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**Pipeline and Hazardous
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Dear Mr. Boston:

This letter responds to your October 11, 2017, petition for rulemaking (P-1710) requesting changes to the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) applicable to jet perforating guns (JPGs). Specifically, you have petitioned the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to update the Institute for Makers of Explosives (IME) address provided in § 171.7(r) and to incorporate the 2017 IME/Association of Energy Service Companies (AESC) JPG Standard into the HMR.

In accordance with § 106.105, PHMSA has assessed your petition and determined that your request merits consideration in a future rulemaking. All correspondence pertaining to this petition will be transferred to the petition docket (Docket No. PHMSA-2017-0141). You may comment on the petition in accordance with the procedures specified in Part 106, Subpart B.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Steven Andrews in the Standards and Rulemaking Division at (202) 366-8553.

Sincerely,

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