## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PIPELINE SAFETY AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

PIPELINE SAFETY: PLASTIC PIPE § DOCKET NO. PHMSA-2014-0098

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## PETITION OF THE TEXAS PIPELINE ASSOCIATION TO EXTEND THE COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON THE PLASTIC PIPE RULE

The Texas Pipeline Association (TPA) files this Petition to Extend the Comment Period for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on the Plastic Pipe Rule. This Petition is being submitted to the Pipeline and hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), pursuant to 49 CFR 190.319, not later than 10 days before the July 31, 2015 deadline for submitting comments. TPA is requesting a 30-day extension of the comment period until August 31, 2015. TPA provides the following support for this Petition:

The NPRM impacts nine major subjects involving 27 sections of 49 CFR Part 192 and incorporates by reference 17 consensus standards. These proposed changes impact the use of plastic pipe in transmission and gathering systems as well as distribution systems. The highly technical nature of many of the proposed changes and the breadth of the subject matters covered creates a significant burden to fully evaluating the impact of the NPRM on intrastate transmission and gathering operators. While this work began on the day of publication of the NPRM, an additional 30 days will allow the ongoing evaluations by all segments of industry to be completed and appropriate comments to be developed and filed in the docket.

It is in the public interest to extend the comment period in order to provide intrastate gas transmission and gathering operators to fully review and evaluate the NPRM and to develop substantive comments on the impact of the NPRM on pipeline safety.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of July, 2015,

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## President