



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

#### 49 CFR Parts 192 and 195

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#### Pipeline Safety: Standards Update – API Spec 6D

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Direct final rule (DFR); confirmation of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is confirming the effective date for the DFR that appeared in the *Federal Register* on July 1, 2025. The DFR amended PHMSA’s regulations at 49 CFR Parts 192 and 195 to incorporate by reference the updated industry standard American Petroleum Institute (API) Specification 6D, “Specification for Valves.”

**DATES:** PHMSA confirms the effective date of January 1, 2026, for the DFR that appeared in the *Federal Register* on July 1, 2025 (90 FR 28101).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 1, 2025 (90 FR 28101), PHMSA published a DFR amending its regulations at 49 CFR Parts 192 and 195 to incorporate by reference the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of API Specification 6D, “Specification for Valves” (issued November 1, 2021).

References to the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of the standard will replace existing references in 49 CFR 192.145(a) and 195.116(d) to API Specification Spec 6D, “Specification for Pipeline and Piping Valves,” 24<sup>th</sup> edition, August 2014, including Errata 1 through 10 (October 2014 through July 2021), Addendum 1 (March 2015), and Addendum 2 (June 2016).

PHMSA issued the DFR under the procedures set forth at 49 CFR 190.339. In accordance with those provisions, PHMSA stated in the DFR that if no adverse comments were received, the DFR would become final and effective on January 1, 2026. PHMSA did not receive any comments that warranted withdrawal of the DFR; therefore, this rule will become effective as scheduled.

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