



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2026-0464]

Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit; Sable Offshore Corp. (Sable)

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On February 24, 2026, PHMSA published a notice to solicit public comment on a request for a special permit submitted by Sable Offshore Corp. (Sable).

The comment period is currently set to expire on March 26, 2026. PHMSA is issuing this notice to extend the comment period until 14 days from the date of this notice to give the public time to review the proposed special permit in light of recent developments. At the conclusion of the extended comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit request.

DATES: Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by **[INSERT DATE 14 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference the docket number for this special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- *E-Gov Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any Federal Register notice issued by any agency.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Note: There is a privacy statement published on <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments, including any personal information provided, are posted without changes or edits to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Confidential Business Information: Confidential business information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. § 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.343, you may ask PHMSA to give confidential treatment to information you give to the agency by taking the following steps: (1) mark each page of the original document submission containing CBI as “Confidential”; (2) send PHMSA, along with the original document, a second copy of the original document with the CBI deleted; and (3) explain why the information you are submitting is CBI. Unless you are notified otherwise, PHMSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this notice. Submissions containing CBI should

be sent to Lee Cooper, DOT, PHMSA-PHP-80, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this matter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General: Mr. Lee Cooper by telephone at 202-913-3171, or by e-mail at lee.cooper@dot.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On January 22, 2026, PHMSA received a special permit application from Sable requesting a waiver of the requirement in 49 CFR § 195.452(h)(4)(iii)(H) to remediate certain longitudinal seam weld corrosion on hazardous liquid pipelines within 180 days of discovery. The waiver would apply to two segments of the Santa Ynez Pipeline System, an interstate hazardous liquid pipeline facility that transports crude oil produced on the Outer Continental Shelf through an onshore processing facility located in Santa Barbara County, California, to a terminal located in Kern County, California. The two segments that would be subject to the waiver are known as Lines CA-324 and CA-325 (including CA-325A and CA-325B). On February 24, 2026, PHMSA published a notice to solicit public comment on a request for a special permit submitted by Sable Offshore Corp. (Sable). The comment period is currently set to expire on March 26, 2026.

On March 13, 2026, the Secretary of Energy, acting under authority delegated in Executive Order “Adjusting Certain Delegations Under the Defense Production Act,” directed Sable to restart transportation of crude oil on the pipeline segments subject to this special permit request pursuant to the Defense Production Act (DPA). PHMSA is issuing this notice to extend the comment period until 14 days after the date of this notice

to give the public time to review the proposed special permit in light of the Secretary's recent action. In particular, PHMSA is soliciting public comments on any potential impact that the DPA order might have on this proceeding, including whether the special permit remains necessary and, if so, whether safety or environmental analysis should be adjusted in light of the restart of the pipeline segments.

At the conclusion of the extended comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit request.

Issued in Washington, DC, under authority delegated in 49 CFR § 1.97.

Linda Daugherty,
Acting Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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