

PIPES Act of 2016 (Enacted June 22, 2016)

**Statutory and Non-Statutory Tasks and Deliverables Executive Summary by Section
13 of 19 PHMSA Mandates Complete**

NOTE: Statutory Deadlines signified with an (S).

Pending Mandates

1. Rulemakings (3):

Deadlines	Task		Section
8/21/16 (S)	Issue temporary Emergency Order regulations. Temporary regulations shall expire on the date of issuance of the final regulations. <i>Status:</i> IFR <u>Emergency Orders</u> published on 10/14/16. Final rule deemed significant and with OST.		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 16 49 U.S.C. § 60117(o)
N/A	Rulemaking to classify locations near pipeline right-of-way that are a part of the Great Lakes, coastal beaches, and marine coastal waters as unusually sensitive environmental areas <i>Status:</i> Public meeting to discuss Coastal Ecological (Eco) Usually Sensitive Areas (USAs) was held on 11/17/17.		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 19 49 U.S.C. § 60109(b)(2)
N/A	(a) Rulemaking to consider ‘national security’ in the location of new liquefied natural gas facility (b) Rulemaking to update the minimum safety standards prescribed for permanent, small scale liquefied natural gas pipeline facilities <i>Status:</i> Working with OST on path forward.		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 27(a)-(b) 49 U.S.C. § 60103(a)(7)

2. Authorization Reports to Congress (2):

Deadlines	Task		Section
6/22/17 (S)	<p>Submit to Congress a report on the feasibility of establishing a National Integrated Pipeline Safety Regulatory Inspection Database to improve communication and collaboration between the PHMSA and State pipeline regulators</p> <p><i>Status: Report is currently under review</i></p>		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 11(a)-(c)
6/22/18 (S)	<p>Enter an agreement with the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies to conduct a study examining the safety, regulatory requirements, techniques, and best practices applicable to pipeline facilities that transport or store only petroleum gas or mixtures of petroleum gas and air to 100 or fewer customers</p> <p><i>Status: The National Academy of Science's study is underway; study results and final report expected by June 2018.</i></p>		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 26

3. Other PIPES Implementation Deliverables (1)

Deadlines	Task		Section
12/19/16 (S)	<p>Voluntary Information Sharing System Working Group. Publish the recommendations on a publicly available Web site of the Department of Transportation</p> <p><i>Status: The VIS Working Group met Group meeting held 2/28/18; 4/5/18 -- 4/6/18 and scheduled for 6/20/18.</i></p>		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 10

Completed Actions

1. Guidance Updates (3):

Date Published	Task		Section
	Safety Data sheets; Executed by the regulated community.		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 14
11/21/16	ANPRM- <u>Hazardous Materials: PIPES Act Requirements for Identification Numbers on Cargo Tanks Containing Petroleum Based Fuel</u>		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 15
8/16/16	ADB- <u>Pipeline Safety: Clarification of Terms Relating to Pipeline Operational Status</u>		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 23

2. Authorization Reports to Congress (4):

Date Published	Task		Section
10/18/17	Congressional Report: <u>Inspection Finding Notifications</u>		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 7 (b)
8/3/17	<u>Improving Damage Prevention Technology</u>		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 8
8/2/17	<u>State-level Policies that Encourage or Present Barriers to the Repair and Replacement of Leaking Natural Gas Pipelines</u>		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 30
6/5/17	<u>Processes for Removing Financial Conflict of Interest in the Peer Review of Pipeline Safety R&D</u>		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 22(b)
5/16/17	<u>Lost and Unaccounted For Natural Gas Metrics</u>		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 29(a)-(b)

3. Other PIPES Act Completed Actions (5):

Date Published	Task		Section
6/22/18 (S)	Issue minimum safety standards for underground natural gas storage facilities <i>Status:</i> IFR on <u>Underground Natural Gas Storage</u> published on 12/19/16. Comment period reopened for 30 days on 10/19/2017.		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 12(b) 49 U.S.C. § 60141

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11/17/16	Notice- <u>Pipeline Safety: Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility User Fee</u>		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 12(c) 49 U.S.C. § 60302
6/20/17	Fill vacancies Technical Pipeline and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee. Mandate is reoccurring as positions become vacant Federal Register Notice Soliciting Applicants posted on 5/24/16. GPAC nomination package Notice posted 6/20/17.		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 6(b) 49 U.S.C § 60115 (b)(5)
6/20/17	<u>Guidance for Compliance</u>		49 U.S.C. § 60108 (e)
10/20/16	<u>Rulemaking Chart</u> Mandate is reoccurring and requires an update every 90 days.		PIPES Act of 2016 Sec. 3 (a)-(b)