

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Section 170 authorizes the MARAD to furnish utilities and services and to make necessary repairs in connection with any lease, contract, or occupancy involving government property under control of the MARAD and allows payments received to be credited to the Treasury and to remain available until expended.

Section 171 provides \$12,000,000 for the Secretary of Transportation to complete vessel designs for the purpose of constructing 10 sealift vessels for the NDRF.

PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

The agreement provides \$31,681,000 for the necessary operational expenses of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration [PHMSA], of which \$4,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2026.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY

The agreement provides \$74,556,000 for the PHMSA's hazardous materials safety functions, of which \$12,070,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2026.

The agreement specifies that \$1,000,000 shall be for community safety grants as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5107(i), and up to \$2,500,000 shall be for the State hazardous materials safety inspection program. The funding level provides no less than \$5,070,000 for the PHMSA's hazardous materials research and development program, including for research activities related to the development of stronger, safer tank cars and valves for tank cars, and other safety features.

PIPELINE SAFETY

(PIPELINE SAFETY FUND)

(OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND)

The agreement provides \$218,186,000 for the PHMSA's pipeline safety program, to remain available until September 30, 2026. Of that amount, \$30,000,000 is derived from the oil spill liability trust fund, \$180,786,000 is derived from the pipeline safety fund, \$400,000 is derived from fees collected under 49 U.S.C. 60303 and deposited in the liquefied natural gas siting

account, and \$7,000,000 is derived from fees collected under 49 U.S.C. 60302 and deposited in the underground natural gas storage facility safety account.

The agreement provides the following levels for specific activities within this account:

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| Research and development..... | \$12,500,000 |
| Grants | up to 89,558,000 |
| Operations..... | not less than 92,165,000 |
| Programs..... | not less than 23,963,000 |

Pipeline leak prevention technology.—The agreement includes \$1,000,000 of the amounts provided for research and development for a pilot program to test and validate existing pipeline leak prevention and mitigation technologies, including technologies that can be installed around existing oil, gas, carbon dioxide, and hazardous liquid pipes or installed with new pipelines to help protect high consequence areas and unusually sensitive areas. The agreement directs the PHMSA to provide a status of the pilot program to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of enactment of this act.

Staffing and hiring plans.—The agreement provides not less than \$92,165,000 for operations, including salaries and benefits, and for authorized activities. The agreement includes the reporting requirement included under this paragraph heading in House Report 118–154.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANTS

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND)

The agreement provides an obligation limitation of \$46,825,000 for emergency preparedness grants, to remain available until September 30, 2026.

The agreement directs the PHMSA to utilize carryover from accumulated prior year balances. The agreement encourages the PHMSA to ensure that small businesses are not disproportionately affected by any reasonable, limited fee changes.