

of the remedy requirements as well as recent site-wide studies adequately demonstrate that the Surface Deletion Area does not present a threat to the environment or human health and it is appropriate to delete the Surface Deletion Area from the RMA/NPL Site.

EPA identifies sites that appear to present a significant risk to public health, welfare, or the environment and maintains the NPL as the list of those sites. Any site deleted from the NPL remains eligible for Fund-financed actions in the unlikely event that conditions at the site warrant such action. Section 300.425(e)(3) of the NCP states that Fund-financed actions may be taken at sites deleted from the NPL. Deletion of a site from the NPL does not affect responsible party liability or impede Agency efforts to recover costs associated with response efforts.

#### **Lists of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 300**

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Hazardous waste, Intergovernmental relations, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund, Water pollution control, Water supply.

Dated: January 5, 2004.

**Robert E. Roberts,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 8.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Research and Special Programs Administration**

#### **49 CFR Part 192**

[Docket No. RSPA-00-7666; Amendment 192-95]

RIN 2137-AD54

#### **Pipeline Safety: Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas (Gas Transmission Pipelines)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects the effective date of a final rule published

in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 2003 (68 FR 69778). That rule requires operators to develop integrity management programs for gas transmission pipelines located where a leak or rupture could do the most harm, *i.e.*, could impact high consequence areas (HCAs). The rule requires gas transmission pipeline operators to perform ongoing assessments of pipeline integrity, to improve data collection, integration and analysis, to repair and remediate the pipeline as necessary, and to implement preventive and mitigative actions. The published effective date was in error. This document corrects the effective date from January 14, 2004, to February 14, 2004, to meet the 60 day requirement for Congressional review of major rules. (5 U.S.C. 801(a)(4).)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date for the final rule published on December 15, 2003, at 68 FR 69778 is corrected to read February 14, 2004.

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Issued in Washington, DC, on December 22, 2003.

**Samuel G. Bonasso,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

#### **50 CFR Part 648**

[Docket No. 030227050-3082-02; I.D. 010904C]

#### **Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery; Reopening of Commercial Fishery**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Commercial fishery reopening.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that spiny dogfish commercial fishery will reopen.

Vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit to harvest spiny dogfish may possess up to 300 lb (136 kg) of spiny dogfish per trip per calendar day on 0001 hours local time, January 12, 2004, through 2359 hours local time, April 30, 2004. The intent of this action is to allow for the full utilization of the commercial quota allocated to the spiny dogfish fishery.

**DATES:** Effective 0001 hours local time, January 12, 2004, through 2359 hours local time, April 30, 2004.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 648.231 of part 50 CFR requires NMFS to close the commercial fishery for spiny dogfish in the EEZ for each semi-annual quota period when the quota is determined to be harvested. The Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, based on dealer reports, state data, and other available information, determined that the quota for Quota Period 2 would be harvested (68 FR 41945, July 16, 2003), therefore, effective 0001 hours, July 18, 2003, the commercial fishery for spiny dogfish in the EEZ was closed. However, new projections indicate the quota of spiny dogfish may not be attained. Therefore, NMFS announces that the commercial fishery for spiny dogfish in the EEZ will reopen. Vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit to harvest spiny dogfish may possess up to 300 lb (136 kg) of spiny dogfish per trip per calendar day effective 0001 hours local time, January 12, 2004, through 2359 hours local time, April 30, 2004.

#### **Classification**

This action is required by 50 CFR part 648 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 12, 2003.

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