

consultation is required under section 103 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

The FAA has formally received the noise compatibility program for Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, also effective on February 25, 2000. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of noise compatibility programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before August 23, 2000.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14 CFR part 150, § 150.33. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the proposed measures may reduce the level of aviation safety, create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, or be reasonably consistent with obtaining the goal of reducing existing non-compatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional non-compatible land uses.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed program with specific reference to these factors. All comments, other than those properly addressed to local land use authorities, will be considered by the FAA to the extent practicable. Copies of the noise exposure maps, the FAA's evaluation of the maps, and the proposed noise compatibility program are available for examination at the following:

Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 617, Washington, DC 20591

Federal Aviation Administration, Detroit Airports District Office, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111

City of Cleveland, Department of Port Control, 5300 Riverside Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44135-3193

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Belleville, Michigan, on February 25, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT

[Docket No. RSPA-99-5611; Notice 18]

#### Pipeline Safety: Northwest Pipeline Corporation Approved for Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Pipeline Safety, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of risk demonstration project approval and finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** The Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) has issued a Risk Management Demonstration Project Order authorizing Northwest Pipeline Corporation (a part of Williams Gas Pipeline) to participate in the Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program. OPS has also made a finding that Northwest's demonstration project will have no significant impacts on the environment.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this or any other demonstration project will be accepted in the Docket throughout the 4-year demonstration period. Comments should be sent to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, or you can E-Mail your comments to [ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov](mailto:ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov). Comments should identify the docket number RSPA-99-5611. Persons should submit the original comment document and one (1) copy. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. The Dockets Facility is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building in Room 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. The Dockets Facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Callsen, OPS, (202) 366-4572, regarding the subject matter of this document. Contact the Dockets Unit, (202) 366-5046, for docket material. Comments may also be reviewed on line at the DOT Docket Management System web site at <http://dms.dot.gov/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Project Authorization

On January 11, 2000, OPS, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 60126, issued Northwest Pipeline Corporation a Risk Management Demonstration Project Order authorizing Northwest to conduct

a risk management project on its interstate natural gas transmission pipeline system that extends from Sumas, Washington to the San Juan Basin in Colorado. OPS has determined, after a comprehensive review of Northwest's demonstration project, that the project is expected to provide superior safety.

More detailed descriptions of all aspects of the Northwest demonstration project, including the OPS rationale for approving the project, are available in the following documents:

(1) 64 FR 67602, "Pipeline Safety: Intent to Approve Project and Environmental Assessment for the Northwest Pipeline Corporation Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Project," December 2, 1999.

(2) "Demonstration Project Prospectus: Northwest Pipeline Corporation," available by contacting Elizabeth M. Callsen at 202-366-4572. Includes maps of the demonstration segments.

(3) "Northwest Pipeline Corporation—Application for DOT-OPS Risk Management Demonstration Program," March 18, 1999, available via the Pipeline Risk Management Information System (PRIMIS), on the OPS Home Page at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

(4) Northwest Pipeline Corporation Final Work Plan, December 17, 1999, available via the Pipeline Risk Management Information System (PRIMIS), on the OPS Home Page at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

(5) "Risk Management Demonstration Project Order" for Northwest Pipeline Corporation, January 11, 2000.

#### Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

OPS has reviewed Northwest's project for conformity with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332), the Council on Environmental Quality implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Department of Transportation Order 5610.1c, Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts. OPS conducted an Environmental Assessment of Northwest's project (64 FR 67602, "Pipeline Safety: Intent to Approve Project and Environmental Assessment for the Northwest Pipeline Corporation Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Project," December 2, 1999).

OPS received no public comment on the Environmental Assessment. Based on the analysis and conclusions reached in the Environmental Assessment and the analyses conducted in the above-listed documents, OPS has determined

that there are no significant impacts on the environment associated with this action. The Environmental Assessment and the other above-listed documents are incorporated by reference into this FONSI.

To summarize, OPS believes that the risk control activities Northwest is proposing for the Demonstration Project will provide superior protection for people living near the Northwest pipeline system when compared to current regulatory requirements. Although the project is expected to provide environmental benefits, due to the minimal environmental impact associated with gas pipeline failures, these beneficial impacts are not expected to be significant. The additional environmental protection comes primarily from reducing the likelihood that pipeline failures will occur. If the number of failures is reduced, the cumulative environmental damage from these failures will also be reduced. The reduction in the likelihood of future pipeline failures is expected to be realized system-wide through several activities and programs that exceed regulatory requirements, including:

- An expanded and enhanced geological hazards program. Northwest should improve its ability to anticipate when land movement near its pipeline might occur, and take appropriate action to prevent failure.
- The stress corrosion cracking coupon monitoring program. Northwest should be able to better understand when this condition might occur, and thus take appropriate remedial action.

In addition, Northwest is proposing specific activities to reduce the risk from increased population at the specific sites identified in the

Environmental Assessment. These activities include:

- Enhanced third party damage prevention activities should reduce the likelihood that excavators will damage the line.
- Internal inspection and repair of anomalies will produce additional protection from corrosion, construction defects, and prior outside force damage.
- Installation of remote operators on block valves near areas of relatively high land movement potential. These remotely operated valves will allow the gas control center to rapidly isolate a section of the line if a failure occurs, thereby minimizing the duration of any fire that might occur.
- Improved training and exercises with emergency personnel on how to respond effectively to pipeline failures.

More detailed information on these risk control activities and their expected impacts is available in the Environmental Assessment referenced previously.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 1, 2000.

**Richard B. Felder,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms

#### Delegation Order—Delegation of the Director's Authorities in 27 CFR Parts 4, 5, and 7, Labeling and Advertising of Wine, Distilled Spirits and Malt Beverages

1. *Purpose.* This order delegates certain authorities of the Director to

subordinate ATF officers and prescribes the subordinate ATF officers with whom persons file documents which are not ATF forms.

2. *Cancellation.* ATF O 1130.2, Delegation Order—Delegation to Bureau Headquarters Personnel of Authorities of the Director in 27 CFR Parts 4, 5, and 7, Federal Alcohol Administration Act, dated 5/29/96, is canceled.

3. *Background.* Under current regulations, the Director has authority to take final action on matters relating to labeling and advertising of wine, distilled spirits and malt beverages. We have determined that certain of these authorities should, in the interest of efficiency, be delegated to a lower organizational level.

4. *Delegations.* Under the authority vested in the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, by Treasury Department Order No. 120-1 (formerly 221), dated June 6, 1972, and by 26 CFR 301.7701-9, this ATF order delegates certain authorities to take final action prescribed in 27 CFR Parts 4, 5, and 7 to subordinate officers. Also, this ATF order prescribes the subordinate officers with whom applications, notices, and reports required by 27 CFR Part 4, 5, and 7, which are not ATF forms, are filed. The attached table identifies the regulatory sections, documents and authorized ATF officers. The authorities in the table may not be redelegated. An ATF organization chart showing the directorates involved in this delegation order has been attached.

**Bradley A. Buckles,**

*Director.*

TABLE OF AUTHORITIES, DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED, AND AUTHORIZED ATF OFFICIALS

Regulatory section	Officer(s) authorized to act or receive document
§ 4.3(a) .....	Chief, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.21(b)(3)(iii) .....	Chief, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.23(c)(2) .....	Chief, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.24(a)(1), (b)(1) and (c)(1) .....	Chief, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.30(b)(1) .....	Area Supervisor or Chief, Puerto Rico Operations.
§ 4.33(b) .....	Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.37(c) .....	Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.38(h) .....	Area Supervisor, Chief, Puerto Rico Operations, Specialist, Product Compliance Branch, or Chief, Alcohol Import/Export Branch.
§ 4.39(a) (4) and (5) .....	Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.39(d) .....	Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.39(g) .....	Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.39(i)(2)(iii) .....	Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.39(i)(3) .....	Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.39(j) .....	Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.40(c) .....	Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.50 (a) and (b) .....	Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.52 .....	Specialist or Clerk, Product Compliance Branch.
§ 4.64(a) (4) and (5) .....	Specialist, Market Compliance Branch.
§ 5.3(a) .....	Chief, Product Compliance Branch.