on small insurers and workers' compensation carriers in the terrorism risk insurance marketplace.

In addition, Treasury welcomes qualitative comments on the following specific topics that may be relevant to the competitiveness of small insurers in the terrorism risk insurance marketplace.

(1) Any potential constraints on the ability of small insurers to provide coverage for nuclear, chemical, biological, and radiological (NBCR) risks.

(2) Any risk management strategies and challenges faced by small insurers in maintaining the ability to pay losses associated with insured claims that are not subject to claims for the federal share of compensation (e.g., losses below the Program Trigger, within the insurer deductible, and within the insurer co-pay share).

(3) Role of small insurers in covering cyber-related acts of terrorism under the Program.

Treasury issued its first study of small insurers under the 2015 Reauthorization Act in June 2017.<sup>3</sup> In that study, Treasury addressed the statutory issues identified above, with reference to data collected by Treasury in the 2017 TRIP Data Call, as well as other available sources. Treasury requests further comment on these issues from interested parties, particularly with respect to any issue that an interested party believes may not be fully understood solely by reference to the aggregated data collected by Treasury.

Dated: April 3, 2019.

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amended) appear in a note, instead of particular sections, of the United States Code, the provisions of TRIA are identified by the sections of the law.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Treasury, Study of Small Insurer Competitiveness in the Terrorism Risk Insurance Marketplace (June 2017), [https://www.treasury.gov/initiatives/fio/reports-and-notices/Documents/Study\\_of\\_Small\\_Insurer\\_Competitiveness\\_in\\_the\\_Terrorism\\_Risk\\_Insurance\\_Marketplace\\_\(June\\_2017\).pdf](https://www.treasury.gov/initiatives/fio/reports-and-notices/Documents/Study_of_Small_Insurer_Competitiveness_in_the_Terrorism_Risk_Insurance_Marketplace_(June_2017).pdf).

<sup>1</sup> Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2015, Public Law 114-1, 129 Stat. 3 (2015).

<sup>2</sup> Public Law 107-297, 116 Stat. 2322, codified at 15 U.S.C. 6701, note. As the provisions of TRIA (as