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Gas and Hazardous Liquid) Notice 1 RIN 2137-AD25
Pipeline Repair)

**SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS
OF THE AMERICAN GAS ASSOCIATION**

The comments below supplement the June 14, 1999 submission from the American Gas Association (AGA). AGA represents 189 local natural gas utilities that deliver gas to almost 60 million homes and businesses in all fifty states. Additionally, AGA provides services to member natural gas pipelines, marketers, gatherers, international gas companies and a variety of industry associates. Our U.S. members are regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) and the states for the safe design, construction, operation and maintenance of distribution pipeline systems. In addition, A.G.A. collects, analyzes and disseminates information and data on the natural gas industry, promotes the safe and efficient delivery and use of energy, and serves as a national voice for the gas utility industry.

AGA respectfully submits these supplemental comments to address the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) concerning RSPA's proposal to adopt a safety performance standard for the repair of corroded or damaged steel pipe in gas or hazardous liquid pipelines.

Supplemental Comments

1. Sec. 192.485 Remedial measures: Transmission lines.

AGA agrees with the language proposed by RSPA in the NPRM and withdraws its June 14, 1999 comments clarifying subsection (a).

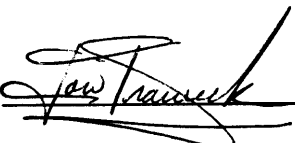
2. Sec. 192.487 Remedial measures: Distribution lines other than cast iron or ductile iron lines.

AGA agrees with RSPA's language as proposed in the NPRM and withdraws its June 14, 1999 comments clarifying subsection (a).

Conclusion

AGA continues to express its support to the NPRM as amended above. AGA is very pleased that RSPA is moving to update existing regulations in a manner that accommodates new materials, processes and technologies.

Respectfully submitted,
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