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Title 43

NATURAL RESOURCES

Part IX. Office of Conservation Natural Gas Policy Act

Chapter 1. NGPA Well Category Determination Rules and Procedures

§101. Determination of NGPA Well Categories

A. The Office of Conservation has adopted the NGPA Rules, Practice and Procedure for All Applications and Proceedings for Determination of Well Categories under Natural Gas Policy Act 1978. The forms for the filings discussed below are available upon request at the Office of the Commissioner of Conservation.

B. Pursuant to authority delegated under the laws of the state of Louisiana and the United States and particularly Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, following a public hearing held under Docket No. NGPA 80-845 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on April 15, 1980, these rules and regulations are issued and promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation as being reasonably necessary to govern, control and administer the authority contained in the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 and, in general, to carry out the provisions of the laws of this state and the United States. These rules are designed to implement and clarify applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulations as they apply to Louisiana and provide for the minimum possible imposition of regulatory burden.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:175 (May 1980).

§103. Definitions

A. Unless the context specifically requires otherwise, any special word, term, or phrase used herein is used as defined in the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rules and regulations pertaining thereto, or applicable meaning given in Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Commissioner The Commissioner of Conservation, state of Louisiana.

District Office One of the district offices of the Office of Conservation, state of Louisiana.

FERC The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

NGPA The Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978.

Sections 102, 103, 107 and 108 Those Sections of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, LR 6:175 (May 1980).

§105. Applications

A. Any interested person requesting the classification of a well pursuant to the authority granted to the commissioner by Section 503 of the NGPA in order to determine the applicable category for any such well pursuant to Title 1 of said NGPA shall file a written application made upon forms prescribed by the Office of Conservation, Department of Natural Resources, State of Louisiana.

1. The original and two copies of such application shall be filed with the commissioner at the district office for the district in which the subject well is located. Each application must be completed in conformance with the commissioner's rules and regulations as well as the rules and regulations of the FERC before the application will be considered by the commissioner. An application may be amended, supplemented or withdrawn by the applicant at any time prior to the commissioner's determination.

B. An individual application shall be completed as to each well for which a status determination is being requested, and if more than one status determination is being requested as to a single well than all forms and information required for each request determination shall be submitted jointly under one application with notice to the commissioner that multiple determinations for subject well are being sought under the application.

C. If the person filing the application is an individual, the filing shall be signed by such individual, or in the case of a minor or other legally disabled person, his duly qualified legal representative. If the person making such filing is a corporation, partnership, or trust, the filing shall be signed by a responsible official of the corporation, a general partner of the partnership, or the trustee of the trust. In the case of any other legal entity, the operator of the well may sign the application.

D. Applicant shall certify that he has delivered or mailed a copy of the completed FERC Form No. 121 to the purchaser(s), if any, pursuant to Section 274.201(d) of the FERC regulations.

E. Applicant shall certify that all owner(s), if any, have been given notice that an application for well status determination has been filed. Since all natural gas produced from a well is of the same classification, the Commissioner of Conservation will not process an application for well status determination for any well from more than one interested person.

F. Applicant shall include a filing fee of \$100 per application to cover administrative costs.

G. Upon receipt of an application for well status determination, the commissioner shall notify the applicant of the receipt of the application and, should the application be incomplete in any respect, indicate the items to be filed which would make the application complete. Upon a receipt of a complete application, the commissioner shall assign a docket number to the application and notify the applicant of the hearing date and docket number.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:176 (May 1980).

§107. Documents Supporting Application

A. Each application must contain, prior to hearing, all data, information, forms, affidavits, plats, exhibits and such other evidence as may be required by the rules and regulations of the FERC and the Louisiana Office of Conservation. However, in the event the application is for the recognition of the new onshore reservoir category wherein the limits of the reservoir have not been subject to a prior Office of Conservation unitization hearing, then the applicant may submit the geological and engineering evidence in support of the application at the public hearing which will be scheduled pursuant to §109.A and B hereof.

B. The form prescribed by the commissioner shall prescribe for documents sufficient to comply with the minimum requirements imposed by the FERC. Additional support may be required by the commissioner by giving notice of such to the applicant prior to the hearing, at the hearing itself, or by other means.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:176 (May 1980).

§109. Notice; Hearing

A. Upon receipt by the commissioner of a complete application and after assigning a docket number to the application, the commissioner shall set a reasonable time and place for a hearing on the application and shall cause a notice of the application to be published in the official journal of the state of Louisiana. Such notice shall be published at least 10 days before the hearing and shall include:

1. a statement of the time, place and nature of the hearing;
2. a statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held;
3. a reference to the particular sections of the statutes and rules involved;
4. a short and plain statement of the matters asserted.

B. An application involving recognition of the new onshore reservoir category wherein the limits of the reservoir have not been subject to a prior Office of Conservation unitization hearing will be considered only by public hearing, at which time the applicant will be required

to present the geological and engineering evidence in support of his application. Further, an application involving recognition of the new onshore reservoir category shall not be considered prior to a hearing for unitization of the subject reservoir scheduled pursuant to the rules of procedure for conducting hearings before the Commissioner of Conservation of the state of Louisiana, effective September 1, 1971. However, if at such hearing the applicant should present evidence which indicates that unitization is not required because:

1. the limits of the reservoir underlie a single lease from both a working interest and a royalty interest standpoint;
2. the limits of the reservoir underlie a voluntary unit;
3. all working interest owners and royalty owners affected by the production from the reservoir agree that they do not desire unitization; or
4. such other appropriate reasons, then the Commissioner of Conservation may waive said unitization requirement if the applicant so requests.

C. Except with regard to an application involving recognition of the new onshore reservoir category wherein the limits of the reservoir have not been subject to an Office of Conservation unitization hearing, an application may be considered and determined by the commissioner by informal disposition on the basis of all data, information, forms, affidavits, plats, exhibits, and such other evidence properly filed before the commissioner, which matters shall comprise the transcript of the hearing on which the determination is based. Each applicant requesting an informal disposition, as such, shall file with the commissioner an affidavit agreeing that the determination can be made by the commissioner without the necessity of an appearance. However, in any event the commissioner may, upon his own motion, require an evidentiary hearing with sworn testimony and in such cases shall notify the applicant prior to the hearing date of his decision to do so.

D. An applicant who is required to present evidence and testimony at a public hearing held for well status determination pursuant to the NGPA will be required to purchase one copy of the transcript of the hearing for each well involved from the applicable court reporting service. Such copy will be mailed directly to the commissioner from the applicable court reporting service and will be made a part of the application to be forwarded to the FERC.

E. Any interested person shall have the right to protest to the commissioner with respect to a determination sought by any applicant. Each protest shall include:

1. an identification of the determination protested;
2. the name and address of the person filing the protest;
3. a statement of the effect the determination will have on the protestor;
4. a statement of the precise grounds for the protest and all supporting documents or references to any information relied on in connection with the protest.

i. After filing the protest as provided for herein, the person filing such protest shall have the right to be heard at the hearing and to present witnesses and other evidence, whether or not represented by legal counsel or technical assistants, on all issues of fact involved and argument of all issues of law and policy involved and to conduct such cross-examination as may be required for a full and true disclosure of the facts.

ii. If such a protest is received by the commissioner prior to the date set for the hearing, then a copy of same shall be delivered by the commissioner to the applicant by mail, postage prepaid.

F. If an interested person files a protest at the hearing on the application, then the commissioner shall continue the hearing on the application until a date determined by him and shall notify the protestant and the applicant of the new hearing date. Further, the commissioner shall send the applicant a copy of the protest which has been filed. Failure to appear at such continued hearing will be deemed a withdrawal by the protestant.

G. The commissioner shall mail a notice of his determination to the applicant and to all persons appearing at the hearing.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:176 (May 1980).

§111. Rehearings

A. Upon determination by the commissioner, any interested person may file a motion for rehearing within 10 days after the date of determination. The application for rehearing shall set forth specifically the ground or grounds upon which such application is based. The grounds for such action shall be either that:

1. the decision is clearly contrary to the law and the evidence;
2. the person has discovered since the hearing evidence important to the issues which he could not have with due diligence obtained before or during the hearing;
3. there is a showing that issues not previously considered ought to be examined in order to dispose properly of the matter; or
4. there is other good ground for further consideration of the issues and the evidence in the public interest.

B. Upon such application the commissioner shall have power to grant or deny rehearing. Unless the commissioner acts upon the application for rehearing within 30 days after it is filed, such application is deemed to have been denied.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:177 (May 1980).

§113. Notice of Determination

A. Within five days after the last day for filing a motion for rehearing, or if such a motion is filed, within 15 days after it is denied or overruled by operation of law, the commissioner shall give written notice to the FERC of his determination in accordance with the FERC rules and regulations.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S.30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:177 (May 1980).

§115. Confidentiality

A. No date, information, forms, affidavits, plats, exhibits, and such other evidence filed as part of an application for well status determination pursuant to the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 will be accorded confidential treatment by the Office of Conservation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:177 (May 1980).

§117. Effective Date

A. These Rules of practice and procedure shall be effective on and after May 20, 1980.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:177 (May 1980).

Chapter 3. Tight Formation Rules and Procedures

§301. Authority

A. Pursuant to authority delegated under the laws of the State of Louisiana and the United States, and particularly Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, the following Rules are issued and promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation as being reasonably necessary to administer the authority contained in the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978. These Rules are designed to implement procedures to be utilized by applicants requesting the designation of tight formations in Louisiana and to clarify applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulations pertaining thereto as they apply to Louisiana.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:513 (August 1980).

§303. Definitions

A. Unless the context specifically requires otherwise, any special word, term, or phrase used herein is used as defined in the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rules and regulations pertaining thereto, or applicable meaning given in Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Commissioner The Commissioner of Conservation, state of Louisiana.

District Manager The manager of any one of the district offices of the Office of Conservation and, as used, refers specifically to the manager within whose district the geographical area is located which is underlain by the recommended tight formation.

FERC The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Interested Party Any person, as *person* is defined in Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, whose interests are affected by the application.

NGPA The Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:513 (August 1980).

§305. Application

A. Any interested party requesting the designation of any formation in Louisiana as a tight formation shall file an application with the commissioner and the appropriate district manager(s). The application shall include a filing fee of \$100, a proposed definition of the recommended tight formation, and a legible map depicting the geographical area covered by the application.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:513 (August 1980).

§307. Documents Supporting Application

A. An application filed pursuant to Section 271.705(b)(1) of the FERC regulations shall contain the following information (such information to be submitted at the hearing scheduled pursuant to §309.A hereof):

1. a type log identifying the proposed definition of the recommended tight formation and a geologic-lithologic description of said formation;
2. a structure map drawn on the top of the recommended tight formation;
3. stratigraphic cross-section(s) to delineate the development of the recommended tight formation throughout the geographical area being requested;
4. in situ gas permeability calculated from core tests, flow tests, log interpretation, or other accepted engineering methods;
5. calculations which indicate that the stabilized production rate against atmospheric pressure of wells completed in the recommended tight formation prior to stimulation will not exceed the maximum allowable production rate set forth in Section 271.705(b)(1)(ii) of the FERC regulations;

6. evidence to indicate that no well completed in the recommended tight formation will prior to the application of enhanced production techniques produce more than five barrels of crude oil per day (*Crude oil* is defined by Section 270.102(b)(5) of the FERC regulations as a mixture of hydrocarbons that exists in the liquid phase in natural underground reservoirs and remains liquid at atmospheric pressure after passing through surface separating facilities);

7. evidence to indicate that existing state and/or federal regulations will assure that development of the recommended tight formation will not adversely affect any fresh water aquifer that is or is expected to be used as a domestic or agricultural water supply;

8. a legible map depicting the geographical area requested as being underlain by the recommended tight formation together with a geographical description of such area. All wells which have produced natural gas from the recommended tight formation shall be clearly located and identified by operator, well number and name, and serial number on such map or on an appropriate attachment.

B. Application filed pursuant to Section 271.705(b)(2) of the FERC regulations shall contain the following information (such information to be submitted at the hearing scheduled pursuant to §309.A hereof):

1. the information required in §307.A hereof;
2. description of the types and extent of enhanced production techniques which are expected to be used;
3. estimated expenditures in detail to be incurred in utilizing such techniques;
4. estimated production rate after application of enhanced production techniques and engineering and geological data to support such estimate;
5. economic analyses to substantiate that the price established in Section 271.702(b) of the FERC regulations is necessary to provide reasonable incentives for production of natural gas from the recommended tight formation due to the costs associated with such production. The applicant shall provide in detail an explanation of all data and/or estimates used.

C. The commissioner may request additional information at any time prior to a determination by giving notice of such to the applicant.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:513 (August 1980).

§309. Notice, Hearing

A. Upon receipt of an application for designation of any formation in Louisiana as a tight formation, the commissioner, after assigning a docket number to such application, shall schedule a public hearing on the application and shall cause a notice of the application to be published in the official journal of the state of Louisiana. Such notice shall be published at least 10 days before the hearing and shall include:

1. a statement of the time, place, and nature of the hearing;
2. a statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held;
3. a reference to the particular sections of the statutes and rules involved;
4. a short and plain statement of the matters asserted.

B. Any interested party shall be afforded an opportunity to present evidence in support of or in opposition to the subject application at the hearing held pursuant to §309.A hereof.

C. Applicant will be required to purchase one copy of the transcript of the hearing from the applicable court reporting service. Such copy will be mailed directly to the commissioner from the applicable court reporting service and will be made a part of the notice of determination submitted to the FERC.

D. The commissioner shall mail a notice of his determination to the applicant. Upon request, a copy of the notice of determination will be mailed to any interested party.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:514 (August 1980).

§311. Rehearing

A. Upon determination by the commissioner, any interested party may file a motion for rehearing within 10 days after the date of determination. The application for rehearing shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which such application is based. The grounds for such action shall be either that:

1. the decision is clearly contrary to the law and the evidence;
2. the party has discovered since the hearing evidence important to the issues which he could not have with due diligence obtained before or during the hearing;

3. there is a showing that issues not previously considered ought to be examined in order to dispose properly of the matter; or

4. there is other good ground for further consideration of the issues and the evidence in the public interest.

B. Upon such application the commissioner shall have power to grant or deny rehearing. Unless the commissioner acts upon the application for rehearing within 30 days after it is filed, such application is deemed to have been denied.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:514 (August 1980).

§313. Notice of Determination

A. If the commissioner makes an affirmative determination on the application, he shall then submit a written recommendation to the FERC for their review together with the information filed pursuant to §307.A and B hereof.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:514 (August 1980).

§315. Confidentiality

A. No information submitted pursuant to an application for designation of any formation in Louisiana as a tight formation will be accorded confidential treatment by the Office of Conservation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:514 (August 1980).

§317. Effective Date

A. These rules shall be effective on and after August 20, 1980.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 6:514 (August 1980).

Title 43
NATURAL RESOURCES
Part XI. Office of Conservation Pipeline Division
Subpart 1. Natural Gas and Coal

Chapter 1. Natural Gas and Coal

A. Pursuant to authority delegated under the laws of the state of Louisiana, and particularly Chapter 7 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of 1950 entitled the Natural Resources and Energy Act of 1973, after due notice having been given and all legal delays observed, and after public hearing held under Docket Number PL 79-137 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the eighth day of January, 1980, the following Rules of Procedure are amended, reenacted, and adopted by the Commissioner of Conservation as being reasonably necessary to govern and control matters involving the provisions of the Natural Resources and Energy Act of 1973.

§101. Definitions

A. The words used herein shall have their usual meanings unless specially defined herein or in Chapter 7, Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, or in regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation pursuant thereto.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501-599, 601-606.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 4:76 (March 1978), amended LR 7:80 (March 1981).

§103. Applications

A. All applications to the commissioner, pursuant to Chapter 7 of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, or Article IX, Section 2 of the Louisiana Constitution 1974, shall comply with these rules of procedure.

B. Except as otherwise provided in these rules of procedure or in the commissioner's regulations implementing the Natural Resources and Energy Act of 1973, all applications shall be made in duplicate in the form required by the commissioner and to the extent required, shall contain an outline and explanation of the nature of the proposal and shall be accompanied by such attachments, if any, as are required for such applications under the provisions of Chapter 7 of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and applicable regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant thereto, and Article IX, Section 2 of the Louisiana Constitution 1974. In those situations where a public hearing is required, applications shall be submitted to the commissioner in triplicate.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501-599, 601-606.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 4:76 (March 1978), amended LR 7:80 (March 1981).

§105. Applications Not Requiring Public Notice

A. Applications to the commissioner for which no public notice is required shall be made in writing and shall be in the form required by the commissioner and shall contain such information as is required for such applications under the applicable regulations.

B. If, in applicant's opinion, the public interest requires immediate action, the applicant may request a decision by telephone, and if approval is granted, the application must be submitted in writing within 72 hours thereafter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501-599, 601-606.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 4:76 (March 1978), amended LR 7:80 (March 1981).

§107. Applications Requiring Public Notice

A. Public notice with respect to all applications for which a public hearing is required shall be given by publication of a notice of said hearing in the official journal of the state of Louisiana not less than 10 days prior to the hearing. Public notice shall be in writing and shall include:

1. a statement of the time, place and nature of the hearing and the time within which a response is required;
2. a statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held;
3. a reference to the particular sections of the statutes, rules and regulations involved; and
4. a concise statement of the matters asserted.

B. The commissioner shall mail a copy of the public notice to the applicant by certified mail. A copy of the public notice, with a copy of the application, shall be mailed by the applicant to all interested parties within two working days of the receipt of said public notice from the commissioner.

C. Notice to owners of land to be traversed by a pipeline, for all purposes under the act and these regulations, shall be sufficient and shall be reasonable notice if mailed to the persons and to the addresses identified in the ad valorem tax records of the parishes as owners of the traversed lands.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501-599, 601-606.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 4:76 (March 1978), amended LR 7:80 (March 1981).

§109. Applications Requiring Public Hearing

A. No order, ruling or finding may be made or other action taken with respect to R.S. 30:553, 554, 555(A)-(C), 555(F), 555(H), 556, 557, 558, 571 through 576, 593, 596, 598(E), 599, 722, 723, and 607 without a public hearing after due notice to all interested parties unless the right to a public hearing is waived pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, as amended, (R.S. 49:951-968) or the Natural Resources and Energy Act of 1973 expressly provides that no hearing is required in that instance.

B. Applications to the Commissioner of Conservation for which a public hearing is required shall be submitted in writing, be verified under oath, and shall be in a form and contain such information as is required by the commissioner. The hearing on the application shall be noticed in accordance with §113. The hearing date of the application shall not be less than 10 days following the date of publication of notice.

C. Interested parties who wish to object to said application or participate in the hearing must file a petition or notice with the commissioner and the applicant within five days following the receipt by such interested parties of notice of the hearing. Petitions or notices filed in connection with the application shall set forth clearly and concisely the facts from which the nature of the petitioner's alleged right or interest can be determined, the grounds of the proposed participation, and the position of the petitioner in the proceeding so as to fully and completely advise the parties and the commissioner as to the specific issues of fact or law to be raised concerning public interest, provided however, that the right to participate in a proceeding commenced under this Chapter shall not extend to objections directed solely to the matters involving rights-of-way including, but not limited to, the public purpose and necessity to be served in an expropriation thereof or the compensation therefor which is a judicial question pursuant to the Constitution of the state of Louisiana 1974, Article 1, Section 4.

D. The commissioner, either upon his own motion, or at the request of an interested party or the applicant, may call a conference of the parties to a proceeding at any time, if in his opinion, such a conference would resolve or narrow the issues in controversy or assist in the conduct of the hearing.

E. If no objection to the application is timely filed by an interested party, in accordance with the provisions of this rule, it will be unnecessary for the applicant to be present or to be represented at the hearing, and evidence shall be filed by affidavit or in such other form as is acceptable to or permitted by the commissioner who shall render an order based upon the record in the proceeding. The order of the commissioner shall be final, subject to reconsideration by him upon application for rehearing by the applicant or interested party filed within 10 days from the date of its entry.

F. If the commissioner, in his judgment, determines that an emergency exists, which in the public interest, requires action on the application prior to the hearing date or the

minimum 10-day notice period herein required, the commissioner may act on the application and issue a temporary order; however, such emergency authorization shall remain in force no longer than 15 days from its effective date in any event, a temporary order shall expire when the commissioner's decision on the application after notice and hearing becomes effective.

G. An interested party who fails to comply with the requirements of the this rule, may, at the commissioner's discretion, be precluded from introducing witnesses or from presenting evidence at the hearing; however, any person shall be permitted to cross-examine witnesses and make statements confined to his position in the matter.

H. Hearings on applications for approval to connect an intrastate natural gas pipeline, gas gathering line or coal slurry pipeline to an interstate natural gas pipeline or coal slurry pipeline filed pursuant to R.S. 30:555.H and 607 and Louisiana Constitution 1974, Article IX, Section 2, shall be held not less than 10 days after notice given in the manner provided in §113. Provided, however, that if the commissioner, in his judgment, determines that an emergency exists, which, in the interest of public health, safety or welfare, requires that said hearing be held on shorter notice, said emergency hearing may be held on any abbreviated notice, but not less than three days following the date of publication of notice of said hearing in the official journal of the state of Louisiana.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501-599, 601-606.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 4:77 (March 1978), amended LR 7:80 (March 1981).

§111. Applications and Notices

A. All applications and notices filed pursuant to these rules of procedure shall contain a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties and show that a diligent effort has been made to obtain this list.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501-599, 601-606.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 4:77 (March 1978), amended LR 7:81 (March 1981).

§113. Approvals by the Commissioner for Certain Matters under the Act

A. All matters under the act requiring the approval for permission of the commissioner, and for which no objection thereto has been received within 15 days after due notice, if required, and no public hearing is specifically required may be approved by the commissioner without a public hearing by the issuance of an order, or administratively, on forms and in a manner determined by the commissioner.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501-599, 601-606.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 4:77 (March 1978), amended LR 7:81 (March 1981).

§115. Approvals by the Commissioner for Matters Involving Public Hearing

A. As to matters under the act requiring the approval of the commissioner after a public hearing, the commissioner shall issue his order and findings relative thereto on forms and in a manner determined by the commissioner.

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§117. Reports

A. All reports required to be submitted to the commissioner under the act shall be on forms approved by him and filed in accordance with schedules set by him. The commissioner may at his discretion grant extensions of time to file said reports upon good cause shown.

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§119. Applicability of Rules of Procedure

A. The rules of procedure set out herein apply only to the provisions of the act (Chapter 7, Title 30), as implemented by applicable regulations. All other rules of procedure applicable to chapters of Title 30 other than Chapter 7 shall not apply in any manner whatsoever to the act, or regulations implementing same.

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§121. Certificate of Transportation or License to be Issued Pursuant to the Provisions of §554 or 722 of the Act

A. This regulation shall apply to a certificate of transportation issued to a qualified person(s) in accordance with the provisions of Section 554 of the Act or to a license to operate a coal slurry pipeline in accordance with the provisions of Section 722 of the Act.

B. All certificates of transportation heretofore issued by the Commissioner of Conservation pursuant to Section 554 of the Act, as implemented by §121, shall remain in force and effect pursuant to the terms and conditions thereof.

C. Any qualified person desiring a certificate of transportation, except those covered by Subsection B above or license shall apply to the commissioner for an order therefor upon such forms and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes, and shall furnish such data and information as the commissioner may direct; provided, however, that if a person has filed documents and evidence with the commissioner in accordance with Section 555.C of the Act, as required by §125, such filing shall be considered by the commissioner in his determination with respect to the issuance of an order hereunder.

D. The commissioner shall issue an order granting a certificate of transportation or license to any qualified applicant if after hearing with due notice by publication in the official state journal and if he finds that the applicant is able and willing to perform properly the service proposed and to conform to the provisions of Chapter 7 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of the state of Louisiana and the requirements, rules and regulations of the commissioner thereunder, and that the proposed issuance of the certificate or license is or will be required by the present or future public interest.

E. All persons receiving a certificate of transportation or license shall be vested with all of the rights and privileges granted and extended under Section 554 or 722 of the Act.

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§123. Requirements for Abandonment of All or Any Portion of a Facility, or Any Service Rendered by Means of Such Facility under §§555.B and 722 of the Act

A. This regulation shall apply to requirements of an intrastate natural gas or coal slurry transporter to abandon all or any portion of a facility, or any service rendered by means of such facility, pursuant to the provisions of Section 555.B or 722 of the Act; provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to any coal slurry transporter then being regulated by a federal agency having jurisdiction. Application for abandonment shall be filed in accordance with the regulation and §§107 and 109. However, an application for the abandonment of a sale or transportation contract or related facility shall be submitted to the commissioner at least 30 days, but no more than six months, prior to the contract termination date, or prior to the proposed date of termination of a service or abandonment of a facility in the absence of a contract. The commissioner may for good cause shown grant an exception to said time limitations.

B. Where an abandonment of service or facility is proposed, the interested parties shall be the signatory parties to the contracts affecting said services or facilities and the owners or operators of such facility to be abandoned.

C. The commissioner shall issue his permission and approval for the abandonment of all or any portion of the facilities of an intrastate natural gas or coal slurry transporter subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner, or any service rendered by means of such facilities, only after the intrastate natural gas or coal slurry transporter shall have demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, that the available supply of natural gas, coal, or lignite is depleted to the extent that the continuance of service is unwarranted or that the public interest and energy needs permit such abandonment. However, the commissioner may deny abandonment based upon satisfactory evidence that a user of gas or coal or lignite located in the state, a majority

of which users' employees are Louisiana residents, or which user produces goods or services for Louisiana residents, including gas or electric service, is or will be unable to secure adequate supplies of natural gas or coal or lignite to maintain employment, production, or service levels if abandonment is granted. Application for abandonment shall be made to the commissioner in writing, executed under oath by an individual having authority to execute same with a copy to all interested parties and shall include the following information:

1. description and location, if applicable, of the facility, or portion thereof, or the service rendered by such facility, or portion thereof, to be abandoned;

2. if a gas, coal or lignite sale or transportation contract:

a. the exact legal name and status of the seller and purchaser and the name, title and mailing address of the person(s) to whom communications concerning the notice are to be addressed;

b. date of contract;

c. term of contract;

d. quantities of gas, coal or lignite:

i. maximum daily quantity seller is obligated to deliver: thousands of cubic feet per day (MCF/Day), millions of British thermal units per day (MMBTU/Day) or tons per day (TON/Day);

ii. minimum daily quantity purchaser is obligated to receive: MCF/Day, MMBTU/Day or tons per day (TON/Day);

iii. measurement pressure base;

iv. service firm or interruptible. Give conditions under which deliveries or receipts can be interrupted or curtailed and minimum level of daily volume during interruption or curtailment;

e. type of service: (industrial sale, sale for resale, transportation or other);

f. point(s) of delivery;

g. delivery pressures minimum, maximum;

h. price;

3. reasons for abandonment;

4. prospective date of abandonment;

5. where an agreement as to the terms and conditions of abandonment has been reached between the transporter and the person or persons who are parties to a contract relating to the use of facilities or services to be abandoned, the application for abandonment shall be accompanied by a letter of agreement, signed by the parties or an authorized agent of the parties, verified under oath;

6. Forms PL-1(A) for abandonment of service and PL-1(B) for abandonment of facility may be obtained from the Office of Conservation.

D. Applications for pregranted abandonment of emergency or temporary sales and connections necessitated thereby, including those sales to supply an immediate and necessary demand for gas, coal, or lignite, shall contain the information required under Subsection C above, and may be administratively approved by the commissioner.

E. The commissioner may request such additional information as in his opinion is reasonably necessary in order to properly evaluate the application.

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§125. Transportation of Intrastate Natural Gas, Coal or Lignite and the Construction, Extension, Acquisition, and Operation of Facilities or Extension Thereof Pursuant to Provisions of §§555.C and 722 of the Act

A. This regulation shall apply to the requirements placed by Sections 555.C and 722 of the Act upon a person relative to the transportation of intrastate natural gas, coal or lignite, and the construction, extension, acquisition and operation of facilities or extensions thereof.

B. All applications by a person required to be filed with the Commissioner of Conservation pursuant to the provisions of Sections 555.C and 722 of the Act shall be in writing, verified under oath by an individual having authority to execute same, shall be in the form approved by the commissioner, and shall contain the following information:

1. the exact legal name of the applicant; its principal place of business; whether an individual, partnership, corporation or otherwise; the state under the laws of which applicant was organized or authorized; if a corporation, a certificate of good standing and authorization to do business from the secretary of state of Louisiana, the location and the mailing address of applicant's registered office, the name and post office address of each registered agent in Louisiana, and the names and addresses of all its directors and principal officers; if a partnership or other similar organization, the names and addresses of its partners of record, officer or other responsible parties of record; applicant's current financial statement or such other information which may be submitted by the applicant and accepted by the commissioner concerning the ability of the applicant to construct, acquire, or operate the proposed facility or extension thereof; and the name, title and mailing address of the person or persons to whom communications concerning the application are to be addressed;

2. the nature of the service rendered by applicant (industrial sale, sale for resale, transportation or other of gas, coal or lignite);

3. a concise description of applicant's existing operations;

4. a table of contents which shall list all exhibits and documents filed with the application;

5. a map(s), of its pipeline system(s), which shall reflect the location and capacity of all compressor sites, all points of connection between such system(s) and pipelines, or pipeline system(s) of other persons, the date of such connections, and all major points of supply;

6. a listing of applicant's gas, coal or lignite sales contracts and gas, coal or lignite transportation contracts within the state of Louisiana on prescribed forms containing the following data:

- a. parties: seller, purchaser, owner, transporter;
- b. date of contract;
- c. term of contract;
- d. quantities of gas, coal or lignite:
 - i. maximum daily quantity seller is obligated to deliver: MCF/Day, MMBTU/Day or TON/Day;
 - ii. minimum daily quantity purchaser is obligated to receive: MCF/Day, MMBTU/Day or TON/Day;
 - iii. measurement pressure base;
 - iv. service firm or interruptible;
 - v. give conditions under which deliveries or receipts can be interrupted or curtailed and minimum level of daily volume during interruption or curtailment;
- e. type of service: (industrial, sale for resale, transportation or other);
- f. points of delivery;
- g. delivery pressures: minimum, maximum;
- h. price;

7. a listing of the location of interconnects between applicant's pipeline system(s) and pipeline or pipeline system(s) of other persons.

C. Subsequent filings may be required by the commissioner to complete an evaluation of each pipeline system for the purposes of Sections 555.C and 722 or other Sections of the Act.

1. A person authorized to operate as an intrastate natural gas or coal slurry transporter may incorporate the information required to be filed under Paragraphs B.1, 3, 5, 6 and 7 of this regulation by reference to prior hearing evidence, presented to the commissioner, specifically identifying such prior evidence and the items to be incorporated therefrom.

D. All applications filed shall be noticed on interested parties, and all hearings required under Section 555.C or 722 of the Act shall be in accordance with the rules of procedure of the commissioner. Interested parties shall be as follows:

1. where a new supply of gas, coal or lignite from a producing field(s) or mine in Louisiana is to be connected by a new pipeline, the interested parties shall be:

- a. the owner(s) of the proposed new pipeline;

b. the owner(s) of an existing pipeline (if different from owner(s) of proposed new pipeline), if any, to which the proposed new pipeline is to be connected;

c. each seller and each purchaser to the contract or contracts covering the new supply of gas, coal or lignite to be connected, or in the case of gas, coal or lignite to be transported or exchanged, the parties from whom the gas, coal or lignite is to be received, and the parties to whom the gas, coal or lignite is to be delivered;

d. owner(s) of the land to be traversed by the proposed pipeline in Louisiana;

2. where a new pipeline customer(s) is to be connected, the interested parties shall be:

- a. the owner(s) of the proposed new pipeline;

b. the owner(s) of an existing pipeline, if any, (if different from the owner or owners of the proposed new pipeline) to which the proposed new pipeline is to be connected and from which pipeline gas, coal or lignite will flow to the proposed new pipeline;

c. each seller and each purchaser to the contract(s) under which gas, coal or lignite delivered by the new pipeline is to be sold in Louisiana, or in the case of gas, coal or lignite to be transported or exchanged in Louisiana, each party to each transportation or exchange agreement;

d. owner(s) of the land to be traversed by the proposed pipeline.

E. The commissioner, upon proper showing, shall issue his order in accordance with the application submitted. Provided, however, the order shall expire on its first anniversary date if construction of facilities authorized by said order has not commenced. The commissioner may, upon written request and for good cause shown, extend the expiration date of said order. The commissioner shall be given timely written notice when the construction authorized under this regulation is completed.

F. The commissioner may issue, upon application by a person(s) a temporary order in cases of emergency without notice or hearing pending the application for a permanent order, all in accordance with the rules of procedure of the commissioner.

G. Each transporter shall annually file by April 1 an updated map of its intrastate natural or coal slurry gas pipeline facilities depicting the location and size of all compressors, all points of connection between such facilities and pipelines of other persons, all major points of supply, and the nominal size of all lines. If none of the above data has changed during the previous year, the applicant shall so notify the commissioner in writing by April 1.

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§127. Intrastate Natural Gas

A. This regulation shall apply to the price of intrastate natural gas sold by a natural gas company under contracts executed after December 8, 1973, under the provisions of Part V of the Natural Resources and Energy Act of 1973, being Sections 591 through 606 thereof. No contract shall be exempt under the provisions of Section 595.

B. Any and all hearings, investigations, and proceedings conducted or held under Part V of the Act shall be in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Commissioner of Conservation.

C. Each natural gas company who enters into a contract for the sale of intrastate natural gas shall file with the commissioner, within 30 days after the execution of such contract, one complete copy of said contract and one complete copy of all classifications, practices, and regulations affecting such prices.

D. All notices of contracts, agreements, or understandings, or proposed contracts, agreements, or understandings, which may be submitted to the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of Section 597 of the Act shall be filed on forms approved by the commissioner, shall contain the following information:

1. the exact legal name and status of the purchaser and seller and the name, title, and mailing address of the person(s) to whom communications concerning the notice are to be addressed;
2. parties: seller, purchaser, owner, transporter;
3. date of contract;
4. term of contract;
5. quantities of gas;
 - a. maximum daily quantity seller is obligated to deliver (MCF/ Day or MMBTU/Day);
 - b. minimum daily quantity purchaser is obligated to receive (MCF/Day or MMBTU/Day);
 - c. measurement: pressure base;
 - d. service firm or interruptible. (Give conditions under which deliveries or receipts can be interrupted or curtailed and minimum level of daily volume during interruption or curtailment);
6. type of sale: industrial, sale for resale, transportation or other;
7. point(s) of delivery;
8. delivery pressures: minimum, maximum;
9. price.

E. Unless the commissioner gives notice to the contrary to the parties within 15 days from the date of filing hereunder, any contract, agreement or understanding, or proposed contract, agreement or understanding, filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 597 of the Act shall be

deemed to have been accepted or approved by the commissioner without objection and to be in compliance with the provisions of Part V of the act. If, however, the commissioner deems it advisable to consider the proposal further, he shall notify the parties accordingly and the matter shall thereafter be processed by the commissioner in accordance with his rules and regulations.

F. All reports to be filed under the provisions of Part V of the Act, exclusive of those permitted or required under Section 597 thereof, shall be filed upon such forms and in such manner as prescribed by the commissioner and as directed by him.

G. The commissioner, upon receipt of a petition from any party to a contract or sale complaining of anything done or omitted to be done by any natural gas company in contravention of the provisions of Part V of this Act, shall pursuant to the provisions of Section 602 of this Act, forward a statement of the complaint to the natural gas company which shall have 20 days from receipt to satisfy the complaint or to answer the same in writing. In the event additional time to answer the complaint is requested by the natural gas company, in writing, the commissioner may, for good cause shown, grant same, but in no case shall the additional time granted exceed 30 days.

H. In connection with filings made with the commissioner by a natural gas company under provisions of Part V of the Act, interested parties shall be the parties to each such contract so filed.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 5:355 (November 1979).

§129. Requirements for Connections Pursuant to §§555.H and 722 of the Act and Louisiana Constitution 1974

A. All applications to the commissioner requesting approval for an intrastate natural gas or coal slurry transporter to connect its system with, move gas, coal or lignite into or receive gas, coal or lignite from another pipeline system in the state of Louisiana, including pipelines or pipeline systems owned by it within the terms of Sections 555.H and 722 of the Act, and Louisiana Constitution 1974, shall contain the following information:

1. point of connection or connections;
2. status or character of each pipeline, specifying whether said line or lines carry intrastate gas, coal or lignite or interstate gas, coal or lignite and whether they have been deemed jurisdictional by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or other federal agency;
3. anticipated volumes of natural gas, coal or lignite to be transferred or exchanged from one pipeline to another;
4. term of exchange or transfer;
5. reasons for interconnections;

6. the commissioner may request such additional information as in his opinion is reasonably necessary to properly evaluate the application.

B. No order, ruling or finding may be made or other action taken with respect to this regulation without a public hearing after due notice to all interested parties unless the right to a public hearing is waived pursuant to the provisions of Administrative Procedure Act, as amended (R.S. 49:951-968).

C. Public interest does not require the issuance of an order authorizing any action taken by an intrastate natural gas or coal slurry transporter which would be covered by the provisions of Sections 555.H and 722 of the Act where imminent danger of life and property can be eliminated by such action. Provided, however, that every person undertaking such action shall so advise the commissioner immediately by telegram stating briefly the circumstances and shall within 10 days file a statement in writing and under oath, together with four conformed copies thereof, setting forth the purpose and character of the action, the facts warranting invocation of this Section, and the anticipated period of the stated emergency. Emergency operations undertaken without an order pursuant to this Section shall be discontinued upon the expiration of the emergency or as otherwise ordered by the commissioner. All facilities installed for such temporary action shall be promptly removed after expiration of the exempt period of operation. Every person shall advise the commissioner in writing and under oath within 10 days following the removal of facilities constructed for emergency operations that such removal of facilities has been completed pursuant to this Section. Every person undertaking any such action pursuant to this Section desiring to continue such action shall file an application with the commissioner prior to the expiration of the exempt period provided herein.

D. The commissioner may issue, upon application by a person(s) a temporary order for the connection of intrastate facilities in cases of emergency without notice or hearing pending the application for a permanent order, all in accordance with the rules of procedure of the commissioner.

E. Interested parties for the purpose of this regulation shall be owners and operators of the pipeline concerned and the owners and operators of all other pipelines to which either of the pipelines concerned are already connected. If the commissioner determines in connection with any application under Section 555.H or 722 that a pipeline or pipelines other than defined immediately above may be an interested party, he may direct the applicant to serve notice of its application to such other pipeline or pipelines.

F. This regulation shall not apply to any coal slurry transporter, the operations of which are then being regulated by a federal agency.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 4:81 (March 1978), amended LR 7:84 (March 1981).

§131. Governing the Issuance of Orders Relative to the Transporting of Gas Using the Excess Capacity of Intrastate Gas Pipelines Pursuant to §501 et seq. of the Act

A. All definitions in this regulation are in accordance with those of §145.

B. This regulation shall apply to the rights of the Commissioner of Conservation pursuant to Section 501 et seq. of the Act to determine whether or not excess capacity exists and to investigate the need for using said excess capacity of an intrastate natural gas transporter hereinafter identified as transporter with respect to transporting a gas supply owned by a person other than the proposed transporter.

C. All applications to the commissioner by an owner(s) of intrastate natural gas for an order directing a transporter to transport said owner's gas in the transporter's intrastate pipeline system hereinafter identified as transporter's pipelines, pursuant to the provisions of Section 553 of the Act shall be in writing, verified under oath by an individual having authority, shall be in the form approved by the commissioner, shall be noticed upon the proposed transporter by certified mail, and shall contain the following information:

1. the legal status of the applicant as shown below and a statement in writing of applicant's financial capabilities to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate any required connecting lines onto the transporter's pipelines;

a. if a sole proprietorship, state the name and address of the person owning said company;

b. if a partnership, state:

i. name, address and percentage of interest of each and every partner owning 20 percent or more interest;

ii. if said partnership is an affiliate of another entity, state the name and address and legal status of said affiliate;

c. if the applicant's legal status is a corporation, state:

i. the name and address of each shareholder owning 20 percent or more of the shares, together with the number and percentage of any class of voting shares of the corporation which such shareholder is authorized to vote; and

ii. the name and address of each affiliate of the corporation who could derive direct benefit from the proposed use of transporter's pipelines, together with, in the case of an affiliate controlled by the corporation, the number of shares and percentage of any class of voting stock of that affiliate owned, directly or indirectly, by that corporation and, in the case of an affiliate which controls that corporation, the number of shares and the percentage of any class of voting stock of that corporation, directly or indirectly owned by the affiliate;

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iii. the nature of the services rendered by the applicant and those affiliates identified in Clause c.ii above and to whom;

iv. state of incorporation;

2. the operating capability of the applicant;

a. evidence of approval to construct, operate, and maintain any connecting pipeline facilities from the applicable state and federal agencies;

b. design information and details to conclusively demonstrate that all of the applicant's connecting lines are properly sized for the proposed flow volumes and in full accordance with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to Parts 191 and 192, Title 49, of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, as amended;

c. a concise description of applicant's existing operations pertaining to the application;

3. excess capacity requested for which the proposed user thereof is willing to pay whether such capacity is used or not;

4. the period of time that the gas is to be transported;

5. if gas proposed for transportation is to be delivered to the transporter's pipeline from a third party's pipeline, where the third party is a certified intrastate natural gas transporter or has been authorized by the commissioner to construct and operate facilities for the transportation of natural gas in the state of Louisiana, and the subject gas is to be purchased from said third party, the applicant is not required to furnish the information as set forth in Paragraphs C.6-10, but Subparagraph 7.e is required;

6. complete geological information on the productive zone(s) which is proposed to supply the gas reserve subject to this application, including structural maps, fault trace maps, isopachous maps, and copies of all logs used in the geologic evaluation;

7. all well history, well test, reservoir and production data including, but not limited to, the following:

a. basic well information including total depth, plug-back total depth, perforated interval, net productive sand, sand top and base or water level, electrical survey (1-inch and 5-inch), porosity logs, side wall and conventional core analysis, and any other logs or well surveys (including bottom-hole pressure survey information);

b. complete well test information including deliverability tests obtained on each well completed or tested in the productive zone(s);

c. complete monthly production history and production test reports on all wells which have produced from the productive zone(s);

d. estimated deliverability from well(s) to be connected during the period gas is transported hereunder;

e. complete chromatographic gas analysis of the gas to be transported, the content of sulphur, inert components and water, heating value, gravity, and temperature;

f. measurement basis for all data submitted;

8. copies of all lease information including unitization data, lease expiration dates, royalty and any special provisions pertaining to leases from which gas is to be produced and delivered to the transporter's pipelines;

9. history of any past gas deliveries from well(s) to be connected to the transporter's pipelines, and whether past deliveries were made into pipelines under the control of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as of the date of application;

10. copies of abandonment orders from any previous gas deliveries;

11. a conformed copy of the gas sales contract(s) involving the gas to be transported and a detailed statement concerning the end use of the gas. If the gas proposed for transportation:

a. is to be delivered from applicant's pipeline:

i. the applicant shall provide the sources of all gas in the said pipeline and all dispositions therefrom unless applicant is a certified intrastate natural gas transporter or has been authorized by the commissioner to construct and operate facilities for the transportation of natural gas in the state of Louisiana;

b. is to be delivered from a third party's pipeline:

i. the applicant shall provide the sources of all gas in the said pipeline and all dispositions therefrom unless the third party is a certified intrastate natural gas transporter or has been authorized by the commissioner to construct and operate facilities for the transportation of natural gas in the state of Louisiana;

ii. the applicant shall provide a conformed copy of all gas sales and transportation contracts which in any way could affect the jurisdictional status of any of the transporter's facilities;

12. schematic flow diagram of the producing facilities to be used by the applicant for connecting onto the transporter's pipelines. The schematic should include all wellhead equipment, lines, valves, separating and scrubbing equipment, all safety and shutdown controls, all liquid and gas metering equipment complete with capacity and pressure specifications for all above mentioned equipment;

13. map showing location of all facilities to be used in the installation along with:

a. proposed point(s) of entry onto the transporter's pipelines;

b. proposed point(s) of discharge of the gas from the transporter's pipelines;

c. location of any other interconnects on the applicant's intrastate system with other pipeline systems;

14. maximum pressure at which applicant can deliver gas at proposed inlet, and maximum pressure required by applicant at proposed outlet point(s) of transporter's pipelines, and maximum and minimum daily volumes of gas to be transported;

15. schematic flow diagram showing all facilities to be installed at the outlet point(s) indicating all necessary control, metering and emergency shutdown devices.

D. The applicant shall furnish all the foregoing information pertaining to the application for excess capacity to the proposed transporter. Where any of this information is on file with the commissioner, the applicant shall so state, and not be required to submit same with its application.

E. As a prerequisite to filing an application, it is required that the applicant provide written evidence to the commissioner that the applicant has explored in good faith with the proposed transporter the feasibility of utilizing the transporter's pipelines.

F. Upon receipt of the application referenced in Subsection C hereinabove, the commissioner shall notice and hear the matter in accordance with the commissioner's applicable rules of procedure. In determining whether or not excess capacity exists in the specific segment(s) of the transporter's pipelines in which the applicant's gas is to physically flow, the commissioner shall take into consideration the following matters:

1. the specific intrastate pipeline system(s) in which the gas is proposed to be transported, and the point(s) that the gas is to enter the transporter's pipelines and is to be discharged therefrom;

2. the period of time that said gas is to be transported;

3. whether or not the quality specifications of the gas to be transported, including the content of sulphur, inert components, water, ethane and heavier hydrocarbons, heating value, gravity and temperature meet or exceed the highest quality specifications of the gas then being transported in the transporter's pipelines;

4. the volume of gas required for the transporter's own use;

5. the existing character, pressure, gas flows, condition and all operating data relative to transporter's pipelines and whether any of the involved pipeline(s) now, or has ever been engaged in the transportation of interstate gas;

6. pressure required by the transporter to receive the gas and the pressure(s) at which the gas would have to be redelivered for the applicant or for the account of the applicant;

7. pressure limitations and all other limitations of the transporter's pipelines determined in accordance with all applicable state, federal and local laws and agency rules, regulations and orders including but not limited to such matters as population density along the transporter's pipelines and good engineering procedures, practices and calculations;

8. any and all matters applicable to or in any way connected with the applicant's gas, well(s) from which the gas is derived, facilities involved with the foregoing, or otherwise which could possibly subject the proposed

transporter's pipelines, facilities or gas, to control by or within the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or any federal regulatory body having similar jurisdiction;

9. any requirement which would cause the transporter to alter or modify any of its existing pipeline facilities or operating pressures, gas flows, or procedures in such a way as to result in the abridgment, violation or abrogation of any of its existing contract obligations whatsoever whether such agreements or obligations are due to gas purchases, gas sales or gas transportation, and whether serviced by the involved or another segment(s) of the transporter's pipeline;

10. any requirement which would cause the transporter to alter or modify any involved segment of its pipeline(s), or facilities either by way of installing, operating or maintaining additional pipelines or compression facilities, looping of existing pipelines, or otherwise, so as to create or increase pipeline capacity;

11. all contractual obligations by a transporter existing as of 30 days after the date of application or date of hearing, whichever is sooner, requiring the utilization of pipeline capacity, including but not limited to the following:

a. the maximum existing contract purchase obligations of the transporter under contracts for the purchase of gas supplies, subject to change based on actual maximum deliverability under the gas purchase contracts;

b. the maximum existing contract delivery obligations of the transporter pursuant to its contracts for the sale of gas, which obligation shall always mean the transporter's maximum contractual delivery obligation, reduced solely by an amount equal to the physical inability of each purchaser of the transporter to receive its maximum contract quantity;

c. the maximum existing contract obligations of a transporter to receive and redeliver gas or equivalent gas under gas transportation or gas exchange contracts, subject to the provisions of Subparagraph b immediately above;

d. the maximum contract delivery obligations of transporter under any and all outstanding bonafide offers by the transporter to third parties which would require the utilization of any of transporter's pipelines, and affect transporter's pipeline capacity, which offer(s) is outstanding as of 30 days after the date of application or date of hearing, whichever is sooner;

e. the maximum existing contract purchase and delivery obligations of the transporter under all contracts including but not limited to gas purchase, sales, and transportation agreements. In determining the maximum contract purchase and delivery obligations, the greater of the sums of transporter's maximum purchase or delivery obligations will control, subject only to the provisions of Subparagraphs a and b above;

12. any adverse effect utilization of capacity in the segment(s) specifically involved would have on the transporter's ability to operate its pipeline system and meet its existing contractual obligations.

G. Where it is found that excess capacity exists within a pipeline on a part-time or temporary basis and the commissioner accordingly orders the transportation of gas during the periods when such excess capacity may be available, it shall be the responsibility of the owner of the gas being transported in the available excess capacity, and its buyer or the recipient of such gas, to adjust production and purchase or utilization of said gas so as not to impair the transporter's ability to render adequate service to its customers.

H. Prior to the issuance of any order hereunder, the applicant shall prove to the commissioner's satisfaction that the gas proposed to be carried in the excess capacity of the transporter's pipelines and the involved and related facilities of all parties, have not been, are not now, nor will be subject to control by or within the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or any federal regulatory body having similar jurisdiction, or any successor agency thereof. Further, any order issued hereunder shall provide that if, pursuant to such order, any gas carried or to be carried by a transporter or any involved or related facilities of any party has been, is, or could be subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or any successor agency thereof, said order shall be considered violated thereby, and shall ipso facto terminate, and end all obligations and duties of the transporter required thereunder without further action by the transporter or the commissioner.

I. Every order issued by the commissioner hereunder shall set the effective term thereof, quality, quantity, measurement and balancing, and further, after notice and hearing, if the parties cannot agree, shall fix the rates and charges to be paid by the owner of the gas to the transporter for the transportation of the gas, all in accordance with Section 555.E of the Act.

J. The applicant whose gas is being carried in the transporter's pipelines shall retain title to its gas at all times while in transit. Every order by the commissioner directing that a transporter carry the gas of the applicant in the excess capacity of the transporter's pipelines shall provide that said order shall not be effective unless and until the owner of the gas has executed in favor of the transporter a written indemnity and hold harmless agreement, in form as prescribed by the commissioner, with good and sufficient surety, in an amount as determined by the commissioner, protecting and indemnifying such transporter from and against any and all responsibilities, claims, losses, liabilities, damages of any nature or kind whatsoever, as well as any and all costs associated therewith, and whether for personal injury, property damage, or otherwise, including those of the transporter, the owner of the gas, third parties, or gas customers of the transporter, which may arise by virtue of any compliance by the transporter with such order, except that the written indemnity and hold harmless agreement shall not exonerate the transporter for any liability arising from his own negligence or fault.

K. Every order issued by the commissioner hereunder shall provide that in the event the transporter ordered to carry the applicant's gas has a specific need for the excess

capacity of its pipeline(s), or a part thereof, to transport its own gas or the gas of its subsidiaries or of its parent or of a subsidiary of its parent, or to satisfy the requirements of its own transportation or sales contracts for which it then possesses adequate gas supply to fulfill, may in whole or in part terminate said order by giving written notice. Said notice shall be served by certified mail by the transporter on the commissioner and the applicant, shall specify the date on which effective, which shall be not less than 90 days of the date of said notice. If no opposition thereto is filed with the commissioner by the applicant, or the commissioner issues no objection in writing to the transporter and applicant, it shall be conclusively presumed for all purposes that all requirements of the act are satisfied, that the transporter has a bona fide need for the excess capacity as stated in the notice, and that the public interest and the purposes of the act would be best served by termination of the use of the excess capacity of the transporter's pipelines in whole or in part, and the order shall ipso facto terminate in accordance with the provisions of the notice. The above 90-day requirement may be waived by a written agreement filed with the commissioner and approved by the commissioner, said agreement to be signed by the interested parties or an authorized agent of the parties and verified under oath.

1. Either upon the filing of opposition by any party affected by the proposed termination, or upon his own initiative without opposition, the commissioner shall investigate the purported need of the transporter to so utilize its excess capacity and to disapprove the transporter's termination of the contract if, in fact, the transporter does not have a bonafide need for the excess capacity; or if, in the opinion of the commissioner, the public interest and the purposes of the act would best be served by continuation of the transportation of the gas of the other person user. Any such opposition made by parties affected or by the commissioner shall be made within 30 days from the date of receipt by the commissioner of notice of termination from the transporter and such opposition shall be in writing and served by certified mail on the transporter and the commissioner. The commissioner may call a public hearing in order to obtain additional information required to approve or disapprove the proposed termination. Notice of any such opposition shall suspend the proposed termination of use of transporter's excess capacity until such time as the commissioner issues an order approving or disapproving same.

L. Every order issued by the commissioner hereunder shall provide that in the event of any emergency which could cause danger to person or property, a transporter may without any order or permission of anyone, including the commissioner, and without liability to any person, including the owner of gas being transported in excess capacity of the transporter's pipelines, terminate in whole or in part the transportation of said gas during the period of the emergency. The transporter as soon as practicable must notify the owner of said gas and the commissioner, of said emergency, the reason therefore, and the expected duration thereof. Upon the termination of the emergency, the

transporter shall notify the commissioner and the owner of the gas, and shall forthwith comply with applicable order(s) of the commissioner.

M. If either the transporter or applicant is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by force majeure to carry out its obligations, on such party's giving notice and reasonably full particulars of such force majeure, in writing or by telegraph, to the other party within a reasonable time after the occurrence of the cause relied on, then the obligations of the party giving such notice, so far as they are affected by such force majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of any inability so caused.

N. If for any reason conditions occur during the term of the applicable order which would render continued compliance with the order impracticable, dangerous to person or property, or illegal, the transporter may apply immediately to the commissioner for relief from all or a portion of the requirements of the order.

O. Every order issued by the commissioner shall identify the source(s) of gas approved for transportation in the transporter's pipelines and the gas shall be limited to the sources so identified.

P. Every order issued by the commissioner shall provide for the filing of periodic reports including but not limited to reports necessary to determine the quantity, quality and balancing of gas being transported in the excess capacity of transporter's pipelines.

Q. In the event the applicant is unable to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the commissioner that it has the necessary financial standing so as not to jeopardize the financial position of the transporter, then the applicant will be given an opportunity to provide and file a performance bond with the commissioner in favor of the transporter:

1. the amount of the bond shall in no event be less than the amount sufficient to cover the greater of the sums determined from Subparagraphs a and b or c and d below:

a. an amount determined as the product of:

i. applicant's estimated peak day volume;

ii. 60 days; and

iii. estimated rate and charges for the transportation service; plus

b. an estimated amount to reimburse the proposed transporter for the cost involved in establishing input and output points (delivery points) and related facilities for receiving and delivering gas as proposed by the applicant;

c. an amount determined as the product of:

i. the excess capacity (expressed as a daily volume) for which applicant is to pay transporter whether used or not;

ii. 60 days; and

iii. the estimated rates and charges for the transportation service; plus

d. an estimated amount to reimburse the proposed transporter for the cost involved in establishing input and output points (delivery points) and related facilities for receiving and delivering gas as proposed by the applicant.

2. The estimated rates and charges and estimated costs involved in establishing delivery points and related facilities shall be the applicant's best estimate at the time of application, but the actual amount of surety and bonding capability of the applicant shall be subject to revision by the commissioner at such time as actual rates and charges and volume of gas to be transported, if any, have been determined by the commissioner or have been agreed upon as between applicant and transporter or transporters.

R. Every order issued by the commissioner shall provide that the excess capacity obtained by the applicant shall not be assigned in whole or in part unless agreed to in writing by the transporter and approved by the commissioner.

S. The following general rules will affect all proceedings initiated under Subsections A-S of this regulation.

1. Except as provided herein, by law, or by the act, all applications, reports, approvals, orders and notices to interested parties, the method of serving same, and all public hearings conducted under the act shall be in accordance with the rules of procedure of the commissioner, this regulation, applicable law, and the act.

2. This regulation set out herein applies only to the provisions of the act (Chapter 7, Title 30).

3. Unless prohibited by specific provisions of the act or by law, the commissioner may waive any or all of the requirements of the foregoing regulation and grant additional time to comply with any provision of the act on written request, and upon reasonable cause shown if he finds that the application and enforcement thereof will make undue hardship on the person affected, or will seriously impede the efficiency of the commissioner's administration of the act and that the application or enforcement thereof is not necessary to the accomplishment of the purposes of the act.

4. This regulation, in the absence of an emergency, may not be amended, or new regulation promulgated without notice and opportunity for public hearing, as provided for in Title 30, Chapter 1, Section 6 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501-599, 601-606.

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§133. Transportation of Intrastate Natural Gas and the Construction, Extension, Acquisition and Operation of Facilities or Extensions Thereof for the Purpose of Acquisition of Gas Supplies within a Gas Supply Acquisition Service Area or Transportation of Gas Supplies for Others within a Gas Supply Transportation Service Area Pursuant to the Provisions of §555(F) of the Act

A. This regulation shall apply to the requirements placed by Section 555(F) of the Act upon an intrastate natural gas transporter relative to the transportation of intrastate natural gas and the construction, extension, acquisition and operation of facilities, or extensions thereof, for the purpose of acquisition of gas supplies within a gas supply acquisition service area or transportation of gas supplies for others within a gas supply transportation service area.

B. Each transporter owning or operating an intrastate pipeline, the construction and operation of which has been approved by order of the commissioner under Section 555.C of the Act, shall have the right to apply to the commissioner for the establishment of a gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area. Within such gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area a transporter may at its option enlarge or extend its facilities, by construction or acquisition, for the purpose of acquiring or transporting for others additional supplies of natural gas. All applications by the transporter filed with the commissioner requesting the establishment of a gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area shall be in writing, verified under oath by an individual having authority, shall be in the form approved by the commissioner, shall be noticed upon interested parties by publication in the official journal of the state of Louisiana and the official journal of each parish within which the gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area will be located, and shall contain the information required by §125. All information required to be included within the application which has been presented to the commissioner through prior hearing evidence and all records and documents in the possession of the commissioner filed pursuant to the Natural Resources and Energy Act of 1973 may be incorporated in the application by reference. Each application shall include a map depicting the location of the transporter's existing intrastate pipeline to which facilities constructed or acquired pursuant to this regulation shall connect.

C. All orders of the commissioner establishing gas supply acquisition service areas or gas supply transportation service areas shall be subject to the following limitations and restrictions.

1. Location. A gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area shall be located adjacent to the applicant's existing pipeline facilities.

2. Size. Facilities constructed or acquired pursuant to this regulation shall not exceed 5 miles in length and nominal 8 inches diameter pipe.

3. Duration. An order of the commissioner establishing a gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area shall remain in effect until terminated by subsequent order of the commissioner.

4. Interconnections. An order of the commissioner establishing a gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area shall not permit a transporter to connect its facilities located within the gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area to another pipeline system, including other pipelines or pipeline systems owned by the transporter.

5. Sales. An order of the commissioner establishing a gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area shall not permit a transporter to construct, extend, acquire or operate facilities, or extensions thereof, within such gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area for the purpose of connecting such transporter's facilities to a customer and making sales of gas to such customer.

6. Abandonment of Facilities. An order of the commissioner establishing a gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area shall not permit a transporter to abandon all or any portion of its facilities subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner, or any service rendered by means of such facilities, within such gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area.

7. Facilities Not Subject to Jurisdiction of Commissioner. An order of the commissioner shall not establish gas supply acquisition service areas or gas supply transportation service areas in conjunction with facilities which are not subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner under the act.

8. Notice and Prohibition of Proposed Enlargement or Extension. Prior to enlarging or extending its facilities within a gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area, a transporter shall give the commissioner 20 days notice, on a form approved by the commissioner, of the location, size, nature and purpose of the proposed enlargement or extension. The notice shall be contemporaneously mailed to those persons who are identified in the ad valorem tax records of the parish as the owners of the land to be traversed by the proposed facility, with notice that objections to the proposed facility, must be made to the commissioner, in writing, within 10 days of the date of the notice. The commissioner may, within such 20-day period, beginning on the date of receipt of the written notice in the Office of Conservation, prohibit the proposed construction or acquisition under the order establishing the gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area and require the transporter to apply for an order to construct and operate the proposed facilities pursuant to Section 555.C of the Act. Upon request by the transporter, the commissioner may notify the transporter verbally, to be immediately confirmed in writing prior to the end of the 20-day notice period that he has no objection to the construction or acquisition of the proposed

facility and that the transporter may immediately construct or acquire and operate the proposed facility.

D. The commissioner upon proper showing, shall issue his order in accordance with the application submitted.

E. A transporter who has been issued an order establishing a gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area may make application for an extension or the establishment of additional gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area in connection with an application made pursuant to Section 555(C) of the Act.

F. The commissioner shall issue written confirmation to a transporter that the proposed construction, extension, acquisition and operation of facilities, or extensions thereof, within a gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area is authorized by and in compliance with the order establishing the gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area. Such confirmation shall be on a form adopted by the commissioner and shall be issued within 10 days after the end of the notification period provided in Paragraph C.8 of this regulation.

G. All hearings under Section 555(F) of the Act shall be in accordance with the rules of procedure of the commissioner, except that notification of interested parties shall be in accordance with this regulation.

H. Nothing contained in this regulation shall be construed as a limitation upon the power of the commissioner to order overlapping gas supply acquisition service areas or gas supply transportation service areas for service of an area already being served by another transporter.

I. Any action taken by a transporter within a gas supply acquisition service area or gas supply transportation service area shall be subject to all other rules and regulations pursuant to R.S. 30:501 et seq. and the Louisiana Constitution of 1974.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501-599, 601-606.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 4:85 (March 1978), amended LR 7:80 (March 1981), LR 21:824 (August 1995).

§135. Prohibition of Rate Discrimination by Coal Slurry Transporters Pursuant to §723(H) of the Act

A. No owner or owners of an interstate coal or lignite slurry pipeline constructed in part in Louisiana pursuant to Part IX of the act, shall discriminate or otherwise offer preferences or advantages as between rates or charges for product or services purchased by users in the state of Louisiana and rates and charges for comparable product or services purchased by users in any other state.

B. The commissioner may, upon his own motion or upon the receipt of a complaint from a Louisiana shipper of an interstate coal or lignite slurry pipeline, require by order the

submission of such documents as may be necessary to demonstrate compliance with this regulation. The commissioner may also call a public hearing in order to obtain additional information required to evaluate compliance by a coal slurry transporter with this regulation.

C. This regulation shall not apply to such coal slurry transporters whose rates or charges for product or services are regulated by a federal agency charged with that responsibility.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 7:86 (March 1981).

§137. Governing the Use of Louisiana Water in Coal or Lignite Slurry Pipeline Operations Pursuant to §723(F) of the Act

A. This regulation shall apply to the requirements placed by Section 723(F) of the Act upon a coal slurry transporter relative to the use of Louisiana water in coal slurry pipeline operations.

B. Any coal slurry transporter desiring to use water from any source in Louisiana in conjunction with the transportation, maintenance or operation of coal slurry pipeline, other than that for drinking, toilet, bath or other personal uses, must file an application with the commissioner and receive the approval of the commissioner.

C. Applications requesting approval for such use of Louisiana water all be made in writing, executed under oath by an individual having authority to execute same and shall contain the following information:

1. description of proposed water supply source;
2. anticipated quantities of water to be used daily and annually;
3. term of use;
4. whether or not the proposed water supply source is being used by other individuals or municipalities;
5. proposed use of water.

D. The commissioner may grant such application after a public hearing held in accordance with §109 of the rules of procedure upon a showing that such use will not be detrimental to the water supply of the area from which the water is sought to be extracted.

E. For purposes of this regulation, the term *interested parties*, as said term is used in the rules of procedure, shall include all users of the water sought to be extracted and all owners of water rights which could be affected by the approval of the application called for hereunder.

F. Nothing in this Part shall authorize expropriation of water or water rights.

G. In the event the commissioner shall have authorized use of water as provided herein, he shall annually thereafter, and so long as such use continues, review the use of such water in order to determine if such continued use of such

water will be detrimental to the water supply of the area from which the water is being extracted. Further, if the local governing body of the parish from which the water is being extracted makes a formal motion to the commissioner suggesting that continued use of such water will be detrimental to the water supply of the area from which the water is being extracted, the commissioner shall immediately call a public hearing in accordance with §109 of the rules of procedure to determine whether such continued use will be detrimental to the water supply of such area.

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§139. Requirements for Disposal of Water Resulting from Coal Slurry Pipeline Operations under §723(G) of the Act

A. Water used in the transportation of coal by pipeline to any point in Louisiana shall conform to regulations of the Office of Environmental Affairs of the Department of Natural Resources prior to its discharge into rivers or streams or holding pits from which seepage can occur.

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§141. Establishment, Promulgation, and Implementation of Emergency Gas Shortage Allocation Plan

A. This regulation shall apply to the establishment, promulgation, implementation and administration of a plan for statewide emergency intrastate natural gas conservation, allocation or rationing pursuant to Part IV of the Act.

B. The policy of the state of Louisiana, pursuant to Part IV of Act 16, is to maintain, preserve and protect all those vital services and human needs which depend upon intrastate natural gas.

1. The governor of Louisiana has the authority pursuant to Part IV of the Act to declare, from time to time, that as a result of extreme shortages of existing intrastate natural gas needed to maintain, protect and preserve human needs, that a state of emergency exists.

2. Upon a declaration by the governor of the state of Louisiana that a state of emergency exists, the commissioner shall immediately implement by written order the emergency gas shortage allocation plan provided for in this regulation. The commissioner's order shall specify the nature and cause of the gas shortage emergency which resulted in the governor's declaration and shall require each intrastate natural gas transporter with a shortage of natural gas on its system to curtail and to reallocate intrastate natural gas in the custody and control of such intrastate natural gas transporter and may require other intrastate natural gas transporters to curtail such intrastate natural gas for reallocation to such transporter with a shortage all in accordance with the emergency gas shortage allocation plan as necessary:

a. in the event any person makes a request of the governor of the state of Louisiana or the commissioner for the declaration of a gas shortage emergency or issuance of any order in connection therewith ("applicant"), such applicant shall certify under oath that supplies of gas necessary to meet priorities one through five are physically unavailable from any other source. Such applicant also shall provide the commissioner with the following information in writing not more than 24 hours after making such request:

i. the precise nature of the gas shortage, the estimated amount of supply that is or may be curtailed and the estimated volume which must be made available to meet priorities one through five;

ii. the reasons such gas shortage exists;

iii. that applicant's efforts to secure alternate supplies of gas including a list of all pipelines, producers, marketing companies, or other specific potential suppliers contacted together with details as to the prices, terms and conditions offered by or requested from such potential suppliers and any rejection by such applicant of proposals for sale;

iv. an explanation of that applicant's inability to obtain alternate supplies of gas from any source;

v. a list of all pipelines connected to the plant, pipeline, or any other facilities of that applicant;

vi. in the event the applicant making such request is an intrastate natural gas transporter or local distribution company, he shall specify the level of curtailments by priority of customer on his system at the time the request is made and anticipated thereafter. Such entities may not make such a request for an emergency declaration unless they have adopted and filed with the commissioner a gas shortage allocation plan comparable to that of the state and are prepared upon issuance of an order to curtail all priorities six through nine categories of gas, using the gas curtailed to meet priorities one through five. The commissioner's order may not reallocate gas from other transporters until the commissioner is satisfied that there is insufficient gas available by curtailment of the gas available to the applicant's system or facility or for purchase from any source to meet priorities one through five;

vii. in the event the applicant is an end user of gas, he shall specify those volumes of gas available to him at the time the request is made and anticipated thereafter, whether those volumes constitute plant protection gas, and what alternative fuel capabilities exist; such information shall be furnished in the form of a sworn affidavit duly executed before a notary public by the appropriate person or corporate officer possessing such knowledge, as the case may be. The commissioner may make further inquiry or require additional information as necessary prior to the issuance of any order;

b. should the commissioner issue any order pursuant to such request, the applicant for whose benefit such order was issued and all intrastate natural gas transporters affected by such order shall inform the

commissioner daily regarding the gas shortage emergency and its effect on those applicants. At such time as the commissioner may determine that the person for whose benefit such order was issued and all intrastate natural gas transporters affected by such order no longer have a gas shortage, the commissioner's order and the governor's declaration shall be terminated;

c. upon the declaration of a gas shortage emergency by the governor of the state of Louisiana and the issuance of any order in connection therewith by the commissioner, the commissioner immediately shall notify all affected intrastate natural gas transporters by telephone and, subsequently, in writing of such declaration or order. Such notice shall specify the curtailment procedures, orders, rules, or regulations of the commissioner to be implemented;

d. the commissioner, in his discretion, may notify such other persons of the existence of a gas shortage emergency as he deems appropriate, including local distribution companies, end users, and any other persons who have specifically requested that they be so notified. In addition, the commissioner shall request the governor's office to notify the media and the general public of such emergency and may request that citizens adopt measures to conserve the use of gas during the period of gas shortage;

e. upon receipt of notification from the commissioner of the declaration of a gas shortage emergency and the issuance of any order in connection therewith, each intrastate natural gas transporter affected by such order immediately shall notify its affected transportation and sales customers by telephone and, subsequently, in writing of such declaration or order. Such notice shall specify the curtailment procedures, orders, rules, or regulations of the commissioner to be implemented;

f. in order to implement this regulation, the commissioner shall require that each intrastate natural gas transporter annually submit a contact sheet containing the names, addresses, office and home telephone numbers of those senior officers or other persons to be contacted by the commissioner in the event a gas shortage emergency is declared. The contact sheet also shall contain the teletype number of such intrastate natural gas transporter, if applicable. The commissioner may accept similar contact sheets containing necessary information from any person who wishes to be notified of such declaration. A contact sheet for the commissioner's office and staff shall be distributed to all intrastate natural gas transporters;

g. upon the finding by the governor that an emergency exists, the commissioner shall set a public hearing to be held not later than five days after the date the governor declares the emergency. The purpose of such hearing will be to investigate the cause of the emergency and evaluate the response thereto. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in the official journal of the state of Louisiana at least three days prior to the date of hearing. At that hearing, any person affected by the emergency shall be

permitted to appear, testify, adduce evidence, and cross examine the persons requesting the emergency declaration and those to whom intrastate natural gas is to be reallocated. Parties affected may request the commissioner to require parties to whom gas is being reallocated to produce information and documents relating to the need, availability, price and end use of gas;

h. the commissioner may, among other things, as a result of that hearing, change one or more of the priorities in the emergency gas shortage allocation plan, grant individual exceptions, alter the volumes of intrastate natural gas being reallocated, change the number of transporters from whom gas is to be reallocated, find that the circumstance of the person seeking a declaration of emergency did not or no longer warrants continuance of the order, take such action as is necessary to protect parties affected by reallocation and/or recommend to the governor that he declare that the emergency no longer exists.

C. The following plan is established and promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation, which is to take effect in the event the governor of Louisiana declares a state of emergency and the commissioner issues an order implementing the plan, unless otherwise provided below, as a result of extreme shortages of existing intrastate natural gas for human needs, in order to maintain, preserve and protect all vital services in Louisiana depending upon intrastate natural gas and, to the extent applicable, for the curtailment of unnecessary and lesser priority uses of intrastate natural gas. The plan and any orders issued by the commissioner are herein referred to as the emergency gas shortage allocation plan.

1. The commissioner hereby adopts the following priority system:

a. first priority shall be given to the protection of public health, safety, and welfare including maintenance of gas and electrical service for hospitals, juvenile and adult correctional institutions, nursing homes, dormitories, educational facilities, hotels, motels, and residences such as individual homes, apartments and similarly occupied dwelling units, publicly owned water, sewerage, and storm water drainage systems producing their own energy, which systems supply services to the aforesaid, property owners who, through contract lease, or otherwise, reserve unto themselves a share of the natural gas produced from their property to serve their needs, and plant protection gas;

b. second priority shall be given to the maintenance of agricultural operations, and the processing of agricultural products, including farming, ranching, dairy, water conservation and commercial fishing activities, and services directly related thereto, operations of food processing plants, businesses and facilities processing products for human consumption;

c. third priority shall be given to exploration, production, processing, and refining efforts to attain maximum production or extraction of oil, natural gas, other hydrocarbons, and minerals mined by the Frasch process;

d. fourth priority shall be given to the maintenance of commercial and industrial activities utilizing less than 1.5 million cubic feet of gas on a peak day;

e. fifth priority shall be given to the maintenance of all public services, including facilities and services provided by municipal cooperative, or investor-owned utilities required for customers who come under priorities two, three or four, or by any state or local government or authority, and including transportation facilities and services which serve the public at large. This priority shall not apply to those publicly-owned water, sewer and storm water drainage systems referred to under the first priority;

f. sixth priority shall be given to the preservation of an economically sound and competitive petroleum, petrochemical and chemical industry. Those industries requiring the use of intrastate natural gas for feedstock or process needs, and public utilities generating electricity for sale to consumers listed above under priorities one, two, three, four and five, which own or have acquired at the wellhead their own source of intrastate natural gas supply, or which acquire such gas supply or any portion thereof from a wholly-owned subsidiary company, or which have acquired such gas supply from any source in its name or in the name of its wholly-owned subsidiary and have stored it in an intrastate storage facility, and which are using such supply in the operation of their own facilities, shall, as long as they continue to use said gas for feedstock or process needs, or for generating electricity for sale to consumers listed above under priorities one, two, three, four and five, have and be recognized as possessing first priority, above all others in sixth priority, for use of said gas. Industrial companies not owning intrastate natural gas reserves for their own use for feedstock or process needs shall be subject to curtailment first, and those companies owning intrastate natural gas reserves for their own use, or which acquire such gas supply or any portion thereof from a wholly-owned subsidiary company, or which have acquired such gas supply from any source in its name or in the name of its wholly-owned subsidiary and have stored it in an intrastate storage facility for such purposes shall be subject to curtailment second and may not be curtailed except as to meet priorities one through five on the intrastate natural gas transporter serving such industrial companies or any other intrastate natural gas transporter; provided, further, that any person to whom those industries requiring the use of intrastate natural gas for feedstock or process needs which own their own source of intrastate natural gas may have heretofore contracted to sell a portion of their own gas for feedstock or process needs shall have a priority for the use of said gas for feedstock or process needs equal to the priority accorded to their vendor by this Paragraph;

g. seventh priority shall be given to the maintenance of industrial requirements not specified in priority six, except for boiler fuel;

h. subject to the plants and facilities covered by the first and second priorities, eighth priority shall be given to industrial plants, including electrical generating plants to the extent not provided for in priority five, having a present

requirement for use of intrastate natural gas for boiler fuel not possessing present alternate fuel capabilities. Such plant may, however, be required by the commissioner to convert to alternate fuels within a reasonable time, considering all pertinent circumstances, or suffer curtailment by order of the commissioner of its use of intrastate natural gas. The commissioner may require the industry affected to submit to him evidence as to why the industrial plant cannot convert to alternate fuels within the delay specified; and, if the user alleges otherwise, and if required by the commissioner, why the industrial plant cannot be operated on a profitable basis with the use of alternate fuels.

i. The commissioner may authorize the use of intrastate natural gas for use as boiler fuel if the industry demonstrates that it cannot convert to alternate fuel capability by reason of the fact that it is economically not feasible, that the industrial plant would otherwise have to close, because it could not operate with a margin of profit considered reasonable in the particular industry, or that the cost of converting to alternate fuels is totally disproportionate to the existing investment in plant facilities. If the commissioner determines that for those reasons the industrial plant cannot reasonably be converted to the use of alternate fuel capabilities and remain in business, the commissioner may, if he determines that intrastate natural gas is available for such use, grant to that industry a higher priority of use than is herein provided;

j. ninth priority shall be given to industrial plants including electrical generating plants to the extent not provided for in priorities five and eight, having a present requirement for boiler fuel use, in those instances where alternate fuel capabilities now exist, or may be installed with relatively minimal cost and delay. Industries possessing existing alternate fuel capabilities or, if the commissioner determines that alternate fuel capability can be installed with relatively minimal cost or delay, may be curtailed in their gas supply by the commissioner, and directed by the commissioner to change from use of intrastate natural gas to use of alternate fuels within a limited time to be fixed by the commissioner considering all pertinent circumstances. The commissioner may, if he determines that intrastate natural gas is available for such use, and if the commissioner determines that it is economically infeasible to operate a plant with alternate fuels, grant to the plant a higher priority of use.

2. Each intrastate natural gas transporter and local distribution company shall annually file with the commissioner an allocation plan (consistent with the state's emergency gas shortage allocation plan) to be implemented in the event the commissioner so orders, which plan shall provide for the conservation and allocation of gas in accordance with the priorities and exemptions established herein. Such plan further shall assign curtailment priorities and volumes to each end use or local distribution customer of that intrastate natural gas transporter or local distribution company. Copies of the allocation plan shall be furnished to each intrastate natural gas transporter or made available to each local distribution company's customers, who may challenge the assigned priority status before the

commissioner. Unless the commissioner determines otherwise after notice and hearing, each end user of natural gas will be considered to have the priority assigned by its intrastate natural gas transporter or local distribution company:

a. the allocation plan must identify by customer type the end use of all gas delivered by the intrastate natural gas transporter including a classification by curtailment priority and volume deliverable to all then current end use and local distribution customers of the transporter. Customers which use natural gas for more than one purpose or end use must be classified under separate curtailment priorities by volume. Such information must be updated and supplemented annually;

b. such allocation plan also shall contain procedures to be implemented by such person or entity to encourage the conservation of intrastate natural gas by its customers or employees in the event an emergency is declared.

3. In the event the governor of Louisiana declares a state of emergency pursuant to R.S. 30:571, as amended, then and for the duration of such emergency or as otherwise ordered by the commissioner each intrastate natural gas transporter with a shortage of natural gas on its system shall curtail deliveries to its customers and shall allocate its natural gas, pursuant to order of the commissioner, so that all natural gas deliveries to its priority nine customers are curtailed before any curtailment of its priority eight customers. If all of the intrastate pipeline's priority nine customers are being curtailed to the maximum extent required by law and further curtailment is necessary, then deliveries of natural gas to all of its priority eight customers shall be curtailed before any curtailment of its priority seven customers. If deliveries of natural gas to all of the intrastate pipeline's priority eight customers are being curtailed to the maximum extent required by law and further curtailment is necessary, then deliveries of natural gas to all of its priority seven customers shall be curtailed before any curtailment of its priority six customers. If deliveries of natural gas to all of the intrastate pipeline's priority seven customers are being curtailed to the maximum extent required by law and further curtailment is necessary, then deliveries of natural gas to all of its priority six customers shall be curtailed before any of its priority five customers, provided however, that all priority six customers that do not own their own gas supply or do not acquire such supply from a wholly-owned subsidiary company for feedstock or process shall be curtailed 100 percent before gas owned by priority six customers for feedstock and process use may be curtailed at all. All such curtailments shall be by the order of the commissioner issued pursuant to Paragraph B.2.

4. If after the curtailments required in Paragraph C.3 have been effectuated, any intrastate natural gas transportation system still has a shortage of natural gas in its system that would require the curtailment of its priority five and higher customers, then, and in that event, the commissioner shall order such additional curtailments and redeliveries of natural gas as he deems advisable and necessary to the extent authorized by law.

D. The commissioner may, as he deems necessary, change the emergency gas shortage allocation plan and/or the priorities contained therein, but in the absence of a serious immediate emergency as is hereinafter provided, may only do so after public hearings.

1. All applicable procedures required by Section 953 of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:951-962, for the adoption of administrative rules, shall be complied with for the establishment and promulgation of any such changes to said plan and/or priorities.

2. The plan shall be implemented as so changed and promulgated in the event the state of emergency is or has been declared by the governor as specified in Subsection B.

3. All intrastate natural gas transporters directly affected by any such change in the plan, priority assignments, curtailments procedures, orders, rules or regulations of the commissioner and purchasers from and/or such transporters' system shall be notified in writing by the commissioner of such change, specifying the curtailment procedures, orders, rules or regulations they must now comply with and/or are now subject to.

E. If after a state of emergency has been declared by the governor as specified in Subsection B, the commissioner finds to exist a serious immediate emergency, which requires a change in the plan and/or the priorities therein, he may change the plan and/or the priorities without first having a hearing by issuing an emergency order providing for such changes.

1. All applicable procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:951-968, shall be complied with.

2. All intrastate natural gas transporters directly affected by any such emergency order providing for any change in the plan, priority assignments, curtailment procedures, orders, rules or regulations of the commissioner relating to the plan, and customers on such transporters' system shall be notified in writing by the commissioner of such change, specifying the curtailment procedures, orders, rules or regulations they must now comply with.

3. The emergency order shall only remain in force for 30 days from its effective date, unless and except the commissioner has been physically unable to hold and complete public hearings by reason of the pressure of multiple public hearings on such matters:

a. in such case, the emergency order shall only remain in effect until such time as the commissioner can physically conduct and complete a hearing for the change of the plan and/or priorities but in no case longer than 120 days from its effective date, after which time the order will automatically expire;

b. any such time period commences on the effective date of such order;

c. in any event, the emergency order shall expire whenever the change is established and promulgated after notice and public hearings as provided in Subsection D.

F. If after a state of emergency has been declared by the governor as specified in Subsection B, the commissioner finds to exist a serious immediate emergency, he has the express authority to alter the emergency gas shortage allocation plan as to individual situations in order to alleviate exceptional hardship cases.

1. For purposes of Subsection F.2.b, *interested parties* shall mean any transporter of intrastate natural gas that would be directly affected by the granting of an exception to the emergency gas shortage allocation plan, as well as all customers on such transporters' system and any person which owns its own gas supply that would be directly affected.

2. Any individual seeking to take advantage of this provision shall:

a. request the commissioner in writing for such an exception, which written application shall include:

i. a statement of the facts and circumstances that create an exceptional hardship case;

ii. a list of the names and addresses of all interested parties;

iii. a statement that all interested parties have been notified in writing as required by this Section;

b. notify in writing all interested parties of the application to the commissioner for an individual exception based on exceptional hardship;

c. present to the commissioner such evidence as he deems necessary to provide his case of exceptional hardship.

3. The emergency order shall only remain in force for 30 days from its effective date, unless and except the commissioner has been physically unable to hold and complete public hearings by reason of the pressure of multiple public hearings on such matters:

a. in such case, the emergency order shall only remain in effect until such time as the commissioner can physically conduct and complete a hearing for the change of the plan and/or priorities, but in no case longer than 120 days from its effective date, after which time the order will automatically expire;

b. any such time period, commences on the effective date of such order;

c. in any event, the emergency order shall expire whenever the change is established and promulgated after notice and public hearings as provided in Subsection D.

4. Any action taken by the commissioner pursuant to a hearing called in response to any person seeking an individual exception under this Part shall be considered an "adjudication" for purposes of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:951-968.

5. Whatever action the commissioner takes pursuant to the requested exception, all interested parties shall be notified in writing by the commissioner of such action, specifying what curtailment procedures, orders, rules or regulations they must now comply with and/or are now subject to.

G. Any person affected by any assignment of priorities, curtailment procedures, rules, regulations or orders of the commissioner relating to the emergency gas shortage allocation plan, or changes therein may request the commissioner to call a hearing to contest such assignment of priority, curtailment procedure, rule, regulation or order.

1. For purposes of this Paragraph, *interested parties* shall mean any transporter of intrastate natural gas that would be directly affected by any change in the assignment of priorities, curtailment procedures, orders, rules or regulations of the commissioner relating to the plan, as well as all customers on such transporters' system.

2. Any person contesting the assignment of priorities, curtailment procedures, orders, rules or regulations of the commissioner relating to the plan, or changes therein, shall:

a. request the commissioner in writing for a hearing in order to contest said priority assignment, curtailment procedure, order, rule or regulation of the commissioner, which written application shall include:

i. a concise statement of the matters being contested and the reasons therefor;

ii. a list of the names and addresses of all interested parties;

iii. a statement that all interested parties have been notified in writing as required by this Section;

b. notify in writing all interested parties of the requested hearing;

c. present to the commissioner such evidence as he deems necessary to prove his case.

3. The commissioner shall, as soon as practical after receiving such request, call a public hearing:

a. interested parties shall be notified in writing by the person seeking the exception;

b. in addition to the above notice, notice of the public hearing shall be published in the official journal of Louisiana at least 10 days prior to the date of the hearing.

4. Any action taken by the commissioner pursuant to a hearing called in response to any person seeking an individual exception under this Part shall be considered an "adjudication" for purposes of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:951-968.

5. Within 30 days after the conclusion of such hearing, the commissioner shall take whatever action he deems necessary by way of order, rule or regulation:

a. any change in assignment of priorities, curtailment procedure order, rule or regulation of the commissioner pertaining to the plan as a result of such contested hearings may be promulgated without the necessity of further public hearings and the contested hearings shall serve as public hearings required in Subsection D;

b. in the event the commissioner fails or refuses to take action within 30 days after completion of such hearings, he may be compelled to do so by mandamus at the suit of any interested party;

c. all interested parties shall be notified in writing by the commissioner of any such change, specifying what curtailment procedures, orders, rules or regulations, they now must comply with and/or are now subject to.

6. Any such party contesting the assignment of priorities, curtailment procedures, rules, regulations or orders of the commissioner aggrieved by the ruling of the commissioner is entitled to such rehearing and judicial review as provided in the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:951-968.

7. All requirements and procedures established above in Paragraphs G.1-6 apply equally to any person seeking an individual exception on the basis of unintended results.

H. If the results of some aspects of the emergency gas shortage allocation plan promulgated by the commissioner are contrary to its stated intent, the person affected may request the commissioner to grant an individual exception on the basis of unintended results.

I. Any curtailment procedure provided for, whether contained in the emergency gas shortage allocation plan promulgated by the commissioner or the allocation plan of each transporter must provide for curtailment to the extent permitted by law on each transporter's system of all those placed in the lower priority category before any curtailment of the next higher priority is commenced, unless and except the commissioner finds exceptions as provided in Subsection F or H or that such exception is in the public interest.

J. No daily allocation, curtailment procedure, rule, regulation or order of the commissioner relating to the emergency gas shortage allocation plan shall apply to natural gas in amounts less than 25 million cubic feet per day, inclusive, owned or purchased by a person at or near the field where produced and transported by said person through his own pipeline or pipeline facility solely for his own consumption, except and unless:

1. after a state of emergency has been declared by the governor as specified in Subsection C, the commissioner finds to exist a serious immediate emergency impairing gas otherwise required for the first five priorities of the emergency gas shortage allocation plan which cannot be substantially otherwise provided for;

2. notwithstanding such a serious immediate emergency, no daily allocation, curtailment procedure, rule, regulation or order of the commissioner relating to or part of the emergency gas shortage allocation plan may ever result in the reduction of more than 10 percent of such gas above described in Subsection J.

K. Notwithstanding any other provision of this regulation, no daily allocation, curtailment, procedure, rule, regulation or order of the commissioner relating to or

forming part of the emergency gas shortage allocation plan may result in a reduction of more than 10 percent of the maximum daily quantity of intrastate natural gas contracted to be delivered to a purchaser under any contract existing on the effective date of the Natural Resources and Energy Act of 1973.

L. Noncompliance with the emergency gas shortage allocation plan or any curtailment procedure, rule, regulation or order of the commissioner relating thereto may not be excused on the grounds of any private contractual obligations.

M. No person who complies with the emergency gas shortage allocation plan or any curtailment procedure, rule, regulation or order of the commissioner relating thereto shall be liable to any person for any damages, including without limitation, consequential or indirect damages, whether ex contractu or ex delicto, by reason of such compliance, unless the applicant seeking a declaration of an emergency is determined by the commissioner to have knowingly and willfully improperly obtained the order and implemented the emergency gas shortage allocation plan, in which event protection from liability for damages shall not be available to such applicant.

N. Notwithstanding any other provision of this regulation, no intrastate natural gas transporter shall be required to curtail or to redeliver for the use of any third-party, plant protection gas and Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 ("NGPA") Section 311(a)2 gas.

1. *Plant protection gas* signifies those volumes of natural gas necessary to ensure the orderly shutdown of plant manufacturing facilities without significant risk to plant personnel, property, or the environment, including protection of materials in process, and, thereafter, required to maintain basic services such as air, water, light, and heating necessary to ensure the continued protection of such personnel, property, or the environment.

2. In order to qualify for plant protection gas, any end user of natural gas in the state of Louisiana must apply to the commissioner for a determination of its plant protection gas, including a plan for safe and orderly shutdown of the plant.

O. In implementing the state's emergency gas shortage allocation plan, all gas volumes required to be curtailed or reallocated from one intrastate natural gas transporter's pipeline system to another intrastate natural gas transporter to meet priorities one through five on any intrastate natural gas transporter's system shall, to the extent practical, be taken statewide from all intrastate natural gas transporters directly and indirectly connected to and capable of delivering gas into the intrastate natural gas transporter's system requiring the reallocated volumes.

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§143. Governing Compilation and Publication of Information Pursuant to §§546.A.(5) and 550 of the Act

A. This regulation shall apply to the gathering, analysis, maintenance and publication of information on intrastate natural gas pipelines, transporters, distributors, and users of natural gas, pursuant to Sections 546.A.(5) and 550 of the Act.

B. All information required by this regulation shall be filed on forms provided by the Office of Conservation. Each natural gas transporter, gas distributor, power plant and industrial user shall, annually on or before April 1, file the information requested on the appropriate Office of Conservation questionnaire required for transporters, distribution companies, power plants and industrial users. Persons receiving and filing these questionnaires in the past will be provided same before February 1. Other persons required by law and this regulation to file a questionnaire should submit their name, mailing address and type of business to the Louisiana Office of Conservation, Post Office Box 94275, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275, in order to facilitate timely distribution of the questionnaires.

C. This regulation shall not apply to any industrial user which consumes less than 10 million British Thermal Units (BTU's) of natural gas per day and which employs less than 10 permanent employees. Energy consumption shall be based on the daily average of the month of highest consumption.

D. All data, records, writings, accounts, letters, letter books, photographs or copies thereof gathered under this regulation and in the custody and control of this office which pertain to the business of the person responding to questionnaires or other inquiries are subject to the Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq., including its provisions pertaining to confidentiality. Any information submitted to this office pursuant to this regulation which is in its nature confidential and which the person submitting wishes to remain confidential should be indicated specifically to be confidential at the time of submission.

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NATURAL RESOURCES
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Chapter 3. Underwater Obstructions

§301. Definitions

A. The words defined herein shall have the following meanings when used in these rules. All other words so used and not defined shall have their usual meanings (except insofar as specifically defined in Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950) unless their context clearly requires otherwise.

Assistant Secretary The assistant secretary of the Office of Conservation within the Department of Natural Resources or his authorized representatives.

Associated Material Equipment, machinery or other material typically used in marine oil and gas production, transportation and/or transmission activities, including without limitation sunken vessels, boats and barges, but not including any associated structure as defined herein.

Associated Structure Any artificial structure that is, or previously was, integrally attached to a pipeline or to a field transmission, flow or gathering line, including without limitation, fittings, tie-overs, cross-overs, appliances and equipment.

Coastal Waters Bays, lakes, inlets, estuaries, rivers, bayous, and other bodies of water within the boundaries of the coastal zone that have measurable seawater content under normal weather conditions over a period of years.

Conservation The Office of Conservation within the Department of Natural Resources.

Department The Department of Natural Resources.

Fund The Underwater Obstruction Removal Fund.

Lessee For the purpose of this regulation, the lessee shall be considered the actual lessee or his assignees, the legal owner, or the operator at the time of abandonment.

Pipeline All segments of pipe other than any field transmission, flow or gathering line with the exception of site clearance. For the purpose of site clearance, a pipeline shall be considered any size or type of pipeline (including flowlines).

Platform Any structure that has significant facilities supporting exploration or production operations, including but not limited to pumping, injection, compression, transmission, quartering, or primary, secondary or tertiary oil, gas, or water treatment.

Program The Underwater Obstruction Removal Program.

Secretary The secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or his authorized representative.

Single or Multi-well Caisson or Temple Any structure that has no significant facilities supporting exploration or production operations. Pipes, valves, manifolding, and vent stacks are not considered a significant facility.

State Waterbottoms The state-owned lands lying beneath the territorial sea, arms of the sea and all waterbottoms that are navigable in fact within the Louisiana coastal zone as defined in R.S. 49:213.3(4).

Territorial Seas The belt of the seas measured from the line of ordinary low water along that portion of the coast that is in direct contact with the open sea and the line marking the seaward limit of coastal waters, and extending 3 miles seaward as set by decree of the United States Supreme Court in 1975 as being the 3-mile limit and all state-owned waterbottoms.

Underwater Obstruction Any obstacle, whether natural or manmade, which impedes normal navigation and commercial fishing on the navigable waters of the state.

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§303. Applicability

A. Except as otherwise provided herein, these rules apply to all facilities, existing or hereafter constructed.

B. No provision of these rules shall require any person to do anything that would constitute a violation by that person of any law of the United States or of any regulation promulgated by any agency of the United States government.

C. If any provision or item of these rules, or the application thereof, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of these rules which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions, items and applications of these rules are hereby declared severable.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4-D through 4-H.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 11:703 (July 1985).

§305. Variances

A. The assistant secretary shall by written order grant a variance from any requirement of these rules in any case where he is shown that:

1. compliance with the requirement would constitute a violation of federal law or regulation;
 2. compliance is technically infeasible or impractical;
- or
3. compliance would impose unreasonable or unnecessary burdens on the person seeking the variance.

B. Any person seeking a variance shall provide a complete statement of the grounds therefor, including all supporting documentation. If the information provided is sufficient to justify the claim, the assistant secretary shall grant either an unconditional variance or a variance conditioned upon the person taking specific actions to prevent or minimize interference with fishing, shrimping or other navigation.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 11:703 (July 1985).

§307. Requirements for New Facilities

A. No person shall commence construction of any facility (other than a field transmission, flow or gathering line located on a state lease or right-of-way) on state waterbottoms after the effective date of regulations unless the assistant secretary has issued a permit authorizing such construction pursuant to R.S. 30:4 and these Rules. For purposes of this Rule, construction includes any modification of an existing pipeline by the laying of new pipe, other than the replacement of defective pipe by pipe of the same diameter.

B. Any order, permit, lease, right-of-way or other authorization issued or granted by the state of Louisiana which specifically authorizes construction of a facility, including without limitation a permit issued under the Coastal Zone Management Act, shall satisfy the requirement for a permit under this rule and under R.S. 30:4; provided, however, that all requirements of these regulations, including permit conditions under §107, which are or may become applicable to the facility shall be deemed to be incorporated in such authorization.

C. If a facility required to have a permit under this Rule is not deemed to have a permit under §307 then the person responsible shall apply for a permit hereunder and submit in its application:

1. a map, diagram, plan or drawing showing the size, extent, location and water depth of the proposed facility; and
2. such additional information as the assistant secretary may reasonably require; provided, however, that with respect to information already provided in a previous application to the state or United States for a right-of-way, lease, or other permit or authorization for the proposed facility the applicant may submit a copy of such previous application.

D. Within 60 days after receiving an application for a permit hereunder, the assistant secretary shall either issue or deny the permit.

E. A permit issued hereunder shall include appropriate conditions requiring:

1. that the facility be constructed and maintained so as to prevent obstructions to the maximum extent practicable; and
2. that portions of a pipeline located in waters of a depth of less than 20 feet be buried to a minimum depth of three feet. This requirement shall not apply to any portion of such line that is connected to a production facility in current use and located within 500 feet of that facility. Burial shall not be required where the assistant secretary determines in accordance with §305 that a variance be granted.

F. Within 90 days after completion of construction of a facility, a person responsible for the facility shall submit to the assistant secretary:

1. a map, diagram, plan or drawing showing the size, extent and location of the facility as built; or
2. a written statement certifying that the facility was constructed in accordance with a map, diagram, plan or drawing previously submitted to the assistant secretary, except for such deviations as are specifically described therein.

G. Any field transmission, flow or gathering line on which construction is commenced after the effective date of these regulations shall, if located in waters of a depth of less than 20 feet, be buried and maintained to a minimum depth of three feet. This requirement shall not apply to any portion of such line that is connected to a production facility in current use and located within 500 feet of that facility.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4-D through 4-H.

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§309. Inspection and Reporting

A. Every person responsible for a previously buried facility shall report in writing to the assistant secretary within 30 days after knowledge thereof any instances not previously reported where the facility, or any portion thereof, has become unburied. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to impose any burial requirements.

B. The assistant secretary shall require an inspection of a pipeline, field transmission, flow or gathering line or associated structure by a person responsible if, after providing that person with notice and an opportunity to respond, he determines the public interest so requires. That person shall inspect the facility and report to the assistant secretary within 30 days thereafter the nature and location of any portion of the facility above the mudline. The assistant secretary may require a map showing the location of the facility inspected and any parts above the mudline.

C. If, after providing the person responsible with notice and an opportunity to respond, the assistant secretary determines the public interest so requires, he shall require the owner or operator of a pipeline, field transmission, flow or gathering line, or associated structure located on a right-of-way or lease upon state waterbottoms to inspect that portion of the right-of-way or lease where he reasonably believes associated material is located and causing an obstruction. If so directed, the responsible person shall conduct an inspection and report to the assistant secretary within 30 days thereafter the nature and location of any associated material above the mudline.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4-D through 4-H.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 11:704 (July 1985).

§311. Abandoned Facilities

A. All facilities (other than field transmission, flow or gathering lines on state leases or right-of-way):

1. located above the mudline and in less than 20 feet of water; and

2. constituting an obstruction, shall be removed within 90 days after abandonment or as soon thereafter as practicable by the responsible person or persons.

B. Each person responsible for a facility shall notify the assistant secretary of its abandonment in writing no later than 30 days after such facility is abandoned. Such notice shall include:

1. a description of the facility including its location, size and depth of superadjacent waters, and a statement whether the facility will be removed, buried, or remain in place; and

2. the nature and location of all portions of the facility then situated above the mudline.

C. Upon learning thereafter that any portion of a facility abandoned under §311.B is protruding above the mudline in depths of water less than 20 feet and constituting an obstruction, the person or persons responsible shall notify the assistant secretary and remove or mark that portion of the facility within 90 days or as soon thereafter as practicable; provided, however, field transmission, flow and gathering lines on state leases or right-of-way shall not be required to be removed.

D. For purposes of this Rule, a facility shall be deemed abandoned if it has not been actually used for the bona fide movement, processing or production of hydrocarbons within the preceding six months, provided that a facility shall not be deemed abandoned if:

1. the owner or operator thereof reasonably intends to use the facility for the movement, processing or production of hydrocarbons in the reasonably foreseeable future; or

2. the owner or operator has applied for but not received permission from the relevant jurisdictional authority to abandon the facility.

E. All abandoned well and platform locations on state water bottoms in the Gulf of Mexico and adjacent bays and inlets shall be cleared of all related obstructions by the owner of such facilities. All owners shall comply with the following clearance and verification requirements and procedures.

1. All abandoned well and platform locations shall be cleared of all obstructions present as a result of oil and gas activities unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner of Conservation. For clearance purposes, the locations shall be defined as below:

a. *Exploratory, Dry Hole, Delineation, or Other Wells That Have Not Been Produced for Purposes Other Than Production Tests* In open water (territorial seas and coastal waters), the area covered by a 300-foot radius circle centered on the well, depending on site specific conditions. In a canal, bayou, river, or other similarly restricted waterway a maximum linear distance 100 feet upstream and downstream from the location of the well, depending on site specific limitations.

b. *Platforms* In territorial seas, the area covered by a 1,320-foot radius circle centered on the platform geometric center. In coastal waters, the area covered by a 400-foot radius circle centered on the platform geometric center, depending on site specific conditions. In a canal, bayou, river, or other similarly restricted waterway, a maximum linear distance 400 feet upstream and downstream from the location of the well depending on site specific limitations.

c. *Single or Multi-Well Caisson or Temple* In open water (territorial seas and coastal waters), the area covered by a 400-foot radius circle centered on the well, depending on site specific conditions. In a canal, bayou, river, or other similarly restricted waterway a maximum linear distance 100 feet upstream and downstream from the location of the well depending on site specific limitations.

2. A procedural plan for site clearance verification of platform, well or structure abandonment (§311.E.1.b or §311.E.1.c) shall be developed by the lessee and submitted to the Commissioner of Conservation for approval with the permit application for platform or structure removal. Vessels used for site clearance verification operations in territorial seas shall be equipped with a navigational positioning system capable of providing position accuracy of " 30 feet. The navigational system proposed for use must be identified in the procedural plan. Vessels used for site clearance verification operations in coastal waters and shallow (5 feet or less below mean sea level) territorial seas are not required to be equipped with a navigational system provided alternate methods for insuring proper positioning during site clearance verification operations are described in the plan submitted for approval. Each such plan and application shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$600.

a. Sites defined in §311.E.1.b and c located in water depths greater than or equal to 5 feet below mean tide level but less than 200 feet shall have their locations verified clear over 100 percent of their limits in open waters or the length of the location in restricted waters. Trawling is the preferred

method of site clearance verification, however alternative methods may be approved by the commissioner. Sites defined in §311.E.1.a need not be trawled provided approval is obtained from the Office of Conservation for an alternate method of site clearance verification. If an alternate method (e.g., diver survey) is proposed, operational plans must adequately be described in the procedural plan submitted for approval.

i. Trawling contractors performing site clearance verification work shall possess a valid commercial trawling license for both the vessel and the captain. Further, the captain must have prior experience in trawling operations for two consecutive years immediately prior to performing the work.

ii. The trawling vessel used in verification activities in open water must be equipped with a navigational system and plotter that will produce a real time track plot of the vessel position or capable of producing a hard copy post plot on board the vessel of any or all lines in order to verify that the area has been satisfactorily covered prior to departure of the trawling vessel. The track plot must have a minimum scale of 1" - 400' (1:4800).

iii. The trawling vessel must be outfitted with trawling nets with a maximum stretched mesh size of 6 inches and constructed of twine no stronger than #18 twine (ribbon strength). These nets shall not be equipped with turtle excluder devices (TED's). Trawls shall be picked up after a maximum drag time of 30 minutes and all fish, crabs, and shrimp caught in the trawl must be released. The Eighth Coast Guard District Law Enforcement Branch and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Section shall be notified of any site clearance verification trawling operations 48 hours prior to commencing such activities. When trawling in areas where pipelines, snags, or shipwrecks are known to exist, the following guidelines shall be followed.

NOTE: It is suggested that the operator or the trawling contractor contact the Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund and U.S. Coast Guard Notice to Mariners to identify any recorded snags within the area to be trawled.

(a). There are no restrictions to be placed on the trawling procedure or pattern for abandoned pipelines. It is the responsibility of the lessee (or operator) performing the site clearance verification activities to contact the former pipeline owner (or operator) and determine whether or not the line will cause an obstruction to unrestricted trawling operations.

(b). In general, trawling should not be conducted closer than 300 feet to any existing pipeline, structure, well, snag or shipwreck, but this distance may be reduced depending on the conditions existing at a particular site.

(c). Active pipelines which are buried and for which no above grade obstructions (such as valves) exist must be trawled without any restrictions placed on the trawling procedure or pattern. It is the responsibility of the lessee (or operator) performing the site clearance verification activities to contact the pipeline owner (or operator) and

determine the condition of such pipelines within the area to be trawled.

(d). For unburied active pipelines which are 8 inches in diameter or larger, and for unburied smaller diameter lines which have obstructions (e.g., valves) present, trawling shall be carried out no closer than 100 feet to either side and in the same direction as (parallel to) the line. Trawling shall not be carried out across the line.

(e). For unburied active pipelines which are smaller than 8 inches in diameter and have no obstructions present, trawling must be carried out in the direction of the line and trawling on top of the line is acceptable. Trawling shall not be carried out across the line.

iv. Trawling grid patterns (track lines) shall be spaced no more than a distance equal to one-half the width of the net mouth opening. For example, a vessel trawling with a net with a 40-foot mouth opening must be trawled on a 20 foot or smaller grid pattern.

b. Any modifications to the requirements to trawl the site must be approved by the Commissioner of Conservation. All man-made objects encountered on the seabed which are known (or suspected) to be present as a result of oil and gas activities shall be removed from the seabed or other remedial action taken and reported as specified below unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner of Conservation. Any grid line that is found to have a snag that is not recovered in the trawl must be retrawled after snag recovery operations are completed. In those instances where the trawling effort is interrupted for any reason and then continued again, overlap of areas trawled (or to be trawled) trawling shall be resumed at a location and in a direction to ensure 100 percent coverage of the site clearance area.

c. The lessee shall notify the Commissioner of Conservation at least 48 hours prior to conducting the clearance survey. All casing and anchor piling shall be removed to a depth of at least 10 feet below the mudline.

d. For areas with more than one facility to be abandoned, with overlapping site clearance areas, the operator/owner may submit a site clearance plan to the Commissioner of Conservation for the composite area. A completed plan must be submitted upon removal of the last facility within the area.

3. Within 90 days of completion of platform or structure removal/abandonment operations, site clearance verification shall be completed as specified in the approved plan unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner of Conservation. Until site clearance verification procedures have been completed, the location shall be marked as a hazard to navigation in accordance with U.S. Coast Guard regulations unless otherwise approved. Verification letters from the company performing the salvage/clearance work and the trawling contractor shall be submitted with the well clearance or platform removal report and, as appropriate, shall include the following:

a. the date(s) the work was performed and vessel involved;

b. a statement from both the salvager and trawling contractor that no objects were recovered, or general categorical descriptions of the objects that were recovered. The trawler must note the general contents of the nets on each trawling pass. Examples of categories of debris recovered are:

- i. pipe;
- ii. grating;
- iii. plate;
- iv. structural shapes;
- v. tires;
- vi. batteries;
- vii. wire rope;
- viii. hoses; or

ix. other. All material recovered must be disposed of properly;

c. details and results of any alternate methods of site clearance verification performed, i.e., the diver search pattern and equipment used, or the type of sonar equipment used, including instrument deployment method, frequency, range, and height above the seafloor, and a record of the scans with range and scale noted accompanied by an interpretation of the seabed features shown;

d. details and results of the trawling operations, i.e., post job plot or map showing (minimum scale 1" = 400') the pattern in which the trawl was pulled, the size and description of the trawl, grid line numbers corresponding to those used in the trawler's report, location center latitude and longitude, the positioning system and calibration method(s) used and any interruptions experienced during the survey;

e. a letter signed by an authorized lessee/operator company representative stating that he/she witnessed the site clearance operations and subsequent verification surveys shall also be submitted with the well clearance report or report of platform or structure removal;

f. all reports, forms, and letters shall be submitted to the Office of Conservation no later than 90 days following completion of trawling operations.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4-D through 4-H.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 11:704 (July 1985), amended LR 18:1412 (December 1992).

§313. Remedial Action

A. If information available to the Office of Conservation discloses an obstruction resulting from a facility exposed in violation of §107.E or G, an abandoned facility, or associated material, the assistant secretary may, upon 10 days written notice, order any person responsible for the facility or, where

the obstruction is caused by associated material, any person responsible for a facility located on the right-of-way or lease where the obstruction occurs, to show cause, taking into account all relevant issues, why said person should not be required to take appropriate remedial action, as determined by the assistant secretary.

B. For purposes of this rule, *appropriate remedial action* includes:

1. reburial of a pipeline as required by §307.E to its original depth;
2. reburial of a field transmission, flow or gathering line as required by §307.G to its original depth;
3. removal of an abandoned facility (other than a field transmission, flow or gathering line situated on a state lease or right-of-way) except where it is demonstrated that the facility is in water depths greater than 20 feet;
4. removal of associated material in water depths less than 20 feet; or
5. installation and maintenance of private aids to navigation at the location of the obstruction in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the United States Coast Guard and Corps of Engineers.

C. Any person ordered to take remedial action shall, within 10 days of completing this action, submit a written report to the assistant secretary certifying that such action has been completed in accordance with the assistant secretary's order.

D. Nothing in these regulations shall be deemed to limit or extinguish any legal obligations or right of any person arising under a lease, right-of-way or permit issued by the state or under any otherwise applicable law or regulation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4-D through 4-H.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 11:704 (July 1985).

§315. Memorandum of Understanding

A. The secretary and the assistant secretary for the Office of Conservation have been delegated certain authority for the administration of this Part by Act 666 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. A memorandum of understanding shall be prepared and signed by both entities for the purpose of delineating and agreeing on the authority and function to be served by each of them for the administration of this Part.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4(D)-4(H) and 30:101.4.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 24:340 (February 1998).

§317. Office of the Secretary

A. The secretary shall perform all duties and functions authorized by the provisions of Act 666 of 1997 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

B. The Office of the Secretary is authorized to expend a sum, not to exceed \$200,000 per annum, for the department's administration of this Part.

C. The secretary shall administer general oversight of expenditures or commitments to make expenditures from the fund for identification, inventory and removal of underwater obstructions as he deems necessary and appropriate.

D. The secretary shall maintain all supervisory and fiscal responsibilities for this Part which are not specifically conferred upon the assistant secretary.

E. The secretary shall perform such other specific functions as may be enumerated or envisioned by this Part.

F. The powers provided in this Part shall be in addition to and shall not limit the powers conferred on the secretary in other provisions of this Title or by any other provisions of any state or federal law or regulation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4(D)-4(H) and 30:101.4.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 24:340 (February 1998).

§319. Office of Conservation Assistant Secretary

A. The powers of the assistant secretary shall include, without limitation, the power to do the following:

1. negotiate and execute contracts, upon such terms as he may agree upon for underwater obstruction identification, inventory, and removal, and other services necessary to meet the purpose of this Part;

2. publish an annual list of underwater obstruction sites, to include an inventory of the type, size and depth of the obstruction, and any other relevant information which would aid navigation and commercial fishing in the vicinity of the obstruction;

3. prepare, evaluate and approve an annual priority list for underwater obstruction removal;

4. prepare, evaluate and approve a list of contractors acceptable to conduct obstruction removal;

5. administer and manage the Underwater Obstruction Removal Program for identification, inventory, and removal of underwater obstructions in the navigable coastal waters of the state;

6. administer and manage the Underwater Obstruction Removal Fund;

7. perform any function authorized or enumerated by this Part or which is consistent with its purpose.

B. The aforementioned powers shall be in addition to and shall not limit the powers conferred on the assistant secretary in other provisions of this Title or by any other pertinent provision of any state or federal law or regulation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4(D)-4(H) and 30:101.4.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 24:340 (February 1998).

§321. Establishment of the Fund

A. There is hereby established a fund in the custody of the state treasurer to be known as the Underwater Obstruction Removal Fund into which the state treasurer shall, each fiscal year, deposit the revenues received from the collection of the monies enumerated in §321.C, after those revenues have been deposited in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all the obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state that become due and payable within each fiscal year, the treasurer shall pay into the Underwater Obstruction Removal Trust Fund an amount equal to the revenues generated as provided for in §321.C. Such funds shall constitute a special custodial trust fund which shall be administered by the secretary who shall make disbursements from the fund solely in accordance with the purposes and uses authorized by this Part.

B. The funds received shall be placed in the special trust fund in the custody of the state treasurer to be used only in accordance with this Part and shall not be placed in the general fund. The funds shall only be used for the purposes set forth in this Part and for no other governmental purposes, nor shall any portion hereof ever be available to borrow from by any branch of government. It is the intent of the legislature that this fund shall remain intact and inviolate. Any interest or earnings of the fund shall be credited only to the fund.

C. The following monies shall be placed into the Underwater Obstructions Removal Fund:

1. private contributions;
2. interest earned on the funds deposited in the fund;
3. any grants, donations, and sums allocated from any source, public or private, for the purposes of this Part.

D. The monies in the fund may be disbursed and expended pursuant to the authority and direction of the assistant secretary for the following purposes and uses:

1. any underwater obstruction identification, inventory, or removal conducted by the Office of Conservation pursuant to this Part;
2. the administration of this Part by the Office of Conservation in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 in any fiscal year;
3. the payment of fees and costs associated with the administration of the fund and any contract with a private legal entity pursuant to §321;
4. any other expenditures deemed necessary by the secretary to meet the purposes of this Part.

E. The secretary may enter into one or more agreements with a private legal entity to receive and administer the Underwater Obstruction Removal Fund, which shall be an interest bearing trust fund.

F. The funds shall be a special custodial trust fund in the custody of the state treasurer which shall be administered by the secretary (or assistant secretary).

G. The monies in the fund shall be used solely for the purposes of this Part.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4(D)-4(H) and 30:101.4.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 24:340 (February 1998).

§323. Use of the Fund

A. In addition to the administrative cost provided for herein, the monies in the fund may be disbursed and expended as directed by the secretary (or assistant secretary) for the following purposes:

1. any underwater obstruction identification, inventory, assessment or removal conducted by the department pursuant to this Part;

2. any costs and fees associated with the administration of the fund and any contract with a private legal entity pursuant to R.S. 30:101.7;

3. any costs and fees associated with the recovery of underwater obstruction removal costs;

4. any other expenditures deemed necessary by the secretary to meet the purposes of this Part.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4(D)-4(H) and 30:101.4.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 24:341 (February 1998).

§325. Office of Conservation; Underwater Obstruction Assessments or Removal

A. A contract for obstruction removal shall require a cash bond, performance bond, or other equivalent surety instrument approved by the assistant secretary, and shall require a formal bid process. A project which the assistant secretary has declared, in writing, to be an emergency may employ a written and thoroughly documented informal bidding procedure in which bids are received from at least three bidders. All such contracts shall be reviewed prior to execution by the secretary and at least all informally bid contracts shall be reviewed by the Commissioner of the Division of Administration.

B. No party contracting with the department under the provisions of this Part shall be deemed to be a public employee or an employee otherwise subject to the provisions of Chapter 15 of Parts I through IV of Title 42 of the Revised Statutes of 1950.

C. The assistant secretary may enter into contracts for the purposes of underwater obstruction identification, assessments or removal to carry out the provisions of this Part, under the following circumstances:

1. when the assistant secretary has declared an emergency, in writing, he may employ a written and thoroughly documented informal bidding procedure and take informal, detailed written bids from at least three contractors without the necessity of meeting the requirements of the state public bid law. Before execution of a contract, under emergency declaration, a performance bond shall be furnished by the contractor;

2. where no emergency exists, all contracts shall be made pursuant to the state public bid law;

3. all such contracts shall be reviewed prior to execution by the secretary and all informally bid contracts shall be reviewed by the Commissioner of the Division of Administration.

D. An underwater obstruction removal assessment shall be performed by a contractor chosen from the list of contractors approved by the assistant secretary or a contractor who submits his credentials to the assistant secretary for approval and is subsequently added to the list.

E. An obstruction removal assessment shall specifically detail site restoration needs and shall provide a description of the obstruction and an estimate of the cost to remove the obstruction and restore the site, in accordance with the standards set forth in LAC 43:XIX.101 et seq.

F. No party contracting with the department under the provisions of this Part shall be deemed to be a public employee or an employee otherwise subject to the provisions of Chapter 15 of Parts I through IV of Title 42 of the Revised Statutes of 1950.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4(D)-4(H) and 30:101.4.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 24:341 (February 1998).

§327. Underwater Obstruction Sites

A. If the assistant secretary has been unable to identify the owner of an obstruction prior to removal of the obstruction, the secretary (or assistant secretary) may expend monies from the fund to remove the obstruction and fully restore the site.

B. The secretary shall be authorized to recover the removal and restoration costs from the owner of the underwater obstruction.

C. The state shall be exempt from the provisions of this Part.

D. The secretary, the assistant secretary, and their agents shall not be liable for any damages arising from an act or omission if the act or omission is part of a good faith effort to carry out the purpose of this Part.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4(D)-4(H) and 30:101.4.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 24:341 (February 1998).

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§329. Liability

A. The secretary or assistant secretary shall not be liable for any damages arising from an act or omission if the act or omission is part of a good faith effort to carry out the purpose of this Part.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4(D)-4(H) and 30:101.4.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 24:342 (February 1998).

§331. Annual Report

A. The assistant secretary shall submit to the Senate and House of Representatives Committees on Natural Resources, before March 1, an annual report that reviews the extent to which the program has enabled the assistant secretary to

better protect the navigable waters and commercial fishing of the state and enhance the income of the fund.

B. The assistant secretary's annual reports shall include:

1. the number and location of underwater obstructions which have been identified and inventoried, and a list of those obstructions which have been successfully removed during the preceding year, to include the cost of removal of each;

2. the overall status of implementation of the provisions of this Part relating to the identification, inventory, and removal of underwater obstructions.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4(D)-4(H) and 30:101.4.

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Title 43
NATURAL RESOURCES
Part XI. Office of Conservation Pipeline Division
Subpart 3. Pipeline Safety

Chapter 5. Pipeline Safety

§501. Service

A. Except as herein provided, any order, notice or other documents required to be served under this regulation shall be served personally or by registered or certified mail.

B. Should the assistant secretary elect to make personal service, it may be made by any officer authorized to serve process or any agent or employee of the assistant secretary in the same manner as is provided by law for the service of citation in civil actions in the district courts. Proof of service by an agent or employee shall be by the affidavit of the person making it.

C. Service upon a person's duly authorized representative, officer or agent constitutes service upon that person.

D. Service by registered or certified mail is complete upon mailing. An official U.S. Postal Service receipt from the registered or certified mailing constitutes prima facie evidence of service.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 and 40:1892.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 12:600 (September 1986).

§503. Subpoenas

A. The assistant secretary may sign and issue subpoenas either on his own initiative or, upon request and adequate showing by any person participating in any proceeding before the assistant secretary that the information sought is relevant and will materially advance the proceeding.

B. A subpoena may require the attendance of a witness for the purpose of giving testimony, or the production of documents or other tangible evidence in the possession or under the control of the person served, or both.

C. A subpoena may be served by any agent of the Office of Conservation, by the sheriff of the parish where service is to be made or the parish where the action is pending or by any other person authorized by law to serve process in this state.

D. Service of a subpoena upon the person named therein shall be made by delivering a copy of the subpoena to such person. Delivery of a copy of subpoena may be made by handing them to the person, leaving them at his office with person, leaving them at his office with persons in charge

thereof, leaving them at his dwelling place or usual place of abode with some person of suitable age and discretion then residing therein, or by any method whereby actual notice is given to him.

E. When the person to be served is not a natural person, delivery of a copy of the subpoena may be affected by handing them to a designated agent or representative for service, or to any officer, director, or agent in charge of any office of the person.

F. The original subpoena bearing a certificate of service shall be filed in the assistant secretary's records for the proceedings in connection with which the subpoena was issued.

G. No person shall be excused from attending and testifying or producing books, papers, or records, or from obeying the subpoena of the assistant secretary, or of a court of record on the grounds that the testimony or evidence required of him may tend to incriminate him or subject him to penalty or forfeiture. Pursuant to R.S. 30:8(4), no natural person shall be subject to criminal prosecution or to any penalty or forfeiture on account of anything concerning which he may be required to testify or produce evidence before the assistant secretary or a court of law; however, no person testifying shall be exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury.

H. In the case of failure or refusal of a person to comply with a subpoena issued by the assistant secretary, or in the case of a refusal of a witness to testify or answer as to a matter regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, any district court on the application of the assistant secretary may, in term time or in vacation, issue an attachment for the person to compel him to comply with the subpoena and to attend before the assistant secretary with the desired documents and to give his testimony upon whatever matters are lawfully required. The court may punish for contempt those disobeying its orders as in the case of disobedience of a subpoena issued by the court of refusal to testify therein.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 and 40:1892.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 12:600 (September 1986).

§505. Inspection, Field Inspection Reports

A. Officers, employees or agents authorized by the assistant secretary, upon presenting proper credentials, are authorized to enter upon, inspect, and examine, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, the records and properties

of persons to the extent that such records and properties are relevant to determining compliance of such person with R.S. 30:501 et seq., R.S. 33:4531 et seq., and R.S. 40:1892 et seq., or any rules, regulations or orders issued thereunder.

B. Inspection may be conducted pursuant to a routine schedule, a complaint received from a member of the public, information obtained from a previous inspection, report of accident or incident involving facilities, or whenever deemed appropriate by the assistant secretary.

C. If, after inspection, the assistant secretary believes that further information is needed or required to determine compliance or appropriate action, the assistant secretary may request specific information of the person or operator to be answered within 10 days of receipt of said request.

D. The assistant secretary may, to the extent necessary to carry out his responsibilities, require reasonable testing of any portion of a facility in connection with a violation or suspected violation.

E. When information obtained from an inspection indicates that a violation has probably occurred, the inspector shall complete a field inspection report as to the nature of the violation citing the specific provisions which have been violated. Said field inspection report shall be filed with the assistant secretary for review and further action, if appropriate.

F. The assistant secretary or his agent, after review of the field inspection report, and depending upon the severity of the violation and the exigency of the situation, may issue to the operator a letter of noncompliance or initiate one or more enforcement proceedings prescribed by §§509-517 hereof.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 and 40:1892.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 12:600 (September 1986).

§507. Letter of Noncompliance, Relief Therefrom

A. Upon determination that a probable violation of R.S. 30:501 et seq., R.S. 33:4521 et seq., or R.S. 40:1892 et seq., or any rule, regulation or order issued thereunder has occurred, the assistant secretary may institute enforcement procedures by serving upon the intrastate natural gas pipeline operator a letter of noncompliance notifying said operator of said probable violation and directing said operator to correct said violation within a designated period of time to be determined by the assistant secretary or be subject to enforcement action prescribed by §§509-517 hereof. A copy of the field inspection report or other evidence of violation shall be attached to the letter of noncompliance. The letter of noncompliance may inform the operator of the time at which reinspection of the facility will be conducted to confirm compliance and shall inform the operator of the time delays and procedure available to said operator for securing relief from said letter of noncompliance.

B. Except in cases of emergency action instituted pursuant to §513 hereof, within seven days of receipt of a letter of noncompliance, the operator who believes himself to be in compliance with the applicable statute and the rules, regulations or orders issued thereunder or who believes the time limits imposed upon him for compliance to be burdensome, may request a conference before the assistant secretary or his designated agent. The operator's request for said conference may be verbal or presented in writing.

C. The conference before the assistant secretary or his agent shall be informal without strict adherence to rules of evidence. The operator may submit any relevant information and materials which shall become part of the record and may examine the assistant secretary's files relative to the probable violation. If circumstances are deemed appropriate by the assistant secretary and upon request of the operator, this conference may be held by telephone conference.

D. Upon conclusion of the conference for relief, the assistant secretary may issue to the operator a modified letter of noncompliance extending the time for compliance or containing such other terms and conditions as may be appropriate considering the nature of the probable violation, the circumstances and exigency of the situation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 and 40:1892.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 12:601 (September 1986).

§509. Reinspection, Show Cause Conference

A. Upon expiration of the delay allowed in the letter of noncompliance or modified letter of noncompliance for correcting said probable violation, the operators facilities shall be reinspected and if the operator is found to be in compliance, the enforcement file for said violation will be closed.

B. If upon reinspection the operator is found to be in violation of the statute, rule or regulation for which a letter of noncompliance has been issued, the assistant secretary may:

1. reissue citation to the operator in the form of a letter of noncompliance containing such modifications or extensions of time as the case may warrant;

2. require that the operator attend a show cause conference with the assistant secretary or his agent to review the complaint and the operators effect in resolving or correcting the violation and at the conclusion of said conference the assistant secretary may reissue a modified letter of noncompliance containing such modifications or extensions of time as the case may warrant; or

3. immediately after reinspection or after the show cause conference, initiate one or more enforcement proceedings prescribed by §§511-517.

C. The show cause conference shall be conducted informally without strict adherence to the rules of evidence. The operator may submit any relevant information, call

witnesses on his behalf, and examine the evidence and witnesses against him. No detailed record of said conference shall be prepared but said record shall contain the materials in the enforcement case file pertinent to the issues, relevant submissions of the operator and the written recommendations of the assistant secretary or his agent.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 and 40:1892.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 12:601 (September 1986).

§511. Show Cause Hearing, Notice, Rules of Procedure, Record, Order of Compliance

A. At any time that the assistant secretary determines that such action is appropriate, he may direct that an operator attend a formal show cause hearing and to show cause at said hearing why he should not be compelled to comply with applicable statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

B. The operator shall be given at least 10 days notice of said show cause hearing in the manner herein provided and shall be required to attend. The assistant secretary may issue such subpoenas as may be necessary for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

C. The show cause hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures for adjudication prescribed by the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.).

D. The record of the case shall include those items required by R.S. 49:955.E together with the enforcement file for the violation in question which enforcement file may include inspection reports and other evidence of violation, letters of noncompliance, modified letters of noncompliance, materials submitted by the operator pursuant to §§507-509, all correspondence and orders directed to the operator by the assistant secretary, all correspondence received by the assistant secretary from the operator, and evaluations and recommendations of the assistant secretary or his staff.

E. After conclusion of the show cause hearing the assistant secretary shall issue an order of compliance directed to the operator setting forth findings and determinations on all material issues, including a determination as to whether each alleged violation has been proven, and a statement of the actions required to be taken by the operator and the time by which such actions must be accomplished. The compliance order shall become final as specified by the Administrative Procedure Act.

F. The assistant secretary may tax the operator with all costs of said hearing including but not limited to transcription and service costs and hearing fees in the amount prescribed by R.S. 30:21.

G. The operator and the assistant secretary may consent to waiver of the show cause hearing and enter into a consent order which will become final and nonappealable upon its issuance.

H. If the operator fails to comply with the final order of compliance, the assistant secretary may take whatever civil or criminal action is necessary to enforce said order.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 and 40:1892.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 12:601 (September 1986).

§513. Emergency

A. Should the assistant secretary, the director of pipelines or the chief of pipeline safety find an existing emergency due to noncompliance with law or the rules, regulations or orders issued pursuant thereto or due to gas leakage or lack of malodorization which in his judgment requires the issuance of an emergency order or an order for the immediate termination of the offending service without first complying with the procedures set forth herein and without having a hearing, he may issue the emergency order or terminate said offending service and invoke a show cause hearing pursuant to §511 requiring the operator to show cause why the circumstances giving rise to the emergency should not be corrected. The emergency order or order for termination of the offending service shall remain in force no longer than 15 days from its effective date. In any event, the emergency order shall expire when the order made after notice and hearing with respect to the same subject matter becomes effective. An emergency is defined as the lack of malodorant in gas required to be malodorized or any situation where there is a substantial likelihood that loss of life, personal injury, health or property will result before the procedures under this regulation for notice and hearing can be fully complied with.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 and 40:1892.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 12:601 (September 1986).

§515. Civil Enforcement Injunction

A. Whenever it appears to the assistant secretary that any person or operator has engaged, is engaged, or is about to engage in any act or practice constituting a violation of R.S. 30:501 et seq., R.S. 33:4521 et seq., or R.S. 40:1892 et seq., or any rule, regulation or order issued thereunder, he may bring an action in the court having jurisdiction, to enjoin such acts or practice and to enforce compliance with the applicable statute and the rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant thereto, and upon proper showing a temporary restraining order or a preliminary or permanent injunction shall be granted without bond. The relief sought may include a mandatory injunction commanding any person to comply with the applicable law or any rule, regulation or order issued thereunder, and to make restitution of money received in violation of any such rule, regulation or order.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 and 40:1892.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 12:602 (September 1986).

§517. Criminal Enforcement, Penalties

A. The assistant secretary may transmit such evidence as may be available concerning acts or practice in violation of R.S. 30:501 et seq., R.S. 33:4521 et seq., and R.S. 40:1892 et seq., or any rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto or any order issued pursuant to this regulation to the district attorney having jurisdiction over same who, in his discretion, may institute necessary proceedings to collect the penalties provided by statute.

B. Any person who willfully violates any provision of R.S. 30:501 et seq., or any rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto or any order issued pursuant to these enforcement regulations or who willfully furnishes false

information to the assistant secretary shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, for each violation.

C. Any person who fails to fully comply, within 60 days after receipt thereof, with any rules, regulation or order of the Office of Conservation adopted pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 33:4521 et seq., or R.S. 40:1892, or any order issued pursuant to this regulation shall be fined \$1,000 for each day he fails to comply therewith.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 and 40:1892.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 12:602 (September 1986).

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NATURAL RESOURCES
Part XI. Office of Conservation Pipeline Division
Subpart 4. Carbon Dioxide

Chapter 7. Transmission of Carbon Dioxide Pipelines

§701. Definitions

A. The words used in these regulations shall have their usual meanings unless specifically defined as follows in this §701, or defined in §709 or elsewhere in these regulations.

Carbon Dioxide Any fluid consisting principally of carbon dioxide itself, which is the substance chemically composed of one carbon atom and two oxygen atoms and having the chemical symbol CO₂.

Commissioner The assistant secretary, Office of Conservation, Department of Natural Resources, state of Louisiana, or any person to whom he has delegated his authority in the matter concerned.

Facility Any component of a pipeline or pipeline systems through which carbon dioxide moves, including pipe, valves, and other appurtenances attached to the pipe, compressor units, pumps, metering stations, regulator stations, delivery stations, holders, and fabricated assemblies and other components but shall not include:

1. facilities which constitute the replacement of previously approved existing facilities which have or will soon become physically deteriorated or obsolete to the extent that replacement is deemed advisable;

2. piping, metering, processing, compressing, regulating and other installations necessary to establish one or more delivery or injection point(s) for carbon dioxide within the confines of a secondary or tertiary recovery project for the enhanced recovery of liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons previously approved by the commissioner.

Interested Parties All persons having a direct interest in the subject matter for which an application is filed and as may be specified in these regulations. *Interested parties* shall include the owners of the land to be traversed by the proposed pipeline, the owners and operators of pipelines to which the applicant wishes to connect, and the owners and operators of pipelines to which applicant is presently connected.

Operator A person who owns or operates pipeline facilities for the transmission of carbon dioxide.

Person Any individual, firm, joint venture, partnership, corporation, association, state, municipality, cooperative association, or joint stock association, and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or personal representative thereof.

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§703. Operation, Construction, Extension, Acquisition, Interconnection or Abandonment of Carbon Dioxide Transmission Facilities

A. No person shall engage in the transmission of carbon dioxide or undertake the construction or extension of any facility therefor, or acquire or operate any such facility or extension thereof to serve secondary or tertiary recovery projects for the enhanced recovery of liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons unless there is in force and effect with respect to such person an order of the commissioner authorizing such acts or operations. Provided, however, as to any person engaged in the transmission of carbon dioxide or the operation of any such facility to serve an existing secondary or tertiary recovery project for enhanced recovery of liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons prior to the effective date of these regulations, over the routes and within the area for which application is made and has so operated since that time, the commissioner may issue such order without hearing and without requiring further proof that the public interest will be served upon certification by the operator that it is willing and able to comply with §709, excepting the requirements for construction and design specifications, together with such other exceptions as the commissioner may grant to an applicant, if application for such order is made to the commissioner within 180 days after the effective date of these regulations. Pending the determination of any such application, the continuance of such operation shall be lawful. Provided further, that any person engaged in the construction of a facility for the transmission of carbon dioxide prior to the effective date of these regulations is authorized to continue such construction without an order of the commissioner for a period of 180 days after the effective date of these regulations, after which time said construction shall cease unless said person has filed an application with the commissioner for an order authorizing said construction. Pending the determination of any such application, the continuance of such construction shall be lawful.

B. No person engaged in the transmission of carbon dioxide shall abandon all or part of its facilities therefor subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner, or any service rendered by means of such facilities, unless there is in force and effect an order of the commissioner authorizing said abandonment upon finding that:

1. the available supply of carbon dioxide is depleted to the extent that the continuance of service is unwarranted; or

2. that the public interest and energy needs permit such abandonment.

C. No person shall connect its carbon dioxide system with, move carbon dioxide into, or receive carbon dioxide from another pipeline system, including other systems owned by said person, unless there is in force and effect an order of the commissioner approving said operation.

D. No person shall exercise the rights of expropriation under the laws of this state in connection with the construction or operation of a carbon dioxide facility until the enhanced recovery project for liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons to be served thereby has been approved by the commissioner and a certificate of public convenience and necessity for such facility has been issued. Provided, however, that the requirement for the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be limited to those facilities for which the right of expropriation of private property under the general state expropriation laws is asserted.

E. Application for orders as provided for in §703.A, B, or C above, or for the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity as provided for in §703.D above, shall be made in writing to the commissioner and shall be in such form and contain such information as herein after required.

F. An order shall be issued to any qualified applicant therefor, authorizing the whole or any part of the operations, services, construction, extension or acquisition covered by the application, if it is found:

1. that the applicant is able and willing to perform the services proposed and to conform to all of the applicable provisions of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and these rules and regulations;

2. that the applicant proposes to construct and/or operate facilities for the transmission of carbon dioxide for injection in connection with a secondary or tertiary recovery project for the enhanced recovery of liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons which has been approved by the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

3. that the proposed facilities are reasonably necessary to serve such approved secondary or tertiary recovery project.

G. A certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be issued to any qualified applicant therefor, authorizing the whole or any part of the operations, services, construction, extension or acquisition covered by the application, if it is found:

1. that the applicant is able and willing to perform the services proposed and to conform to all of the applicable provisions of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and these rules and regulations;

2. that the proposed services, operations, construction, extension or acquisition, to the extent authorized by such certificate, is or will be required by the present or future public interest;

3. that the applicant proposes to construct and/or operate facilities for the transmission of carbon dioxide for injection in connection with a secondary or tertiary recovery project for the enhanced recovery of liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons which has been approved by the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

4. that the proposed facilities are reasonably necessary to serve such approved secondary or tertiary recovery project.

H. Certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be issued on the application of any qualified person upon the above findings. The commissioner may attach to any such certificate, and to the exercise of the rights granted thereunder, such reasonable terms and conditions as the public interest may require. Any facility to which a certificate of public convenience and necessity is issued by the commissioner under R.S. 30:4.C.(17) and these rules and regulations shall possess the right of expropriation with authority to expropriate private property under the general expropriation laws of the state, including R.S. 19:2(10).

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§705. Hearings, Notice, Conferences and Orders

A. Except as may be provided for hereinafter, no rule, regulation, order or certificate, or change, renewal or extension thereof, provided for in these regulations shall, in the absence of an emergency, be issued except after public hearing held not less than 10 days following the publication of notice in the manner hereinafter prescribed. Provided, however, that the commissioner may by rule exempt from the requirements of this regulation acts or operations for which the issuance of an order after hearing will not be required in the public interest.

B. If the commissioner finds an existing emergency which in his judgment requires the making, changing, renewal, or extension of a rule, regulation, or order without first having a hearing, the emergency rule, regulation, or order shall have the same validity as if a hearing had been held after due notice. The emergency rule, regulation, or order shall remain in force no longer than 15 days from its effective date. In any event, it shall expire when the rule, regulation, or order made after notice and hearing with respect to the same subject matter becomes effective.

C. Public notice shall be given in the following manner.

1. Public notice with respect to all applications for which a public hearing is required shall be given by publication of a notice of said hearing in the official journal

of the state of Louisiana not less than 10 days prior to the hearing. Public notice shall be in writing and shall include a statement of the time, place and nature of the hearing and the time within which a response is required, a statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held, a reference to the particular sections of the statutes, rules and regulations involved, and a concise statement of the matters asserted.

2. The commissioner shall mail a copy of the public notice to the applicant by certified mail. A copy of the public notice, with a copy of the application, shall be mailed by the applicant to all interested parties within two working days of the receipt of said public notice from the commissioner.

3. Notice to owners of land to be traversed by a pipeline, for all purposes under these regulations, shall be sufficient and shall be reasonable notice if mailed to the persons and to the addresses identified in the ad valorem tax records of the parishes as owners of the traversed lands.

D. Interested parties who wish to object to said application or participate in the hearing must file a petition or notice with the commissioner and the applicant within five days following the receipt by such interested parties of notice of the hearing. Petitions or notices filed in connection with the application shall set forth clearly and concisely the facts from which the nature of the interested party's alleged right or interest can be determined, the grounds of the proposed participation, and the position of the interested party in the proceeding so as to fully and completely advise the applicant and the commissioner as to the specific issues of fact or law to be raised concerning public interest, provided however, that the right to participate in a proceeding commenced under this regulation shall not extend to objections directed solely to the matters involving right-of-way including, but not limited to, the public purpose and necessity to be served in an expropriation thereof or the compensation therefor which is a judicial question pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana 1974, Article 1, Section 4. An interested party who fails to comply with the requirements of this Rule, may, at the commissioner's discretion, be precluded from introducing witnesses or from presenting evidence at the hearing; however, any person shall be permitted to make statements confined to his position in the matter.

E. If no objection to the application is timely filed by an interested party in accordance with the provisions of this regulation, it will be unnecessary for the applicant to be present or to be represented at the hearing, and the evidence may be filed by affidavit or in such other form as is acceptable to or permitted by the commissioner who shall render an order based upon the record in the proceeding. Upon objection acceptable to the commissioner, the commissioner may continue the hearing to a later date for the purpose of taking testimony and allowing cross-examination.

F. The commissioner may, either upon his own motion or at the request of an interested party or the applicant, call a conference of the parties to a proceeding at any time if, in

his opinion, such conference would resolve or narrow the issues in controversy or assist in the conduct of the hearing.

G. The commissioner shall issue his orders and findings relative thereto or a certificate of public convenience and necessity in a form and in a manner determined by the commissioner. All orders and certificates of the commissioner shall be final, subject to reconsideration on his own motion or upon motion by the applicant or an interested party within 10 days from the date of its entry. Provided, however, an order issued pursuant to this regulation shall expire on its first anniversary date if construction of facilities authorized by said order has not commenced. The commissioner may upon written ex parte request, and for good cause shown, extend the expiration date of said order. The applicant shall give the commissioner timely written notice when the construction authorized under this regulation is first initiated and when completed.

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§707. Applications, Form and Content

A. Applications to the commissioner for the issuance of an order or a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be submitted in writing, be verified under oath, and shall be in the form and contain such information as is prescribed below.

B. All applications submitted to the commissioner pursuant to this regulation shall be submitted in triplicate and shall contain the following information:

1. a table of contents which shall list all exhibits and documents filed with the application;

2. the exact legal name of the applicant; its principal place of business; whether an individual, partnership, corporation or otherwise; the state under the laws of which applicant was organized or authorized; if a corporation, a certificate of good standing and authorization to do business from the secretary of state of Louisiana, the location and mailing address of applicant's registered office, the name and post office address of each registered agent in Louisiana, and the names and addresses of all its directors and principal officers; if a partnership or other similar organization, the names and addresses of its partners of record, officer or other responsible parties of record; applicant's current financial statement or such other information which may be submitted by the applicant and accepted by the commissioner concerning the ability of the applicant to construct, acquire, or operate the proposed facility or extension thereof; and the name, title and mailing address of the person or persons to whom communications concerning the application are to be addressed;

3. a concise description of applicant's existing operations;

4. a concise description of applicant's proposed operations;

5. a map(s), of its pipeline system(s), which shall reflect the location and capacity of all compressor sites, all points of connection between such system(s) and pipelines, or pipeline system(s) of other persons, the date of such connections, and all major points of supply;

6. a listing of applicant's points of CO₂ disposition to secondary and tertiary oil and gas recovery projects;

7. points of proposed interconnection with other carbon dioxide transporters, for which approval is sought together with a statement of reasons for said interconnection;

8. anticipated volumes to be transported, transferred or exchanged;

9. a list of the names and addresses of all interested parties and shall show that a reasonable effort has been made to obtain this list;

10. a copy of the Order of the commissioner approving the pertinent enhanced recovery project(s);

11. such other information as the commissioner may require as in his opinion is reasonably necessary to properly evaluate the application.

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Chapter 9. Transportation of Carbon Dioxide

§901. Scope

A. This regulation prescribes the minimum standards for the State of Louisiana to regulate the construction, design, and operation of pipelines transmitting carbon dioxide within the jurisdiction of the state to serve secondary and/or tertiary recovery projects for increasing the ultimate recovery of oil and gas.

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§903. Applicability

A. This regulation (Chapters 9-19) applies to all pipelines within the jurisdiction covered by these regulations. This regulation does not apply to:

1. transportation of carbon dioxide upstream of the inlet flange or other connection to the carbon dioxide pipeline where carbon dioxide is delivered from a carbon dioxide source facility;

2. transportation of carbon dioxide downstream from the outlet flange or other connection of each carbon dioxide pipeline where carbon dioxide is delivered to the producer's secondary or tertiary recovery project;

3. transportation of carbon dioxide through all facilities within the secondary or tertiary recovery project;

4. transportation of carbon dioxide by vessel, barge, aircraft, tank truck, tank car or other vehicle or related terminals used to transfer carbon dioxide.

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§905. Definitions

A. As used in these regulations:

Component Any part of a pipeline which may be subjected to pump pressure including, but not limited to, pipe, valves, elbows, tees, flanges, and closures.

Line Section A continuous run of pipe between adjacent pressure pump stations, between a pressure pump station and terminal, between a pressure pump station and a block valve, or between adjacent block valves.

Nominal Wall Thickness The wall thickness listed in the pipe specifications.

Offshore Beyond the line of ordinary low water along that portion of the coast of the United States that is in the direct contact with the open seas and beyond the line marking the seaward limit of inland waters.

Pipe or Line Pipe A tube, usually cylindrical, through which carbon dioxide flows from one point to another.

Pipeline or Pipeline System The total integrated facilities through which the carbon dioxide is transmitted to the recovery project area(s).

Pipeline Facility Pipe and appurtenances, rights of way, and any equipment, facility or building used in the transportation of carbon dioxide.

Specified Minimum Yield Strength (SMYS) The minimum yield strength, expressed in pounds per square inch, prescribed by the specification under which the material is purchased from the manufacturer.

Stress Level The level of tangential or hoop stress, usually expressed as a percentage of specified minimum yield strength.

Surge Pressure Pressure produced by a change in velocity of the moving stream that results from shutting down a pump station or pumping unit, closing of a valve, or any other blockage of the moving stream.

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§907. Matter Incorporated by Reference

A. There are incorporated by reference in this regulation all materials referred to herein. Those materials are hereby made a part of this regulation. Applicable editions of

references approved in ANSI B31.4 listed in Subsection B of this Section shall apply. Earlier editions may be used for components manufactured, designed, or installed in accordance with those earlier editions at the time they were listed. Later editions will replace those editions listed below as these later editions become effective.

B. All incorporated materials are available for inspection in the Materials Transportation Bureau, Washington, D.C., and at the Office of the Federal Register, 1100 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. In addition, materials incorporated by reference are available as follows.

1. American Petroleum Institute (API), 2101 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, or 211 North Ervay, Suite 1700, Dallas, Texas 75201.

2. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), United Engineering Center, 345 East 47th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

3. Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry (MSS), 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 502, Falls Church, VA 22041.

4. American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 1430 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10018.

5. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

C. The full title for the publications incorporated by reference in this regulation and their applicable editions are as follows.

1. American Petroleum Institute

a. API Specification 6D *API Specifications for Pipeline Valves*, which may be obtained from the Dallas office (1977).

b. API Specification 1104 Standard for Welding Pipe Lines and Related Facilities (1980).

c. API Specification 5L *API Specification for Line Pipe* (1980).

2. American Society of Mechanical Engineers

a. ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII, *Pressure Vessels*, Division 1 (1977).

b. ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section IX, *Welding Qualifications*.

3. Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fitting Industry: MSS SP-75, *Specification for High-Test Wrought Weldings Fittings* (1976).

4. American National Standards Institute

a. ANSI BI6.9 Factory Made Wrought Steel Butt-Welded Fittings (1978).

b. ANSI B31.4 Liquid Petroleum Transportation Piping Systems (1979).

5. American Society for Testing and Materials

a. ASTM Specification A53 Standard Specification for Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe (1979).

b. ASTM Specification A106 Standard Specification for Seamless Carbon Steel Pipe for High-Temperature Service (1979b).

c. ASTM Specification A134 Standard Specification for Electric-Fusion (Arc)-Welded Steel Plate Pipe, Size 16-inch and Over (1974).

d. ASTM Specifications A135 Standard Specification for Electric-Resistance Welded Steel Pipe (1979).

e. ASTM Specification A139 Standard Specification for Electric-Fusion (Arc)-Welded Steel Pipe, Size 4-inch and Over (1974).

f. ASTM Specification A672 Electric-Fusion-Welded Steel Pipe for High Pressure Service at Moderate Temperatures (1979).

g. ASTM Specification A691 Carbon and Alloy Steel Pipe Electric-Fusion-Welded for High Pressure Service at High Temperatures (1979).

h. ASTM Specification A211 Standard Specification for Spiral-Welded Steel or Iron Pipe (1975).

i. ASTM Specification A333 Standard Specification for Seamless and Welded Steel Pipe for Low-Temperature Service (1979).

j. ASTM Specification A381 Standard Specification for Metal Arc-Welded Steel Pipe for High Pressure Transmission Systems (1979).

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§909. Compatibility Necessary for Transportation of Carbon Dioxide

A. No person may transport by pipeline in Louisiana any carbon dioxide unless it and all associated substances are chemically compatible with the materials of the pipeline and all the pipeline components it may come in contact with while in the pipeline.

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§911. Conversion to Service Subject to This Regulation

A. A steel pipeline previously used in service not subject to these regulations qualifies for use hereunder if the operator prepares and follows a written procedure to accomplish the following.

1. The design, construction, operation and maintenance history of the pipeline must be reviewed and, when sufficient historical records are not available, appropriate tests must be performed to determine if the pipeline is in a satisfactory condition for safe operation.

2. The pipeline right-of-way, all above-ground segments of the pipeline and appropriately selected underground segments must be visually inspected for physical defects and operating conditions which reasonably could be expected to impair the strength or tightness of the pipeline.

3. All known unsafe defects and conditions must be corrected in accordance with this regulation.

4. The pipeline must be tested in accordance with §§1701-1711 of this regulation to substantiate the maximum allowable operating pressure permitted by §1911.

B. A pipeline which qualifies for use under this Section need not comply with the corrosion control requirements of this regulation until 12 months after it is placed in service, notwithstanding any earlier deadlines for compliance. In addition to the requirements of §§1901-1943 of this regulation, the corrosion control requirements of §§1501-1559 apply to each pipeline which substantially meets those requirements before it is placed in service or which is a segment that is replaced, relocated or substantially altered.

C. Each operator must keep for the life of the pipeline a record of the investigations, tests, repairs, replacements, and alterations made under the requirements of Subsection A of this Section.

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§913. Transportation of Carbon Dioxide in Pipelines Constructed with Other Than Steel Pipe

A. No person may transport any carbon dioxide through pipe or appurtenances constructed of material other than steel unless the person has notified the Commissioner of Conservation in writing at least 90 days before the transportation is to begin. The notice must state the pressures, temperatures, and volume rates of the said carbon dioxide to be transported and the chemical names, common names, properties, characteristics and the percentages of any substances that will be associated therewith. Materials used or to be used in construction of the pipeline must be specified in detail also. If the commissioner determines that the transportation of the carbon dioxide with or without other substances associated therewith, in the manner proposed, would be unduly hazardous or potentially dangerous, he will, within 90 days after receipt of the notice, order in writing the person who gave the notice not to transport that carbon dioxide in the proposed manner until further notice to the contrary.

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§915. Responsibility of Operator for Compliance with This Regulation

A. An operator may make arrangements with another person for the performance of any action required by these regulations. However, the operator is not thereby relieved from the responsibility for compliance with any regulatory requirements.

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Chapter 11. Accident Reporting for Carbon Dioxide Pipelines

§1101. Scope

A. This Chapter prescribes rules governing the reporting of any failure in a pipeline system subject to these regulations in which there is an escape of carbon dioxide transported, resulting in any one or more of the following:

1. any potential dangers to human beings and/or animals from the escaped material;
2. death of any person;
3. bodily harm to any person resulting in one or more of the following:
 - a. loss of consciousness;
 - b. necessity to carry a person from the scene;
 - c. necessity for medical treatment;
 - d. disability which prevents the discharge of normal duties or the pursuit of normal duties beyond the day of the accident;
4. estimated property damage to the property of the operator or others, or both, exceeding \$50,000.

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§1103. Telephonic Notice of Certain Accidents

A. At the earliest practicable moment following discovery of a release of the carbon dioxide transported resulting in an event described in §1101, the operator of the system shall give notice, in accordance with Subsection B of this Section, of any failure that:

1. resulted in a leak of carbon dioxide that was potentially dangerous to humans and/or animals;

2. caused a death or a personal injury requiring hospitalization;

3. caused estimated damage to the property of the operator or others, or both, exceeding \$50,000;

4. resulted in pollution of any stream, river, lake, reservoir, or other similar body of water that violated applicable water quality standards; or

5. in the judgment of the operator was significant even though it did not meet the criteria of any other Paragraph of this Section.

B. Reports made under Subsection A of this Section are made by telephone to the Chief of Pipeline Safety, State Capital, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and must include the following information:

1. name and address of the operator;
2. name and telephone number of the reporter;
3. the location of the failure;
4. the time of the failure;
5. the fatalities and personal injuries, if any;

6. all other significant facts known by the operator that are relevant to the cause of the failure or extent of the damages.

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§1105. Accident Reporting

A. Each carrier that experiences an accident that is required to be reported under this Chapter shall, as soon as practicable but not later than 30 days after discovery of the accident, prepare and file an accident report on the form and in accordance with procedures established therefore by the commissioner and to the party he specifies. The operator shall file three copies of each report and shall retain one copy at its principal place of business.

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§1107. Changes in or Additions to Accident Report

A. Whenever an operator receives any changes in the information reported or additions to the original report called for in §1105, it shall immediately file a supplemental report in accordance with the filing of the pertinent original report of §1105 above.

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§1109. Operator Assistance in Investigation

A. If the commissioner investigates an accident, the operator involved shall make available to the representative of the commissioner all records and information that in any way pertains to the accident, and shall afford all reasonable assistance in the investigation of the accident.

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Chapter 13. Design Requirements for Carbon Dioxide Pipelines

§1301. Scope

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum design requirements for new carbon dioxide pipeline systems constructed with steel pipe and for relocating, replacing or otherwise changing existing systems constructed with steel pipe. However, it does not apply to the movement of line pipe covered by §1929.

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§1303. Qualifying Metallic Components Other Than Pipe

A. Notwithstanding any requirements of the Chapter which incorporates by reference an edition of a document listed in §907, a metallic component other than pipe manufactured in accordance with any other edition of that document is qualified for use if:

1. it can be shown through visual inspection of the cleaned component that no defect exists which might impair the strength or tightness of the component; and

2. the edition of the document under which the component was manufactured has equal or more stringent requirements for the following as an edition of that document currently or previously listed in §907:

- a. pressure testing;
- b. materials; and
- c. pressure and temperature ratings.

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§1305. Design Temperature

A. Material for components of the system must be chosen for the temperature of the pipeline and environment in which the components will be used so that the pipeline will maintain its structural integrity.

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§1307. Variations in Pressure

A. If, within a pipeline system, two or more components are to be connected at a place where one will operate at a higher pressure than another, the system must be designed so that any component operating at the lower pressure will not be overstressed.

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§1309. Internal Design Pressure

A. Internal design pressure for the pipe in a pipeline is determined in accordance with the following formula.

$$P = (2 St/D) \times E \times F$$

- P = internal design pressure in pounds per square inch gauge
- S = yield strength in pounds per square inch determined in accordance with Subsection B of this Section
- t = nominal wall thickness of the pipe in inches
- D = nominal outside diameter of the pipe in inches
- E = seam joint factor determined in accordance with Subsection E of this Section
- F = a design factor of 0.72, except that a design factor of 0.60 is used for pipe, including risers, on a platform located offshore or on a platform in inland navigable waters, and 0.54 is used for pipe that has been subjected to cold working to meet the specified minimum yield strength and is subsequently heated, other than by welding or stress relieving as a part of welding to a temperature higher than 900°F (482°C) for any period of time or over 600°F (318°C) for more than one hour.

B. The yield strength to be used in determining internal design pressure under Subsection A of this Section is the specified minimum yield strength. If the specified minimum yield strength is not known, the yield strength is determined by performing all of the tensile tests of API Standard 5L on randomly selected test specimens with the following number of tests.

Pipe Size	Number of Tests
Less than 6 inches in outside diameter	One test for each 200 joints
6 inches through 12-3/4 inches in outside diameter	One test for each 100 joints
Larger than 12-3/4 inches in outside diameter	One test for each 50 joints

If the average yield-tensile ratio exceeds 0.85, the yield strength of the pipe is taken as 24,000 psi. If the average yield-tensile ratio is 0.85 or less, the yield strength of the pipe is taken as the lower of the following:

1. 80 percent of the average yield strength determined by the tensile tests;

2. the lowest yield strength determined by the tensile tests.

C. If the nominal wall thickness to be used in determining internal design pressure under Subsection A of this Section is not known, it is determined by measuring the thickness of each piece of pipe at quarter points on one end. However, if the pipe is of uniform grade, size, and thickness, only 10 individual lengths or 5 percent of all lengths, whichever is greater, need be measured. The thickness of the lengths that are not measured must be verified by applying a gage set to the minimum thickness found by the measurement. The nominal wall thickness to be used is the next wall thickness found in commercial specifications that is below the average of all the measurements taken. However, the nominal wall thickness may not be more than 1.14 times the smallest measurement taken on pipe that is less than 20 inches in outside diameter, nor more than 1.11 times the smallest measurement taken on pipe that is 20 inches or more in outside diameter.

D. The minimum wall thickness of the pipe may not be less than 87.5 percent of the value used for nominal wall thickness in determining the internal design pressure under Subsection A of this Section. In addition, the anticipated external loads and external pressures that are concurrent with internal pressure must be considered in accordance with §§1311 and 1313 and, after determining the internal design pressure, the nominal wall thickness must be increased as necessary to compensate for these concurrent loads and pressures.

E. The seam joint factor used in Subsection A of this Section is determined in accordance with the following table.

Specifications	Pipe Class	Seam Joint Factor
ASTM A53	Seamless	1.00
	Electric resistance welded	1.00
	Furnace lap welded	0.80
	Furnace butt welded	0.60
ASTM A106	Seamless	1.00
ASTM A134	Electric fusion arc welded	0.80
ASTM A135	Electric resistance welded	1.00
ASTM A139	Electric fusion welded	0.80
ASTM A211	Spiral welded pipe	0.80
ASTM A333	Seamless	1.00
	Welded	1.00
ASTM A381	Double submerged arc welded	1.00
ASTM A671	Electric-fusion-welded	1.00
ASTM A672	Electric-fusion-welded	1.00
ASTM A691	Electric-fusion-welded	1.00
API 5L	Seamless	1.00
	Electric resistance welded	1.00
	Electric flash welded	1.00
	Submerged arc welded	1.00
	Furnace lap welded	0.80
	Furnace butt welded	0.60

1. The seam joint factor for pipe which is not covered by this Paragraph must be approved by the commissioner.

F. Piping systems designed for operation at high stress levels shall be analyzed for potential propagating fractures. Methods of limiting the extent of such fractures shall be applied where warranted.

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§1311. External Pressure

A. Any external pressure that will be exerted on the pipe must be provided for in designing a pipeline system.

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§1313. External Loads

A. Anticipated external loads: e.g., earthquakes, vibration, thermal expansion, and contraction must be provided for in designing a pipeline system. In providing for expansion and flexibility, Section 419 of ANSI B31.4 must be followed.

B. The pipe and other components must be supported in such a way that the support does not cause excess localized stresses. In designing attachments to pipe, the added stress to the wall of the pipe must be computed and compensated for.

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§1315. New Pipe

A. Any new pipe installed in a pipeline system must comply with the following.

1. The pipe must be made of steel of the carbon, low alloy-high strength, or alloy type that is able to withstand the internal pressures and external loads and pressures anticipated for the pipeline system.

2. The pipe must be made in accordance with a written pipe specification that sets forth the chemical requirements for the pipe steel and mechanical tests for the pipe to provide pipe suitable for the use intended.

3. Each length of pipe with an outside diameter of four inches or more must be marked on the pipe or pipe coating with the specification to which it was made, the specified minimum yield strength or grade, and the pipe size. The marking must be applied in a manner that does not damage the pipe or coating and must remain visible until the pipe is installed.

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§1317. Used Pipe

A. Any used pipe installed in a pipeline system must comply with §1315.A.1 and 2 and the following:

1. the pipe must be of a known specification and the seam joint factor must be determined in accordance with §1309.E. If the specified minimum yield strength or the wall thickness is not known, it is determined in accordance with §1309.B or C as appropriate;

2. there may not be any:

a. buckles;

b. cracks, grooves, gouges, dents, or other surface defects that exceed the maximum depth of such a defect permitted by the specification to which the pipe was manufactured; or

c. corroded areas where the remaining wall thickness is less than the minimum thickness required by the tolerances in the specification to which the pipe was manufactured.

B. However, pipe that does not meet the requirements of Subparagraph A.2.c of this Section may be used if the operating pressure is reduced to be commensurate with the remaining wall thickness.

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§1319. Valves

A. Each valve installed in a pipeline system must comply with the following.

1. The valve must be of a sound engineering design.

2. Materials subject to the internal pressure of the pipeline system, including welded and flanged ends, must be compatible with the pipe or fittings to which the valve is attached.

3. Each part of the valve that will be in contact with the carbon dioxide stream must be made of materials that are compatible with such stream that it is anticipated will flow through the pipeline system.

4. Each valve must be both hydrostatically shell tested and hydrostatically seat tested without leakage to at least the requirements set forth in Section 5 of API Standard 6D.

5. Each valve other than a check valve must be equipped with a means for clearly indicating the position of the valve (open, closed, etc.).

6. Each valve must be marked on the body or the nameplate, with at least the following:

a. manufacturer's name or trademark;

b. class designation or the maximum working pressure to which the valve may be subjected;

c. body material designation (the end connection material, if more than one type is used);

d. nominal valve size.

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§1321. Fittings

A. Butt-welding type fittings must meet the marking, end preparation, and the burst strength requirements of ANSI B16.9 or MSS Standard Practice SP-75.

B. There may not be any buckles, dents, cracks, gouges, or other defects in the fitting that might reduce the strength of the fitting.

C. The fitting must be suitable for the intended service and at least as strong as the pipe and other fittings in the pipeline system to which it is attached.

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§1323. Changes in Direction: Provision for Internal Passage

A. Each component of a main line system, other than manifolds, that changes direction within the pipeline system must have a radius of turn that readily allows the passage of pipeline scrapers, spheres, and internal inspection equipment.

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§1325. Fabricated Branch Connections

A. Each pipeline system must be designed so that the addition of any fabricated branch connections will not reduce the strength of the pipeline system.

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§1327. Closures

A. Each closure to be installed in a pipeline system must comply with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII, Pressure Vessels, Division I, and must have pressure and temperature ratings at least equal to those of the pipe to which the closure is attached.

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§1329. Flange Connection

A. Each component of a flange connection must be compatible with each other component and the connection as a unit must be suitable for the service in which it is to be used.

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§1331. Station Piping

A. Any pipe to be installed in a station that is subject to system pressure must meet the applicable requirements of §§1301-1341.

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§1333. Fabricated Assemblies

A. Each fabricated assembly to be installed in a pipeline system must meet the applicable requirements of §§1301-1341.

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§1335. Vents

A. Carbon dioxide may not be relieved into the atmosphere of a building or other confined space where hazardous levels of carbon dioxide might accumulate above the human exposure level set by the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration as depicted in the following table, unless the appropriate respiratory protection is provided.

Condition	Minimum Respiratory Protection Required above 5000 vppm
Gas concentration 50,000 vppm or less	Any supplied air respirator or self-contained respirator.
Greater than 50,000 vppm or entry and escape from unknown concentrations	Self-contained breathing apparatus with a full face-piece operated in pressure demand or other positive pressure mode. A combination respirator which includes a Type C supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece operated in pressure-demand or positive pressure or continuous flow mode and an auxiliary self-contained breathing apparatus operated in pressure-demand or other positive pressure mode.
Fire Fighting	Self-contained breathing apparatus with a full face-piece operated in pressure-demand or other positive pressure mode.
Escape	Any escape self-contained breathing apparatus

B. Venting of carbon dioxide fluid under operational control which could produce a hazardous gas atmosphere must be directed to a stack or exhaust pipe elevated to assure dispersion designed to avoid ground level or working level accumulations hazardous to personnel.

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§1337. Sensing Devices

A. Each operator shall determine the appropriate location for and install sensing devices necessary to monitor the operation of components to detect malfunction which could cause a hazardous condition if permitted to continue; and

B. buildings in which potentially hazardous quantities of carbon dioxide may exist must be continuously monitored by carbon dioxide sensing devices set to activate audible and visual alarms in the building and at the control center.

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§1339. Fail-Safe Control

A. Control systems for components must have a fail-safe design where practical from good engineering practice. A safe condition must be maintained until personnel take appropriate action either to reactivate the component served or to prevent a hazard from occurring.

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§1341. Sources of Power

A. Electrical control systems, means of communication, emergency lighting and firefighting systems must have at least two sources of power which function so that failure of one source does not affect the capability of the other source.

B. Where auxiliary generators are used as a second source of electrical power, they must be located apart or protected from components so that they are not unusable during a controllable emergency, and the fuel supply must be protected from hazards.

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Chapter 15. Construction Requirements for Carbon Dioxide Pipelines

§1501. Scope

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum requirements for constructing new pipeline systems with steel pipe, and for relocating, replacing, or otherwise changing existing pipeline systems that are constructed with steel pipe. However, this Part does not apply to the movement of pipe covered by §1929.

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§1503. Compliance with Specifications or Standards

A. Each pipeline system must be constructed in accordance with comprehensive written specifications or standards that are consistent with the requirements of this regulation.

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§1505. Inspection: General

A. Inspection must be provided by operator to ensure the installation of pipe or pipeline systems in accordance with the requirements of this Chapter. No person may be used to perform inspections unless that person has been trained and is qualified in the aspects of construction he is to inspect.

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§1507. Material Inspection

A. No pipe or other component may be installed in a pipeline system unless it has been visually inspected at the site of installation to ensure that it is not damaged in a manner that could impair its strength or reduce its serviceability.

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§1509. Welding of Supports and Braces

A. Supports or braces may not be welded directly to pipe that will be operated at a pressure of more than 100 p.s.i.g.

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§1511. Pipeline Location

A. Pipeline right-of-way must be selected to avoid, as far as practicable, areas containing private dwellings, industrial buildings, and places of public assembly.

B. No pipeline may be located within 50 feet of any private dwelling, or any industrial building or place of public assembly in which person(s) work, congregate, or assemble, unless it is provided with at least 12 inches of cover in addition to that prescribed in §1543.

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§1513. Bending of Pipe

- A. Pipe must not have a wrinkle bend.
- B. Each field bend must comply with the following.
 - 1. A bend must not impair the serviceability of the pipe.
 - 2. Each bend must have a smooth contour and be free from buckling, cracks, or any other mechanical damage.
 - 3. On pipe containing a longitudinal weld, the longitudinal weld must be as near as practicable to the neutral axis of the bend unless:
 - a. the bend is made with an internal bending mandrel; or
 - b. the pipe is 12 inches or less in outside diameter or has a diameter to wall thickness ratio less than 70.
- C. Each circumferential weld which is located where the stress during bending causes a permanent deformation in the pipe must be nondestructively tested either before or after the bending process.

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§1515. Welding: General

- A. Welding must be performed in compliance with this Section and §§1517-1529.
- B. Welding must be performed in accordance with established written welding procedures that have been tested to assure that they will produce sound, ductile welds that comply with requirements of this Chapter. Detailed records of these tests must be kept by the operator involved.

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§1517. Welding: Miter Joints

- A. A miter joint is not permitted (not including deflections up to 3 degrees that are caused by misalignment).

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§1519. Welders: Testing

- A. Each welder must be qualified in accordance with Section 3 of API Standard 1104 or Section IX of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, except that a welder qualified under an earlier edition than listed in Section 195.3 may weld but may not requalify under that earlier edition.

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§1521. Welding: Weather

- A. Welding must be protected from weather conditions that would impair the quality of the completed weld.

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§1523. Welding: Arc Burns

- A. Each arc burn must be repaired.
 - B. An arc burn may be repaired by completely removing the notch by grinding, if the grinding does not reduce the remaining wall thickness to less than the minimum thickness required by the tolerances in the specification to which the pipe is manufactured. If a notch is not repairable by grinding, a cylinder of the pipe containing the entire notch must be removed.
 - C. A ground may not be welded to the pipe or fitting that is being welded.

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§1525. Welds and Welding Inspections: Standards of Acceptability

- A. Each weld and welding must be inspected to insure compliance with the requirements of this Chapter. Visual inspection must be supplemented by nondestructive testing.
- B. The acceptability of a weld is determined according to the standards in Section 6 of API Standard 1104.

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§1527. Welds: Repair or Removal of Defects

- A. Each weld that is unacceptable under §1525 must be removed or repaired. Except for welds on an offshore pipeline being installed from a pipelay vessel, a weld must be removed if it has a crack that is more than 8 percent of the weld length.
 - B. Each weld that is repaired must have the defect removed down to sound metal and the segment to be repaired must be preheated if conditions exist which would adversely affect the quality of the weld repair. After repair, the segment of the weld that was repaired must be inspected to ensure its acceptability.
 - C. Repair of a crack, or of any defect in a previously repaired area must be in accordance with written weld repair procedures that have been qualified under §1515. Repair

procedures must provide that the minimum mechanical properties specified for the welding procedure used to make the original weld are met upon completion of the final weld repair.

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§1529. Welds: Nondestructive Testing and Retention of Testing Records

A. A weld may be nondestructively tested by any process that will clearly indicate any defects that may affect the integrity of the weld.

B. Any nondestructive testing of welds must be performed:

1. in accordance with a written set of procedures for nondestructive testing; and
2. with personnel that have been trained in the established procedures and in the use of the equipment employed in the testing.

C. Procedures for the proper interpretation of each weld inspection must be established to ensure the acceptability of the weld under §1525.

D. During construction, at least 10 percent of the girth welds made by each welder during each welding day must be nondestructively tested over the entire circumference of the weld.

E. In the following locations, 100 percent of the girth welds must be nondestructively tested:

1. at any onshore location where a loss of transported fluid could reasonably be expected to pollute any stream, river, lake, reservoir, or other body of water, and any offshore area unless impracticable, in which case only 90 percent of each day's welds need be tested;
 2. within railroad or public roads rights-of-way;
 3. at overhead road crossings and within tunnels;
 4. at pipeline tie-ins;
 5. within the limits of any incorporated subdivision of the state;
 6. within populated areas, including but not limited to, residential subdivisions, shopping centers, schools, designated commercial areas, industrial facilities, public institutions, and places of public assembly;
7. when installing used pipe, 100 percent of the old girth welds must be nondestructively tested.

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§1531. External Corrosion Protection

A. Each component in the pipeline system must be provided with protection against external corrosion.

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§1533. External Coating

A. No pipeline system component may be buried or submerged unless that component has an external protective coating that:

1. is designed to mitigate corrosion of the buried or submerged component;
2. has sufficient adhesion to the metal surface to prevent underfilm migration of moisture;
3. is sufficiently ductile to resist cracking;
4. has enough strength to resist damage due to handling and soil stress; and
5. supports any supplemental cathodic protection. In addition, if an insulating-type coating is used it must have low moisture absorption and provide high electrical resistance.

B. All pipe coating must be inspected just prior to lowering the pipe into the ditch or submerging the pipe, and any damage discovered must be repaired.

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§1535. Cathodic Protection System

A. A cathodic protection system must be installed for all buried or submerged facilities to mitigate corrosion that might result in structural failure. A test procedure must be developed to determine whether adequate cathodic protection has been achieved.

B. A cathodic protection system must be installed not later than one year after completing the construction.

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§1537. Test Leads

A. Except for offshore pipelines, electrical test leads used for corrosion control or electrolysis testing must be installed at intervals frequent enough to obtain electrical measurements indicating the adequacy of the cathodic protection.

B. Test leads must be installed as follows:

1. enough looping or slack must be provided to prevent test leads from being unduly stressed or broken during back-filling;

2. each lead must be attached to the pipe so as to prevent stress concentration on the pipe;

3. each lead installed in a conduit must be suitably insulated from the conduit.

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§1539. Installation of Pipe in a Ditch

A. All pipe installed in a ditch must be installed in a manner that minimizes the introduction of secondary stresses and the possibility of damage to the pipe.

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§1541. Underwater Obstructions

A. All carbon dioxide pipelines within the jurisdiction of these regulations are subject to the Louisiana Underwater Obstructions Act, R.S. 30:4D-30:4H, as amended, and the Louisiana Underwater Obstructions Regulations, §§301-313.

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§1543. Cover over Buried Pipeline

A. Unless specifically exempted in this Chapter, all pipe must be buried so that it is below the level of cultivation. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, the pipe must be installed so that the cover between the top of the pipe and the ground level, road bed, river bottom, or sea bottom, as applicable, complies with the following table.

Location	Cover (Inches)	
	For Normal Excavation	For Rock Excavation ¹
Industrial, commercial, and residential areas	36	30
Crossings of inland bodies of water with a width of at least 100 feet from high water mark to high water mark	48	18
Drainage ditches at public roads and railroads	36	36
Deepwater port safety zone	48	24
Other offshore areas under water less than 20 feet deep as measured from the mean low tide	30	18
Any other area	30	18

¹Rock excavation is any excavation that requires blasting or removal by equivalent means.

B. Less cover than the minimum required by Subsection A of this Section and §1511 may be used if:

1. it is impractical to comply with the minimum cover requirements; and

2. additional protection is provided that is equivalent to the minimum required cover.

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§1545. Clearance between Pipe and Underground Structures

A. Any pipe installed underground must have at least 12 inches of clearance between the outside of the pipe and the extremity of any other underground structure, except that for drainage tile the minimum clearance may be less than 12 inches but not less than 2 inches. However, where 12 inches of clearance is impracticable, the clearance may be reduced if adequate provisions are made for corrosion control.

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§1547. Backfilling

A. Backfilling must be performed in a manner that protects any pipe coating and provides firm support for the pipe.

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§1549. Above Ground Components

A. Any component may be installed above ground in the following situations, if the other applicable requirements of this part are complied with:

1. overhead crossings of highways, railroads, or a body of water;
2. spans over ditches and gullies;
3. scraper traps or block valves;
4. areas under the direct control of the operator;
5. in an area inaccessible to the public.

B. Each component covered by this Section must be protected from the forces exerted by the anticipated loads.

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§1551. Crossings of Railroads and Highways

A. The pipe at each railroad or highway crossing must be installed so as to adequately withstand the dynamic forces exerted by anticipated traffic loads.

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§1553. Valves: General

A. Each valve must be installed in a location that is accessible to authorized employees and that is protected from damage or tampering.

B. Each submerged valve located offshore or in inland navigable waters must be marked, or located by conventional survey techniques, to facilitate quick location when operation of the valve is required.

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§1555. Valves: Location

A. A valve must be installed at each of the following locations:

1. on the suction end and the discharge end of a pump or compressor station in a manner that permits isolation of the station equipment in the event of an emergency;

2. on each mainline at locations along the pipeline system that will minimize damage from accidental carbon dioxide discharge, as appropriate for the terrain in open country, for offshore areas, or for populated areas;

3. on each lateral takeoff from a trunk line in a manner that permits shutting off the lateral without interrupting the flow in the trunk line;

4. on each side of a reservoir holding water for human consumption.

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§1557. Compression/Pumping Equipment

A. Adequate ventilation must be provided in compressor/pump station buildings to prevent the accumulation of carbon dioxide vapors and/or vapors that could be dangerous. Warning devices must be installed to warn of the presence of such vapors in the compression/pumping station building.

B. The following must be provided in each compressor/pump station:

1. safety devices that prevent over-pressuring of compression/pumping equipment, including the auxiliary compression/pumping equipment within the compression/pumping station;

2. a device for the emergency shutdown of each compression/pumping station;

3. if power is necessary to actuate the safety devices, an auxiliary power supply.

C. Each safety device must be tested under conditions approximating actual operations and found to function properly before the compression/pumping station may be used.

D. Except for offshore pipelines, compression/pumping equipment may not be installed:

1. on any property that will not be under the control of the operator; or

2. less than 50 feet from the boundary of the station.

E. Adequate fire protection must be installed at each compressor/pump station. If the fire protection system installed requires the use of pumps, motive power must be provided for those pumps that is separate from the power that operates the station.

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§1559. Construction Records

A. A complete record that shows the following must be maintained by the operator involved for the life of each pipeline facility:

1. the total number of girth welds and the number nondestructively tested, including the number rejected and the disposition of each rejected weld;

2. the amount, location and cover of each size of pipe installed;

3. the location of each crossing of another pipeline;

4. the location of each buried utility crossing;

5. the location of each overhead crossing;

6. the location of each valve, weighted pipe, corrosion test station, or other item connected to the pipe.

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Chapter 17. Hydrostatic Testing of Carbon Dioxide Pipelines

§1701. Scope

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum requirements for hydrostatic testing of newly constructed steel carbon dioxide pipeline systems and existing steel pipeline systems that are relocated, replaced, or otherwise changed. However, this Chapter does not apply to movement of pipe covered by §1929.

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§1703. General Requirements

A. Each new pipeline system, each pipeline system in which pipe has been relocated or replaced, or that part of a pipeline system that has been relocated or replaced, must be hydrostatically tested in accordance with this Chapter without leakage.

B. The test pressure for each hydrostatic test conducted under this Section must be maintained throughout the system, or the part being tested, for at least four continuous hours at a pressure equal to 125 percent, or more, of the maximum operating pressure and, in the case of a pipeline that is not visually inspected for leakage during test, for at least an additional four continuous hours at a pressure equal to 110 percent, or more, of the maximum operating pressure.

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§1705. Testing of Components

A. Each hydrostatic test under §1703 must test all pipe and attached fittings, including components, unless otherwise permitted by Subsection B of this Section.

B. A component that is the only item being replaced or added to the pipeline system need not be hydrostatically tested under Subsection A of this Section if the manufacturer certifies that either:

1. the component was hydrostatically tested at the factory; or
2. the component was manufactured under a quality control system that ensures each component is at least equal in strength to a prototype that was hydrostatically tested at the factory.

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§1707. Test Medium

A. Water must be used as the test medium unless another medium is approved by the commissioner.

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§1709. Testing of Tie-Ins

A. Pipe associated with tie-ins must be hydrostatically tested, either with the section to be tied in or separately.

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§1711. Records

A. A record must be made of each hydrostatic test and that record must be retained as long as the facility tested is in use.

B. The record required by Subsection A of this Section must include the recording gauge charts, test instrument calibration data, and the reasons for any failure during a test. Where elevation differences in the section under test exceed 100 feet, a profile of the pipeline that shows the elevation and tests sites over the entire length of the test section must be included. Each recording gauge chart must also contain:

1. the operator's name, the name of the person responsible for making the test, and the name of the test company used, if any;
2. the date and time of the test;
3. the minimum test pressure;
4. the test medium;
5. a description of the facility tested; and
6. an explanation of any pressure discontinuities that appear on any chart.

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Chapter 19. Operating and Maintaining Carbon Dioxide Pipelines

§1901. Scope

A. This Chapter prescribed minimum requirements for operating and maintaining carbon dioxide pipeline systems constructed with steel pipe.

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§1903. General Requirements

A. No operator may operate or maintain its pipeline systems at a lower level than that required by this Chapter and the procedures it is required to establish under §1905 of this Chapter.

B. Whenever an operator discovers any condition that could adversely affect the safe operation of its pipeline system, it shall correct it within a reasonable time. However, if the condition is of such a nature that it presents an immediate hazard to persons or property, the operator may not operate the affected part of the system until it has corrected the condition.

C. Except as provided in §911, no operator may operate any part of a carbon dioxide pipeline system unless it was designed and constructed as required by this regulation.

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§1905. Procedural Manual for Operations, Maintenance, and Emergencies

A. General. Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline system a manual of written procedures for conducting normal operations and maintenance activities and handling abnormal operations and emergencies. This manual shall be reviewed at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year, and appropriate changes made as necessary to insure that the manual is effective. This manual shall be prepared before initial operations of a pipeline system commence, and appropriate parts shall be kept at locations where operations and maintenance activities are conducted.

B. Amendments. If the commissioner finds that an operator's procedures are inadequate to assure proper operation of the system and to minimize hazards in emergencies, the commissioner may, after issuing a notice of amendment and providing an opportunity for an informal hearing, require the operator to amend the procedures. In determining the adequacy of the procedures, the commissioner considers pipeline safety data, the feasibility of the procedures, and whether the procedures are appropriate for the pipeline system involved. Each notice of amendment shall allow the operator at least 15 days after receipt of such notice to submit written comments or request an informal hearing. After considering all material presented, the commissioner shall notify the operator of the required amendment or withdraw the notice proposing the amendment.

C. Maintenance and Normal Operations. The manual required by Subsection A of this Section must include procedures for the following to provide safety during maintenance and normal operations:

1. making construction records, maps, and operating history available as necessary for safe operation and maintenance;
2. gathering of data needed for reporting accidents under §§1101-1109 of this regulation in a timely and effective manner;
3. operating, maintaining, and repairing the pipeline system in accordance with each of the requirements of this Part;
4. determining which pipeline facilities are located in areas that would require an immediate response by the operator to prevent hazards to the public if the facilities failed or malfunctioned;
5. analyzing pipeline accidents to determine their causes;
6. minimizing the potential for hazards identified under Paragraph C.4 of this Section and the possibility of recurrence of accidents analyzed under Paragraph C.5 of this Section;

7. starting up and shutting down any part of the pipeline system in a manner designed to assure operation within the limits prescribed by §1911, considering the specific fluid in transportation, variations in altitude along the pipeline, and pressure monitoring and control devices;

8. in the case of a pipeline that is not equipped to fail safe, monitoring from an attended location pipeline pressure during startup until steady state pressure and flow conditions are reached and during shut-in to assure operation within limits prescribed by §1911;

9. in the case of facilities not equipped to fail safe that are identified under §1905.C.4 or that control receipt and delivery of the carbon dioxide, detecting abnormal operating conditions by monitoring pressure, temperature, flow or other appropriate operational data and transmitting these data to an attended location;

10. abandoning pipeline facilities, including safe disconnection from an operating pipeline system, and sealing abandoned facilities left in place to minimize safety and environmental hazards;

11. establishing and maintaining liaison with fire, police, and other appropriate public officials to learn the responsibility and resources of each government organization that may respond to a pipeline emergency and acquaint the officials with the operator's ability in responding to a pipeline emergency and means of communication;

12. periodically reviewing the work done by operator personnel to determine the effectiveness of the procedures used in normal operation and maintenance and taking corrective action where deficiencies are found.

D. Abnormal Operation. The manual required by Subsection A of this Section must include procedures for the following to provide safety when operating design limits have been exceeded:

1. responding to, investigating, and correcting the cause of:
 - a. unintended closure of valves or shutdowns;
 - b. increase or decrease in pressure or flow rate outside normal operating limits;
 - c. loss of communications;
 - d. operation of any safety device;
 - e. any other malfunction of a component, deviation from normal operation, or personnel error which could cause a hazard to persons or property;
2. checking variations from normal operation after abnormal operation has ended at sufficient critical locations in the system to determine continued integrity and safe operation;
3. correcting variations from normal operation of pressure and flow equipment and controls;
4. notifying responsible operator personnel when notice of an abnormal operation is received;

5. periodically reviewing the response of operator personnel to determine the effectiveness of the procedure controlling abnormal operation and taking corrective action where deficiencies are found.

E. Emergencies. The manual required by Subsection A of this Section must include procedures for the following to provide safety when an emergency condition occurs:

1. receiving, identifying, and classifying notices of events which need immediate response by the operator or notice to fire, police, or other appropriate public officials and communicating this information to appropriate operator personnel for corrective action;

2. prompt and effective response to a notice of each type emergency, including fire, occurring near or directly involving a pipeline facility, accidental release of carbon dioxide from a pipeline facility, operational failure causing a hazardous condition, and natural disaster affecting pipeline facilities;

3. having personnel, equipment, instruments, tools, and material available as needed at the scene of an emergency;

4. taking necessary action, such as emergency shutdown or pressure reduction, to minimize the volume of carbon dioxide that is released from any section of a pipeline system in the event of a failure;

5. control of released carbon dioxide at an accident scene to minimize the hazard;

6. minimization of public exposure to injury and possible damages by assisting with evacuation of residents and assisting with halting traffic on roads and railroads in the affected area, or taking other appropriate action;

7. notifying fire, police, and other appropriate public officials of pipeline emergencies and coordinating with them preplanned and actual responses during an emergency, including additional precautions necessary for an emergency involving a pipeline system transporting carbon dioxide;

8. in the case of failure of a pipeline system transporting carbon dioxide, use of appropriate instruments to assess the extent and coverage of the escaped vapors and to determine the availability of adequate oxygen in the area;

9. providing for a post-accident review of employee activities to determine whether the procedures were effective in each emergency and taking corrective action where deficiencies are found.

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§1907. Training

A. Each operator shall establish and conduct a continuing training program to instruct operating and maintenance personnel to:

1. carry out the operating and maintenance, and emergency procedures established under §1905 that relate to their assignments;

2. know the characteristics and hazards of the carbon dioxide transported;

3. recognize conditions that are likely to cause emergencies, predict the consequences of facility malfunctions or failures and carbon dioxide leaks, and to take appropriate corrective action;

4. take steps necessary to control any accidental release of carbon dioxide and to minimize the potential human danger or environmental damage;

5. learn the proper use of firefighting procedures and equipment, and breathing apparatus by utilizing, where feasible, a simulated pipeline emergency condition; and

6. in the case of maintenance personnel, to safely repair facilities using appropriate special precautions, such as isolation and purging.

B. At intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year, each operator shall:

1. review with personnel their performance in meeting the objectives of the training program set forth in Subsection A of this Section; and

2. make appropriate changes to the training program as necessary to insure that it is effective.

C. Each operator shall require and verify that its supervisors maintain a thorough knowledge of that portion of the procedures established under §1905 for which they are responsible to insure compliance.

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§1909. Maps and Records

A. Each operator shall maintain current maps and records of its carbon dioxide pipeline systems that include at least the following information:

1. location and identification of all major facilities;

a. pump and compressor station;

b. scraper and sphere facilities;

c. pipeline valves;

d. cathodically protected facilities;

e. facilities to which §1315.C.9 applies;

f. rights-of-way; and

g. safety devices to which §1933 applies;

2. all crossings of public roads, railroads, rivers, buried utilities, and foreign pipelines;

3. the maximum operating pressure of each pipeline;

4. the diameter, grade, type, and nominal wall thickness of all pipe.

B. Each operator shall maintain daily operating records that indicate the discharge pressures at each pump station and any unusual operations of a facility. The operator shall retain these records for at least three years.

C. Each operator shall maintain for the useful life of that part of the pipeline system to which they relate, records that include the following:

1. the date, location, and description of each repair made to its pipeline systems;
2. a record of each inspection and each test required by §§1901-1943.

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§1911. Maximum Operating Pressures

A. Except for surge pressures and other variations from normal operations, no operator may operate a pipeline at a pressure that exceeds any of the following:

1. the internal design pressure of the pipe determined in accordance with §1309;
2. the design pressure of any other component of the pipeline;
3. 80 percent of the test pressure for any part of the pipeline which has been hydrostatically tested under §§1701-1711 of this regulation;
4. 80 percent of the factory test pressure or of the prototype test pressure for any individually installed component which is excepted from testing under §1705.

B. No operator may permit the pressure in a pipeline during surges or other variations from normal operations to exceed 110 percent of the operating pressure limit established under Subsection A of this Section. Each operator must provide adequate controls and protective equipment to control the pressure within this limit.

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§1913. Communications

A. Each operator must have a communication system to provide for the transmission of information needed for the safe operation of its pipeline system.

B. The communication system required by Subsection A of this Section must, as a minimum, include means for:

1. monitoring operational data as required by §1905.C.9;
2. receiving notices from operator personnel, the public, and public authorities of abnormal or emergency conditions and sending this information to appropriate personnel or government agencies for corrective action;

3. conducting two-way vocal communication between a control center and the scene of abnormal operations and emergencies; and

4. providing communication with fire, police, and other appropriate public officials during emergency conditions, including a natural disaster.

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§1915. Line Markers

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, each operator shall place and maintain line markers over each buried pipeline in accordance with the following:

1. markers must be located at each public road crossing, at each railroad crossing and in sufficient number along the remainder of each buried line so that its location is accurately known;

2. the marker must state at least the following: "Warning" followed by the words "Carbon Dioxide Pipeline" (in lettering at least 1-inch high with an appropriate stroke of 1/4 inch on a background of sharply contrasting color), the name of the operator, and a telephone number (including area code) where the operator can be reached at all times.

B. Line markers are not required for buried pipelines located in heavily developed urban areas, such as downtown business centers where:

1. the placement of markers is impracticable and would not serve the purpose for which markers are intended; and
2. the local government maintains current substructure records.

C. Each operator shall provide line marking at locations where the line is above ground in areas accessible to the public.

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§1917. Inspection of Rights-of-Way and Crossings under Navigable Waters

A. Each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding three weeks, but at least 26 times each calendar year, inspect the surface conditions on or adjacent to each pipeline right-of-way.

B. Except for offshore pipelines, each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding five years, inspect each crossing under a navigable waterway to determine the conditions of the crossing.

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§1919. Cathodic Protection

A. No operator may operate a pipeline that has an external surface coating material, unless that pipeline is cathodically protected. This Section does not apply to buried pumping station piping.

B. Each operator shall electrically inspect each bare pipeline, to determine any areas in which active corrosion is taking place. The operator may not increase its established operating pressure on a section of bare pipeline until the section has been so electrically inspected. In any areas where active corrosion is found, the operator shall provide cathodic protection. Subsections 1921.F and G apply to all corroded pipe that is found.

C. Each operator shall electrically inspect all buried pumping station piping, as to the need for cathodic protection, and cathodic protection shall be provided where necessary.

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§1921. External Corrosion Control

A. Each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year, conduct tests on each underground facility in its pipeline systems that is under cathodic protection to determine whether the protection is adequate.

B. Each operator shall maintain the test leads required for cathodic protection in such a condition that electrical measurements can be obtained to ensure adequate protection.

C. Each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding two and one-half months, but at least six times each calendar year, inspect each of its cathodic protection rectifiers.

D. Each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding five years, electrically inspect the bare pipe in its pipeline system that is not cathodically protected and must study leak records for that pipe to determine if additional protection is needed.

E. Whenever any buried pipe is exposed for any reason, the operator shall examine the pipe for evidence of external corrosion. If the operator finds that there is active corrosion, that the surface of the pipe is generally pitted, or that corrosion has caused a leak, it shall investigate further to determine the extent of the corrosion.

F. Any pipe that is found to be generally corroded so that the remaining wall thickness is less than the minimum thickness required by the pipe specification tolerances must either be replaced with coated pipe that meets the requirements of this regulation or, if the area is small, must be repaired. However, the operator need not replace

generally corroded pipe if the operating pressure is reduced to be commensurate with the limits on operating pressure specified in this part, based on the actual remaining wall thickness.

G. If localized corrosion pitting is found to exist to a degree where leakage might result, the pipe must be replaced or repaired, or the operating pressure must be reduced commensurate with the strength of the pipe based on the actual remaining wall thickness in the pits.

H. Each operator shall clean, coat with material suitable for the prevention of atmospheric corrosion and maintain this protection for each component in its pipeline system that is exposed to the atmosphere.

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§1923. Internal Corrosion Control

A. No operator may transport any carbon dioxide that, with substances mixed in it, would corrode the pipe or other components of its pipeline system, unless it has investigated the corrosive effect of the mixture on the system and has taken adequate steps to mitigate corrosion.

B. If corrosion inhibitors are used to mitigate internal corrosion the operator shall use inhibitors in sufficient quantity to protect the entire part of the system that the inhibitors are designed to protect and shall also use coupons or other monitoring equipment to determine their effectiveness.

C. The operator shall, at intervals not exceeding seven and one-half months, but at least twice each calendar year, examine coupons or other types of monitoring equipment to determine the effectiveness of the inhibitors or the extent of any corrosion.

D. Whenever any pipe is removed from the pipeline for any reason, the operator must inspect the internal surface for evidence of corrosion. If the pipe is generally corroded such that the remaining wall thickness is less than the minimum thickness required by the pipe specification tolerances, the operator shall investigate adjacent pipe to determine the extent of the corrosion. The corroded pipe must be replaced with pipe that meets the requirements of this regulation or, based on the actual remaining wall thickness, the operating pressure must be reduced to be commensurate with the limits on operating pressure specified in this Part.

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§1925. Valve Maintenance

A. Each operator shall maintain each valve that is necessary for the safe operation of its pipeline systems in good working order at all times.

B. Each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding seven and one-half months, but at least twice each calendar year, inspect each mainline valve to determine that it is functioning properly.

C. Each operator shall provide protection for each valve from unauthorized operation and from vandalism.

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§1927. Pipeline Repairs

A. Each operator shall, in repairing its pipeline systems, insure that the repairs are made in a safe manner and are made so as to prevent damage to persons or property.

B. No operator may use any pipe, valve, or fitting, for replacement in repairing pipeline facilities, unless it is designed and constructed as required by this regulation.

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§1929. Pipe Movement

A. No operator may move any line pipe unless the pressure in the line section involved is reduced to not more than he considers a safe pressure for such purpose, but in any event to not more than 50 percent of the maximum of operating pressure.

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§1931. Scraper and Sphere Facilities

A. No operator may use a launcher or receiver that is not equipped with a relief device capable of safely relieving pressure in the barrel before insertion or removal of scrapers or spheres. The operator must use a suitable device to indicate that pressure has been relieved in the barrel or must provide a means to prevent insertion or removal of scrapers or spheres if pressure has not been relieved in the barrel.

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§1933. Overpressure Safety Devices

A. Each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year, inspect and test each pressure limiting device, relief valve, pressure regulator, or other item of pressure control equipment to determine that it is functioning properly, is in good mechanical condition, and is adequate from the standpoint of capacity and reliability of operation for the service in which it is used.

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§1935. Firefighting Equipment

A. Each operator shall maintain adequate firefighting equipment at each compressor/pump station. The equipment must be:

1. in proper operating condition at all times;
2. plainly marked so that its identity as firefighting equipment is clear; and
3. located so that it is easily accessible during a fire.

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§1937. Signs

A. Each operator shall maintain signs visible to the public around each pumping station area. Each sign must contain the name of the operator and an emergency telephone number to contact.

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§1939. Security of Facilities

A. Each operator shall provide protection for each pumping station area and other exposed facility (such as scraper traps) from vandalism and unauthorized entry.

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§1941. Smoking or Open Flames

A. Each operator shall prohibit smoking and open flames in each pump station area and where there is a possibility of the leakage of a flammable hazardous liquid or of the presence of flammable vapors.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4(C)(17).

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§1943. Public Education

A. Each operator shall establish a continuing educational program to enable the public, appropriate government organizations, and persons engaged in excavation related activities to recognize a carbon dioxide pipeline emergency and to report it to the operator or the fire, police, or other appropriate public officials. The program must be conducted in English and in other languages commonly understood by a significant number and concentration of non-English speaking population in the operator's operating areas.

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§1945. Reports

A. The commissioner may from time to time require the owner or operator of a carbon dioxide pipeline or facility falling under his jurisdiction to file such reports as are reasonably necessary in the proper administration and enforcement of these regulations. All reports required to be submitted by the commissioner shall be on forms approved by him and filed in accordance with schedules set by him. The commissioner may at his discretion grant extensions of time to file said reports upon good cause shown.

B. In addition to the reports required by Chapters 9-19, each operator of a carbon dioxide pipeline or facility shall annually file by April 1 of each year an updated map of its facilities depicting the location and size of all compressors and pumps, all points of connection between such facilities and pipelines of other persons, all major points of supply, and the nominal size of all lines. If none of the above data has changed during the preceding year, the operator shall so notify the commissioner in writing by April 1.

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Part XI. Office of Conservation Pipeline Division

Subpart 5. Compressed Natural Gas

Chapter 25. Compressed Natural Gas

§2501. Scope

A. This Chapter applies to the design and installation of compressed natural gas (CNG) engine fuel systems on vehicles of all types and CNG systems used for compression, storage, sale, transportation, delivery, or distribution of CNG for use in motor vehicles.

B. This Chapter also applies to all CNG mobile fuel systems used for filling vehicles.

C. This Chapter does not extend to the design and installation of any CNG system on ships, barges, sailboats, or other types of watercraft. Such installation is subject to the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYCO) and any other applicable standards.

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§2503. Retroactivity

A. Unless otherwise stated, the regulations for compressed natural gas are not retroactive. Any installation of a CNG system must meet the requirements of the rules and regulations outlined herein.

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§2505. Definitions

A. The following words and terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Approved Acceptable to the Commissioner of Conservation.

Cascade Storage System Storage of CNG in multiple cylinders.

CNG Cylinder A cylinder or other container designed for use or used as part of a CNG system.

CNG Facility A nonvehicular CNG system.

CNG System A system of safety devices, cylinders, piping, fittings, valves, compressors, regulators, gauges, relief devices, vents, installation fixtures, and other CNG equipment intended for use or used in any building or public

place by the general public or in conjunction with a motor vehicle fueled by CNG and any system of equipment designed to be used or used in the compression, sale, storage, transportation for delivery, or distribution of CNG in portable CNG cylinders, but does not include a natural gas pipeline located upstream of the inlet of the compressor.

Commissioner The Commissioner of Conservation of the state of Louisiana.

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Natural gas which is a mixture of hydrocarbon gases and vapors, consisting principally of methane (CH₄) in gaseous form that is compressed and used, stored, sold, transported, or distributed for use by or through a CNG system.

CNG Cargo Tank A container in accordance with American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) or Department of Transportation (DOT) specifications and used to transport CNG for delivery.

Cylinder Service Valve A hand-wheel-operated valve connected directly to a CNG cylinder.

Dispensing Station A CNG installation that dispenses CNG from any source by any means into fuel supply cylinders installed on vehicles or into portable cylinders.

Filled by Pressure A method of transferring CNG into cylinders by using pressure differential.

Fuel Supply Cylinder A cylinder mounted in a vehicle for storage of CNG as fuel supply to an internal combustion engine.

Manifold The assembly of piping and fittings used for interconnecting cylinders.

Mobile Fuel System Any CNG system installed on a vehicle designed to furnish CNG to any apparatus that uses or consumes CNG.

Motor Vehicle A self-propelled vehicle licensed for highway use or used on a public highway.

Outlet A site operated by a certified CNG facility at which the business conducted materially duplicates the operations for which the facility is initially granted a certificate. Elements to be considered in determining the existence of an outlet include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. storage of CNG on the site;
2. sale or distribution of CNG from the site;
3. supervision of employees at the site;

4. proximity of the site to other outlets;
 5. communication between the site and other outlets;
- and
6. nature of activities.

Person—An individual, sole proprietor, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other entity.

Point of Transfer—The point where the fueling connection is made.

Pressure Relief Valve—A device designed to prevent overpressure of a normally charged cylinder.

Settled Pressure—The pressure in a container at 70°F, which cannot exceed the marked service or design pressure of the cylinder.

Transport—Any vehicle or combination of vehicles and CNG cylinders designed or adapted for use or used principally as a means of moving or delivering CNG from one place to another. This shall include, but not be limited to, any truck, trailer, semitrailer, cargo tank, or other vehicle used in the distribution of CNG.

Ultimate Consumer—The individual controlling CNG immediately prior to its ignition.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:60 (January 1992).

§2507. Applicability

A. The provisions of this Chapter apply to pressurized components of a compressed natural gas (CNG) system, and are applicable to both engine fuel systems and compression, storage, and dispensing systems.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:61 (January 1992).

§2509. Odorization

A. Compressed natural gas shall have a distinctive odor potent enough for its presence to be detected down to a concentration in air of not over one-fifth of the lower limit of flammability.

B. Compressed natural gas shall be odorized according to the provisions of LAC 43:XIII.2725 (Odorization of Gas).

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:61 (January 1992).

§2511. Severability

A. If any item, clause, or provision of these rules is for any reason declared invalid, the remainder of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:61 (January 1992).

§2513. Application for Construction or Certification of Existing Facilities

A. An application must be submitted to the commissioner for construction for each CNG facility and all applications must be accompanied by a filing fee in accordance with LAC 43:XIX. The application must have the following information:

1. the exact legal name of the applicant; its principal place of business; the state under the laws of which applicant was organized or authorized; if a corporation, a certificate of good standing and authorization to do business from the secretary of state of Louisiana, the location and mailing address of applicant's registered office, the name and post office address of each registered agent in Louisiana, and the name and address of all its directors and principal offices;

2. the nature of service to be rendered by applicant, sale to public, applicant's fleet, private fleet, and/or public transportation;

3. if any, location of applicant's existing CNG facilities;

4. a table of contents which shall list all exhibits and documents filed with the application;

5. a schematic of applicant's proposed facilities, which shall reflect the location and capacity of all compressor sites, point of connection with piping between compressor(s) and dispensing units;

6. a listing of applicant's gas supply for compression at the point the gas enters service facility for ultimate compression;

7. a CNG Form 100;

8. subsequent filings may be required by the commissioner to complete an evaluation.

B. The commissioner shall determine whether the design, manufacture, construction, or use of the depicted items, system, operation, procedure, or installation meets the minimum standards set forth by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Underwriters Lab and/or American Gas Association. At the discretion of the commissioner an administrative order shall be issued authorizing the construction of a CNG facility. If the commissioner requires a public hearing on the matter, the applicant shall be notified within 15 working days from receipt of application and a hearing date shall be set. When an application is submitted to the commissioner, automatic approval is hereby granted and construction can begin 30 days after receipt of the application by the commissioner in lieu of a written order. However, any correspondence from the commissioner during the 30-day period may set aside the 30-day automatic approval.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:751 and 752.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:61 (January 1992).

§2515. Acquisition of an Existing CNG Facility

A. Notice must be given to the commissioner by anyone wishing to acquire an as-built CNG facility. The notice shall include information outlined in §2513.A.1 and 3.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:751 and 752.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:62 (January 1992).

§2517. Changes in Service

A. If any owner of a CNG facility wishes to change the nature of service as listed in §2513.A.2 by adding additional services or deleting services, the operator of the facility shall notify the commissioner in writing and submit a Form CNG 101 "Change of Service". No change in service may occur without written approval from the commissioner; however, the applicant may make the changes applied for if the commissioner has not responded within 21 days after receipt of the change request.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:751 and 752.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:62 (January 1992).

§2519. Approval of CNG Systems Equipment and Components for Vehicles

A. All CNG equipment installed on a vehicle must meet the minimum standards set forth in Section 52 of the National Fire Protection Association (Vehicle Fuel System Standards).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:751 and 752.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:62 (January 1992).

§2521. Design and Construction of Cylinders and Pressure Vessels

A. Cylinders and pressure vessels shall be fabricated of steel, aluminum, or composite materials.

B. Cylinders shall be manufactured, inspected, marked, tested, and retested in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations and exemptions for compressed natural gas (CNG) service. Fuel supply cylinders shall have a rated service pressure of not less than 2,400 psig at 70EF. Cascade storage cylinders shall have a rated service pressure of not less than 3,600 psig at 70EF. Note: Currently, there are no cylinder specifications in DOT regulations for CNG. Current documents covering these cylinders are DOT exemptions. These are single purpose documents issued to a single company for a specific CNG application.

C. Pressure vessels and containers other than cylinders shall be manufactured, inspected, marked, and tested in accordance with the "Rules for the Construction of Unfired Pressure Vessels," "American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII (Division 1)."

D. In addition to other marking requirements, cylinders shall be labeled with the words, "FOR CNG ONLY" in letters at least one inch high in a contrasting color and in a location which will be visible after installation. Decals or stencils are acceptable.

E. Field welding or brazing for the repair or alteration of a cylinder or ASME pressure vessel is prohibited.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:751 and 752.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:62 (January 1992).

§2523. Pressure Relief Devices

A. Each fuel supply cylinder in vehicles shall be fitted with a pressure relief device in accordance with the following:

1. pressure relief devices for cylinders shall be in accordance with Compressed Gas Association (CGA) Pamphlet-1.1 and be of the "Combination Rupture Disk Fusible Plug CG-5" type in which the fusible plug has a nominal yield temperature of 212EF;

2. only one combination rupture disk-fusible plug shall be installed in any pressure relief device opening;

3. the pressure relief device shall communicate with the fuel and be vented to the atmosphere by a method that will withstand the maximum pressure which will result;

4. the discharge flow rate of the pressure relief device shall not be reduced below that required for the capacity of the container upon which the device is installed;

5. the pressure relief device on cylinders shall be permanently marked with the manufacturer's name, initials, or trademark, the temperature rating (212EF) of the fuse plug, and the maximum pressure rating of the rupture disk.

B. The minimum rate of discharge of pressure relief devices shall be in accordance with Compressed Gas Association (CGA) Pamphlet S-1.1 (cylinders); S-1.2 (cargo and portable tanks); S-1.3 (storage cylinders); or the ASME Code, whichever is applicable.

C. Pressure relief valves for CNG service shall not be fitted with lifting devices. The adjustment, if external, shall be provided with means for sealing the adjustment to prevent tampering by unauthorized persons. If at any time such seal is broken, the valve shall be removed from service until it has been reset and sealed. Any adjustments necessary shall be made by the manufacturer or his authorized representative(s).

D. Each pressure relief valve shall be plainly marked by the manufacturer of the valve, as follows:

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1. with the pressure in pounds per square inch (psi) at which the valve is set to start-to-discharge;
2. with the discharge capacity in cubic feet per minute (cfm); or
3. any other marking(s) as required by the Department of Transportation (DOT) or the ASME Code.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:751 and 752.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:62 (January 1992).

§2525. Pressure Gauges

A. Pressure gauges shall be designed for the normal pressure and temperature conditions to which the devices may be subjected with a burst pressure safety factor of at least four.

B. Dials shall be graduated to read 1.2 times the operating pressure of the system to which the gauge is attached.

C. A gauge shall have an opening not to exceed 0.055 inches (Number 54 drill size) at the inlet connection.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:63 (January 1992).

§2527. Pressure Regulators

A. A pressure regulator inlet and each chamber shall be designed for its maximum working pressure with a pressure safety factor of at least four.

B. Low pressure chambers shall provide for excessive pressure relief or be able to withstand the operating pressure of the upstream pressure chamber.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:751 and 752.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:63 (January 1992).

§2529. Piping

A. Pipe, tubing, fittings, gaskets, and packing material shall be compatible with the fuel under the service conditions.

B. All tubing shall be a minimum of Type 304 stainless steel. All tubing connections shall be made of manufactured multifarrel compression fittings.

C. Piping, tubing, fittings, and other piping components between a cylinder or pressure vessel and the first shutoff valve shall be capable of withstanding a hydrostatic test of at least four times the rated working pressure without structural failure.

D. Compressed natural gas piping shall be fabricated and tested in accordance with "American National Standard Code for Chemical Plant and Petroleum Refinery Piping,"

"American National Standards Institute (ANSI) B31.3." Such piping shall be "American Standard Testing Material (ASTM)" steel, Schedule 80, or better. All pipe fittings shall be forged steel stamped 6,000 psi or greater.

E. The following components or materials shall not be used:

1. fittings, street ells, and other piping components of cast iron or semi-steel other than those complying with "American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Specifications A-536 (Grade 60-40-18), A-395, and A-47 (Grade 35018)";

2. plastic pipe, tubing, and fittings for high pressure service;

3. galvanized pipe and fittings;

4. aluminum pipe, tubing, and fittings;

5. pipe nipples for the initial connection to a cylinder or pressure vessel;

6. copper alloy with copper content exceeding 70 percent.

F. Piping components such as strainers, snubbers, and expansion joints shall be permanently marked by the manufacturer to indicate the service ratings.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:751 and 752.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:63 (January 1992).

§2531. Valves

A. Valves, valve packing, and gaskets shall be suitable for the fuel over the full range of pressures and temperatures to which they may be subjected under normal operating conditions.

B. Shutoff valves shall have a design working pressure not less than the rated working pressure of the entire system with a safety factor of four.

C. Valves of cast iron or semi-steel other than those complying with "ASTM Specifications A-536 (Grade 60-40-18), A-395, and A-47 (Grade 35018)" shall not be used as primary shutoff valves.

D. Valves of a design that will allow the stem to be removed without removal of the complete bonnet or disassembly of the valve body, and valves with valve stem packing glands which cannot be replaced under pressure shall not be used. Exception: where there is a shutoff valve of acceptable type between them and the container or pressure vessel (this does not apply to service valves).

E. The manufacturer shall stamp or otherwise permanently mark the valve body to indicate the service ratings. Exception: fuel supply container valves need not be marked as such.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:751 and 752.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:63 (January 1992).

§2533. Hose and Hose Connections

A. Hose and metallic hose shall be of or lined with materials that are resistant to corrosion and the actions of compressed natural gas (CNG).

B. Hose, metallic hose, flexible metal hose, tubing, and their connections shall be suitable for the most severe pressure and temperature conditions expected under normal operating conditions with a burst pressure of at least four times the maximum working pressure.

C. Hose assemblies shall be tested by the manufacturer or its designated representative prior to use at pressures equal to not less than twice the service pressure.

D. Hose shall be continuously and distinctly marked, indicating the manufacturer's name or trademark, CNG service, and working pressure. Metallic hose shall have a manufacturer's permanently attached tag marked with the manufacturer's name or trademark, CNG service, and working pressure.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:751 and 752.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:63 (January 1992).

§2535. Compression Equipment

A. Compression equipment shall be designed for use with compressed natural gas (CNG) and for the pressures and temperatures to which it may be subjected under normal operating conditions. It shall have pressure relief devices which shall limit each stage pressure to the maximum allowable working pressure for the cylinder and piping associated with that stage of compression.

B. When CNG compression equipment is operated unattended, it shall be equipped with a high discharge and low suction pressure automatic shutdown control.

C. Control devices shall be designed for the pressure, temperature, and service expected under normal operating conditions.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:751 and 752.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:64 (January 1992).

§2537. Vehicle Fueling Connection

A. A vehicle fueling connection shall provide for the reliable and secure connection of the fuel system cylinders to a source of compressed natural gas (CNG).

B. The fueling connection shall be suitable for the pressure expected under normal conditions and corrosive conditions which might be encountered.

C. The fueling connection shall prevent escape of gas when the connector is not properly engaged or becomes separated.

D. The refueling receptacle on an engine fuel system shall be firmly supported, and shall:

1. receive the fueling connector and accommodate the working pressure of the vehicle fuel system;

2. incorporate a means to prevent the entry of dust, water, and other foreign material. If the means used is capable of sealing system pressure, it shall be capable of being depressurized before removal.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:64 (January 1992).

§2539. External Corrosion Control

A. All buried pipe and/or tubing must be protected against external corrosion as outlined in LAC 43:XIII.2107.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:751 and 752.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:64 (January 1992).

§2541. Leak Survey

A. Each operator of a CNG facility having underground piping shall conduct a leak survey each calendar year.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:751 and 752.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:64 (January 1992).

§2543. Report of CNG Incident/Accident

A. In case of an incident involving a single release of compressed natural gas (CNG) during or following CNG transfer or during container transportation, or an accident at any location where CNG is the cause or is suspected to be the cause, the person(s) owning, operating, or servicing the equipment or the installation shall notify the commissioner. This notification shall be by telephone as soon as possible after knowledge of the incident or accident. Any loss of CNG which is less than 1.0 percent need not be reported. However any loss occurring as a result of a pullaway must be reported. The telephone number to be used to report accidents is (225) 342-5505.

B. Information which must be reported to the commissioner shall include:

1. date and time of the incident or accident;
2. type of structure or equipment involved;
3. resident's or operator's name;
4. physical location;

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5. number of injuries and/or fatalities;
6. whether fire, explosion, or gas leak has occurred;
7. whether gas is leaking; and
8. whether immediate assistance from the commissioner is requested.

C. Any person reporting must leave his/her name, and telephone number where he/she can be reached for further information.

D. Any CNG powered motor vehicle used for school transportation or mass transit including any state-owned vehicle which is involved in an accident resulting in a

substantial release of CNG or damage to the CNG conversion equipment must be reported to the commissioner in accordance with this Section regardless of accident location.

E. Following the initial telephone report, a CNG Form 200, Report of CNG Incident/Accident, must be submitted to the commissioner. The report must be postmarked within 14 calendar days of the date of initial notification to the commissioner.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Division, LR 18:64 (January 1992).

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Subpart 1. General Provisions

Chapter 1. General

§101. Applicability

A. This regulation shall apply to all persons engaged in the transportation of gas by pipeline within the state of Louisiana, including the transportation of gas within the coastal zone limits as defined in the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331).

B. Notwithstanding the criteria in §101.A above, this regulation shall apply only to those persons identified in the certification or agreement in effect, pursuant to Section 5 of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968, as amended (Federal Act), duly executed by the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and the United States Secretary of Transportation.

C. As to gas odorization, this regulation shall apply to all persons engaged in the business of handling, storing, selling, or distributing natural and other toxic or combustible odorless gases, except as hereinafter provided.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 9:217 (April 1983), amended LR 10:508 (July 1984), LR 18:852 (August 1992), LR 20:442 (April 1994), LR 27:1535 (September 2001), LR 30:1219 (June 2004).

§103. Purpose

A. The purpose of these rules is to establish minimum requirements for the design, construction, quality of materials, location, testing, operation and maintenance of facilities used in the gathering, transmission and distribution of gas, to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare and to provide that adequate service will be maintained by gas utilities operating under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Conservation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 9:217 (April 1983), amended LR 10:509 (July 1984), LR 30:1219 (June 2004).

§105. Incorporation by Reference

A. Any documents or portions thereof incorporated by reference in this Part are included in this Part as though set out in full. When only a portion of a document is referenced, the remainder is not incorporated in this Part.

B. To the extent consistent with this regulation, all persons shall be governed by the provisions of Parts 191, 192, 199 and 40 of Part 49 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, sometimes hereinafter referred to as the *Federal Code*, including all standards or specifications referenced therein, insofar as same are applicable and in effect on the date of this regulation, and by any deletions, additions, revisions, or amendments thereof, made after said date.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 9:217 (April 1983), amended LR 10:509 (July 1984), LR 24:1306 (July 1998), LR 30:1219 (June 2004).

§107. Deviations from the Regulations

A. There shall be no deviation from Part XIII except after authorization by the commissioner. If hardship results from application of any provisions, rules, standards, and specifications herein prescribed because of special facts, application may be made to the commissioner to waive compliance with such regulation in accordance with Section 3(e) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968. Each request for such waiver shall be accompanied by a full and complete justification.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 9:217 (April 1983), amended LR 10:509 (July 1984), LR 30:1220 (June 2004).

§109. Recommendation for Revision of Regulations

A. For the purpose of keeping the provisions, rules, standards, and specifications of this regulation effective, any persons subject to this regulation, either individually or collectively, shall file an application setting forth such recommended changes in rules, standards, or specifications as they deem necessary to keep this regulation effective in keeping with the purpose, scope, and intent thereof. However, nothing herein shall preclude other interested parties from initiating appropriate formal proceedings to have the Commissioner of Conservation consider any changes they deem appropriate, or the Commissioner of Conservation from acting upon his own motion.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 9:217 (April 1983), amended LR 10:509 (July 1984), LR 30:1220 (June 2004).

§111. Records, Reports

A. All persons subject to this regulation shall maintain records, such as plans, programs, specifications, maps and permits, necessary to establish compliance with this regulation. Such records shall be available for inspection at all times by the commissioner.

B. Every person who engages in the sale or transportation of gas subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner shall file with the commissioner a list including the names, addresses and telephone numbers of responsible officials or such persons who may be contacted in the event of an emergency. Such a list shall be kept current.

C. Notices, reports and plans pertinent to facilities covered by §101 of this regulation and which are submitted to the United States Department of Transportation pursuant to the provisions of the federal code shall be forwarded simultaneously to the commissioner. These filings shall be deemed in full compliance with all obligations imposed for submitting such notices and reports, and when accomplished, shall release and relieve the person making same from further responsibility therefor.

D. Where a person is required to prepare and submit a report of an accident or incident pertinent to facilities covered by §101 of this regulation to a federal agency in compliance with the outstanding order of such agency, a copy of such report shall be submitted to the commissioner in lieu of filing a similar report which may be required by the state.

E. To accomplish the purpose of Section 557(G) of the Act the commissioner may request the filing of additional information and reports upon such forms and in such manner as prescribed by him.

F. An updated and comprehensive system map(s) containing location and component description information on all facilities (excluding individual service lines), must be maintained by the operator and made available to the Commissioner of Conservation upon demand. An updated and comprehensive record of individual service lines containing location and component description information must be maintained by the operator and made available to the Commissioner of Conservation upon demand. The aforementioned maps and records must be accompanied by information showing the location, size and type of pipe, and locations of key valves (system isolation valves), regulator stations, odorization injection and test locations and cathodic protection test locations.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:501 et seq.

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Subpart 2. Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline

[49 CFR Part 191]

Chapter 3. Annual Reports, Incident Reports and Safety Related Condition Reports

[49 CFR Part 191]

§301. Scope [49 CFR 191.1]

A. This Chapter prescribes requirements for the reporting of incidents, safety-related conditions, and annual pipeline summary data by operators of gas pipeline facilities located in Louisiana. [49 CFR 191.1(a)]

B. This Chapter does not apply to: [49 CFR 191.1(b)]

1. offshore gathering of gas in state waters upstream from the outlet flange of each facility where hydrocarbons are produced or where produced hydrocarbons are first separated, dehydrated, or otherwise processed, whichever facility is farther downstream; [49 CFR 191.1(b)(1)]

2. pipelines on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) that are producer operated and cross into state waters without first connecting to a transporting operator's facility on the OCS, upstream (generally seaward) of the last valve on the last production facility on the OCS. Safety equipment protecting RSPA-regulated pipeline segments is not excluded. Producing operators for those pipeline segments upstream of the last valve of the last production facility on the OCS may petition the administrator, or designee, for approval to operate under RSPA regulations governing pipeline design, construction, operation, and maintenance under 49 CFR 190.9. [49 CFR 191.1(b)(2)]

3. pipelines on the Outer Continental Shelf upstream of the point at which operating responsibility transfers from a producing operator to a transporting operator; or [49 CFR 191.1(b)(3)]

4. onshore gathering of gas outside of the following areas: [49 CFR 191.1(b)(4)]

a. an area within the limits of any incorporated or unincorporated city, town, or village; [49 CFR 191.1(b)(4)(i)]

b. any designated residential or commercial area such as a subdivision, business or shopping center, or community development. [49 CFR 191.1(b)(4)(ii)]

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§303. Definitions [49 CFR 191.3]

A. As used in Part XIII and in the RSPA Forms referenced in this Part: [49 CFR 191.3]

Administrator The administrator, research and special programs administration or his or her delegate.

Commissioner The Commissioner of Conservation or any person to whom he has delegated authority in the matter concerned.

Gas Natural gas, flammable gas, or gas which is toxic or corrosive.

Incident Any of the following events:

a. an event that involves a release of gas from a pipeline or of liquefied natural gas or gas from an LNG facility; and

i. a death, or personal injury necessitating in-patient hospitalization; or

ii. estimated property damage, including cost of gas lost, of the operator or others, or both, of \$50,000 or more;

b. an event that results in an emergency shutdown of an LNG facility;

c. an event that is significant, in the judgment of the operator, even though it did not meet the criteria of Subparagraphs a or b.

LNG Facility A liquefied natural gas facility as defined in §193.2007 of Part 193 of the federal pipeline safety regulations.

Master Meter System A pipeline system for distributing gas within, but not limited to, a definable area such as a mobile home park, housing project, apartment complex or university, where the operator purchases meter gas from an outside source for resale through a gas pipeline system. The gas distribution pipeline system supplies the ultimate consumer who either purchases the gas directly through a meter or by other means, such as rents.

Municipality A city, parish, or any other political subdivision of a state.

Offshore Beyond the line of ordinary low water along that portion of the coast of the United States that is in direct contact with the open seas and beyond the line marking the seaward limit of inland waters.

Operator A person who engages in the transportation of gas.

Person Any individual, firm, joint venture, partnership, corporation, association, state, municipality, cooperative association or joint stock association, and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or personal representative thereof.

Pipeline or Pipeline System All parts of those physical facilities through which gas moves in transportation, including but not limited to, pipe, valves, and other appurtenance attached to pipe, compressor units, metering stations, regulator stations, delivery station, holders, and fabricated assemblies.

State The state of Louisiana.

Transportation of Gas The gathering, transmission, or distribution of gas by pipeline, or the storage of gas, in or affecting intrastate, interstate or foreign commerce.

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§305. Telephonic Notice of Certain Incidents [49 CFR 191.5]

A. At the earliest practicable moment, within two hours following discovery, each operator shall give notice in accordance with Subsection B of this Section of each incident as defined in §303. [49 CFR 191.5(a)]

B. Each notice required by Subsection A of this Section shall be made by telephone to 1-(800) 424-8802 (federal) and (225) 342-5585 (day) or (225) 342-5505 (after working hours)(state) and shall include the following information: [49 CFR 191.5(b)]

1. names of operator and person making report and their telephone numbers; [49 CFR 191.5(b)(1)]

2. the location of the incident; [49 CFR 191.5(b)(2)]

3. the time of the incident; [49 CFR 191.5(b)(3)]

4. the number of fatalities and personal injuries, if any; [49 CFR 191.5(b)(4)]

5. all other significant facts that are known by the operator that are relevant to the cause of the incident or extent of the damages. [49 CFR 191.5(b)(5)]

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§307. Addressee for Written Reports [49 CFR 191.7]

A. One copy of each written report, required by Part XIII, for intrastate facilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Office of Conservation pursuant to certification under Section 5(a) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act must be submitted to the Commissioner of Conservation, P.O. Box 94275, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275. One copy of each written report required by Part XIII, must be submitted to the Information Resources Manager, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room 7128, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590. Safety-related condition reports required by §323 for intrastate pipeline transportation must be submitted concurrently to that state agency, and if that agency acts as an agent of the secretary with respect to interstate transmission facilities, safety-related condition reports for these facilities must be submitted concurrently to that agency. [49 CFR 191.7]

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**§309. Distribution System: Incident Report
[49 CFR 191.9]**

A. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, each operator of a distribution pipeline system shall submit Department of Transportation Form RSPA F 7100.1 as soon as practicable but not more than 30 days after detection of an incident required to be reported under §305. [49 CFR 191.9(a)]

B. When additional relevant information is obtained after the report is submitted under Subsection A of this Section, the operator shall make supplementary reports as deemed necessary with a clear reference by date and subject to the original report. [49 CFR 191.9(b)]

C. The incident report required by this Section need not be submitted with respect to master meter systems or LNG facilities. [49 CFR 191.9(c)]

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**§311. Distribution System: Annual Report
[49 CFR 191.11]**

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, each operator of a distribution pipeline system shall submit an annual report for that system on Department of Transportation Form RSPA F 7100.1-1. This report must be submitted each year, not later than March 15, for the preceding calendar year. [49 CFR 191.11(a)]

B. The annual report required by this Section need not be submitted with respect to: [49 CFR 191.11(b)]

1. petroleum gas systems which serve fewer than 100 customers from a single source; [49 CFR 191.11(b)(1)]
2. master meter systems; or [49 CFR 191.11(b)(2)]
3. LNG facilities. [49 CFR 191.11(b)(3)]

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**§313. Distribution Systems Reporting Transmission Pipelines: Transmission or Gathering Systems Reporting Distribution Pipelines
[49 CFR 191.13]**

A. Each operator, primarily engaged in gas distribution, who also operates gas transmission or gathering pipelines shall submit separate reports for these pipelines as required

by §§315 and 317. Each operator, primarily engaged in gas transmission or gathering, who also operates gas distribution pipelines shall submit separate reports for these pipelines as required by §§309 and 311. [49 CFR 191.13]

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§315. Transmission and Gathering Systems: Incident Report [49 CFR 191.15]

A. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, each operator of a transmission or a gathering pipeline system shall submit Department of Transportation Form RSPA F 7100.2 as soon as practicable but not more than 30 days after detection of an incident required to be reported under §305. [49 CFR 191.15(a)]

B. Where additional related information is obtained after a report is submitted under Subsection A of this Section, the operator shall make a supplemental report as soon as practicable with a clear reference by date and subject to the original report. [49 CFR 191.15(b)]

C. The incident report required by Subsection A of this Section need not be submitted with respect to LNG facilities. [49 CFR 191.15(c)]

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§317. Transmission and Gathering Systems: Annual Report [49 CFR 191.17]

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, each operator of a transmission or a gathering pipeline system shall submit an annual report for that system on Department of Transportation Form RSPA 7100.2-1. This report must be submitted each year, not later than March 15, for the preceding calendar year. [49 CFR 191.17(a)]

B. The annual report required by Subsection A of this Section need not be submitted with respect to LNG facilities. [49 CFR 191.17(b)]

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§319. Report Forms [49 CFR 191.19]

A. Copies of the prescribed report forms are available without charge upon request from the address given in §307. Additional copies in this prescribed format may be reproduced and used if in the same size and kind of paper. In addition, the information required by these forms may be submitted by any other means that is acceptable to the commissioner/administrator. [49 CFR 191.19]

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§321. OMB Control Number Assigned to Information Collection [49 CFR 191.21]

A. This Section displays the control number assigned by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to the gas pipeline information collection requirements of the Office of Pipeline Safety pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law 96-511. It is the intent of this Section to comply with the requirements of Section 3507(f) of the Paperwork Reduction Act which requires that agencies display a current control number assigned by the Director of OMB for each agency information collection requirement. [49 CFR 191.21]

OMB Control Number 2137-0522

Section of 49 CFR Part 191 Where Identified	Form No.
191.5	Telephonic
191.9	RSPA 7100.1
191.11	RSPA 7100.1-1
191.15	RSPA 7100.2
191.17	RSPA 7100.2-1

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§323. Reporting Safety-Related Conditions [49 CFR 191.23]

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, each operator shall report in accordance with §325 the existence of any of the following safety-related conditions involving facilities in service: [49 CFR 191.23(a)]

1. in the case of a pipeline (other than an LNG facility) that operates at a hoop stress of 20 percent or more of its specified minimum yield strength, general corrosion that has reduced the wall thickness to less than that required for the maximum allowable operating pressure, and localized corrosion pitting to a degree where leakage might result; [49 CFR 191.23(a)(1)]

2. unintended movement or abnormal loading by environmental causes, such as an earthquake, landslide, or flood, that impairs the serviceability of a pipeline or the structural integrity or reliability of an LNG facility that contains, controls, or processes gas or LNG; [49 CFR 191.23(a)(2)]

3. any crack or other material defect that impairs the structural integrity or reliability of an LNG facility that contains, controls, or processes gas or LNG; [49 CFR 191.23(a)(3)]

4. any material defect or physical damage that impairs the serviceability of a pipeline that operates at a hoop stress of 20 percent or more of its specified minimum yield strength; [49 CFR 191.23(a)(4)]

5. any malfunction or operating error that causes the pressure of a pipeline or LNG facility that contains or processes gas or LNG to rise above its maximum allowable operating pressure (or working pressure for LNG facilities) plus the build-up allowed for operation of pressure limiting or control devices; [49 CFR 191.23(a)(5)]

6. a leak in a pipeline or LNG facility that contains or processes gas or LNG that constitutes an emergency; [49 CFR 191.23(a)(6)]

7. inner tank leakage, ineffective insulation, or frost heave that impairs the structural integrity of a LNG storage tank; [49 CFR 191.23(a)(7)]

8. any safety-related condition that could lead to an imminent hazard and causes (either directly or indirectly by remedial action of the operator), for purposes other than abandonment, a 20 percent or more reduction in operating pressure or shutdown of operation of a pipeline or a LNG facility that contains or processes gas or LNG. [49 CFR 191.23(a)(8)]

B. A report is not required for any safety-related condition that: [49 CFR 191.23(b)]

1. exists on a master meter system or a customer-owned service line; [49 CFR 191.23(b)(1)]

2. is an incident or results in an incident before the deadline for filing the safety-related condition report; [49 CFR 191.23(b)(2)]

3. exists on a pipeline (other than an LNG facility) that is more than 220 yards (200 meters) from any building intended for human occupancy or outdoor place of assembly, except that reports are required for conditions within the right-of-way of an active railroad, paved road, street, or highway; or [49 CFR 191.23(b)(3)]

4. is corrected by repair or replacement in accordance with applicable safety standards before the deadline for filing the safety-related condition report, except that reports are required for conditions under Paragraph A.1 of this Section other than localized corrosion pitting on an effectively coated and cathodically protected pipeline. [49 CFR 191.23(b)(4)]

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§325. Filing Safety-Related Condition Reports [49 CFR 191.25]

A. Each report of a safety-related condition under §323.A must be filed concurrently (received by the commissioner and associate administrator, OPS) in writing within five working days (not including Saturday, Sunday, state or

federal holidays) after the day a representative of the operator first determines that the condition exists, but not later than 10 working days after the day a representative of the operator discovers the condition. Separate conditions may be described in a single report if they are closely related. To file a report by facsimile (FAX), dial (225) 342-5529 (state) and (202) 366-7128 (federal). [49 CFR 191.25]

B. The report must be headed "Safety-Related Condition Report" and provide the following information: [49 CFR 191.25(b)]

1. name and principal address of operator; [49 CFR 191.25(b)(1)]
2. date of report; [49 CFR 191.25(b)(2)]
3. name, job title, and business telephone number of person submitting the report; [49 CFR 191.25(b)(3)]
4. name, job title, and business telephone number of person who determined that the condition exists; [49 CFR 191.25(b)(4)]
5. date condition was discovered and date condition was first determined to exist; [49 CFR 191.25(b)(5)]
6. location of condition, with reference to the state (and town, city, or parish) or offshore site, and as appropriate, nearest street address, offshore platform, survey station number, milepost, landmark, or name of pipeline; [49 CFR 191.25(b)(6)]
7. description of the condition, including circumstances leading to its discovery, any significant effects of the condition on safety, and the name of the commodity transported or stored; [49 CFR 191.25(b)(7)]
8. the corrective action taken (including reduction of pressure or shutdown) before the report is submitted and the planned follow-up or future corrective action, including the anticipated schedule for starting and concluding such action. [49 CFR 191.25(b)(8)]

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§327. Filing Offshore Pipeline Condition Reports [49 CFR 191.27]

A. Each operator shall, within 60 days after completion of the inspection of all its underwater pipelines subject to §2712.A, report the following information: [49 CFR 191.27(a)]

1. name and principal address of operator; [49 CFR 191.27(a)(1)]
2. date of report; [49 CFR 191.27(a)(2)]
3. name, job title, and business telephone number of person submitting the report; [49 CFR 191.27(a)(3)]
4. total length of pipeline inspected; [49 CFR 191.27(a)(4)]

5. length and date of installation of each exposed pipeline segment, and location, including, if available, the location according to the Minerals Management Service or state offshore area and block number tract; [49 CFR 191.27(a)(5)]

6. length and date of installation of each pipeline segment, if different from a pipeline segment identified under Paragraph A.5 of this Section, that is a hazard to navigation, and the location, including, if available, the location according to the Minerals Management Service or state offshore area and block number tract. [49 CFR 191.27(a)(6)]

B. The report shall be mailed to the Commissioner of Conservation, Office of Conservation, P.O. Box 94275, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275 and concurrently to the Information Officer, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. [49 CFR 191.27(b)]

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Subpart 3. Transportation of Natural or Other Gas by Pipeline: Minimum Safety Standards [49 CFR Part 192]

Chapter 5. General [Subpart A]

§501. Scope of Part [49 CFR 192.1]

A. This Subpart prescribes minimum safety requirements for pipeline facilities and the transportation of gas by pipeline within the state of Louisiana, including pipeline facilities and the transportation of gas within the coastal zone limits as defined in the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331). [49 CFR 192.1(a)]

B. This regulation does not apply to: [49 CFR 192.1(b)]

1. offshore gathering of gas in state waters upstream from the outlet flange of each facility where hydrocarbons are produced or where produced hydrocarbons are first separated, dehydrated, or otherwise processed, whichever facility is farther downstream; [49 CFR 192.1(b)(1)]

2. pipelines on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) that are producer-operated and cross into state waters without first connecting to a transporting operator's facility on the OCS, upstream (generally seaward) of the last valve on the last production facility on the OCS. Safety equipment protecting RSPA-regulated pipeline segments is not excluded. Producing operators for those pipeline segments upstream of the last valve of the last production facility on the OCS may petition the administrator, or designee, for approval to operate under RSPA regulations governing pipeline design, construction, operation, and maintenance under 49 CFR 190.9; [49 CFR 192.1 (b)(2)]

3. pipelines on the Outer Continental Shelf upstream of the point at which operating responsibility transfers from a producing operator to a transporting operator; [49 CFR 192.1 (b)(3)]

4. onshore gathering of gas outside the following areas: [49 CFR 192.1(b)(4)]

a. an area within the limits of any incorporated or unincorporated city, town, or village; [49 CFR 192.1(b)(4)(i)]

b. any designated residential or commercial area such as a subdivision, business or shopping center, or community development; [49 CFR 192.1(b)(4)(ii)]

5. onshore gathering of gas within inlets of the Gulf of Mexico except as provided in §2712; or [49 CFR 192.1(b)(5)]

6. any pipeline system that transports only petroleum gas or petroleum gas/air mixtures to: [49 CFR 192.1(b)(6)]

a. fewer than 10 customers, if no portion of the system is located in a public place; or [49 CFR 192.1(b)(6)(i)]

b. a single customer, if the system is located entirely on the customer's premises (no matter if a portion of the system is located in a public place). [49 CFR 192.1(b)(6)(ii)]

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§503. Definitions [49 CFR 192.3]

A. As used in this Part:

Abandoned Permanently removed from service.

Administrator The administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration or his or her delegate.

Building Any structure in which gas can accumulate.

Business A permanent structure occupied for the express usage of wholesale or retail sales, services, the manufacture or storage of products, or a public building.

Business District An area of two or more businesses within 100 yards (300 feet) of each other and within 100 yards along the linear length of any gas pipeline. The district will extend 100 feet past the defined boundaries of the last business in the district.

Commissioner The Commissioner of Conservation or any person to whom he has delegated authority in the matter concerned.

Customer Meter The meter that measures the transfer of gas from an operator to a customer.

Distribution Line A pipeline other than a gathering or transmission line.

Exposed Pipeline A pipeline where the top of the pipe is protruding above the seabed in water less than 15 feet (4.6 meters) deep, as measured from the mean low water.

Gas Natural gas, flammable gas, or gas which is toxic or corrosive.

Gathering Line A pipeline that transports gas from a current production facility to a transmission line or main.

Gulf of Mexico and its Inlets The waters from the mean high water mark of the coast of the Gulf of Mexico and its inlets open to the sea (excluding rivers, tidal marshes, lakes, and canals) seaward to include the territorial sea and Outer Continental Shelf to a depth of 15 feet (4.6 meters), as measured from the mean low water.

Hazard to Navigation For the purpose of this Subpart, a pipeline where the top of the pipe is less than 12 inches (305 millimeters) below the seabed in water less than 15 feet (4.6 meters), deep as measured from the mean low water.

High Pressure Distribution System A distribution system in which the gas pressure in the main is higher than the pressure provided to the customer.

Line Section A continuous run of transmission line between adjacent compressor stations, between a compressor station and storage facilities, between a compressor station and a block valve, or between adjacent block valves.

Listed Specification A specification listed in Section I of Appendix B of this Subpart.

Low-Pressure Distribution System A distribution system in which the gas pressure in the main is substantially the same as the pressure provided to the customer.

Main A distribution line that serves as a common source of supply for at least one service line.

Master Meter System A pipeline system for distributing gas within, but not limited to, a definable area such as a mobile home park, housing project, apartment complex or university, where the operator purchases meter gas from an outside source for resale through a gas pipeline system. The gas distribution pipeline system supplies the ultimate consumer who either purchases the gas directly through a meter or by other means, such as rents.

Maximum Actual Operating Pressure The maximum pressure that occurs during normal operations over a period of one year.

Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) The maximum pressure at which a pipeline or segment of a pipeline may be operated under this Subpart.

Municipality A city, parish, or any other political subdivision of Louisiana.

Natural Gas Distribution System A company, municipality, or political subdivision that purchases or receives natural gas, and through its own intrastate pipeline system, distributes natural gas to end users in Louisiana such as residential, commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers, and shall include master meter systems.

Non Rural Area

- a. an area within the limits of any incorporated city, town, or village;
- b. any designated residential or commercial area such as a subdivision, business or shopping center, or community development;
- c. any Class 3 or 4 location as defined in §503; or
- d. any other area so designated by the commissioner.

Offshore beyond the line of ordinary low water along that portion of the coast of the United States that is in direct contact with the open seas and beyond the line marking the seaward limit of inland waters.

Operator a person who engages in the transportation of gas.

Outer Continental Shelf all submerged lands lying seaward and outside the area of lands beneath navigable waters as defined in Section 2 of the Submerged Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1301) and of which the subsoil and seabed appertain to the United States and are subject to its jurisdiction and control.

Person any individual, firm, joint venture, partnership, corporation, association, state, municipality, cooperative association, or joint stock association, and including any trustee, receiver, assignee, or personal representative thereof.

Petroleum Gas propane, propylene, butane, (normal butane or isobutanes), and butylene (including isomers), or mixtures composed predominantly of these gases, having a vapor pressure not exceeding 208 psi (1,434 kPa) gage at 100°F (38°C).

Pipe any pipe or tubing used in the transportation of gas, including pipe-type holders.

Pipeline all parts of those physical facilities through which gas moves in transportation, including pipe, valves, and other appurtenance attached to pipe, compressor units, metering stations, regulator stations, delivery stations, holders and fabricated assemblies.

Pipeline Facility new and existing pipelines, rights-of-way, and any equipment, facility, or building used in the transportation of gas or in the treatment of gas during the course of transportation.

Production Facility piping or equipment used in the production, extraction, recovery, lifting, stabilization, separation or treating of hydrocarbons, or associated storage or measurement. (To be a production facility under this definition, piping or equipment must be used in the process of extracting hydrocarbons from the ground and preparing it for transportation by pipeline.)

Public Building a structure which members of the public may congregate such as schools, hospitals, nursing homes, churches, civic centers, post offices, and federal, state and local government buildings.

School System a pipeline system for distributing natural gas to a public or private pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, elementary, secondary, or high school. Upon request for a revision of service by the school, or by the school system of which the school is a component, the local distribution company providing natural gas service to the school shall, within a reasonable period of time and upon mutual agreement, install a meter at the building wall of each building of the school that utilizes natural gas. The gas piping from the outlet of the meter to the inside of the building shall be installed above ground, and shall be maintained by the school in accordance with the requirements of the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The outside piping that is upstream of the meter to the outlet of the meter shall be owned and maintained by the local distribution company in accordance with minimum pipeline safety regulations. The pipeline system of a school that does not request a revision of service described by this Paragraph shall be deemed a special class system, and subject to the requirements of such system.

Service Line a distribution line that transports gas from a common source of supply to an individual customer, to two adjacent or adjoining residential or small commercial customers, or to multiple residential or small commercial customers served through a meter header or manifold. A service line ends at the outlet of the customer meter or at the connection to a customer's piping, whichever is further downstream, or at the connection to customer piping if there is no meter.

Service Regulator the device on a service line that controls the pressure of gas delivered from a higher pressure to the pressure provided to the customer. A service regulator may serve one customer or multiple customers through a meter header or manifold.

SMYS specified minimum yield strength is:

- a. for steel pipe manufactured in accordance with a listed specification, the yield strength specified as a minimum in that specification; or
- b. for steel pipe manufactured in accordance with an unknown or unlisted specification, the yield strength determined in accordance with §907.B.

Special Class System a pipeline system for distributing gas to a federal, state, or local government facility or a private facility performing a government function, where the operator receives or purchases gas from an outside source and distributes the gas through a pipeline system to more than one outlet beyond the meter or regulator, which ultimate outlet may, but need to be, individually metered or charged a fee for the gas. Any exemption from pipeline safety regulation granted to master meter systems will apply to special class systems.

State each of the several states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Transmission Line a pipeline, other than a gathering line, that:

a. transports gas from a gathering line or storage facility to a distribution center, storage facility, or large volume customer that is not downstream from a distribution center;

b. operates at a hoop stress of 20 percent or more of SMYS; or

c. transports gas within a storage field.

A large volume customer may receive similar volumes of gas as a distribution center, and includes factories, power plants, and institutional users of gas.

Transportation of Gas The gathering, transmission, or distribution of gas by pipeline, or the storage of gas, in or affecting intrastate, interstate or foreign commerce.

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§505. Class Locations [49 CFR 192.5]

A. This Section classifies pipeline locations for purposes of this Part. The following criteria apply to classifications under this Section. [49 CFR 192.5(a)]

1. A class location unit is an onshore area that extends 220 yards (200 meters) on either side of the centerline of any continuous 1-mile (1.6 kilometers) length of pipeline. [49 CFR 192.5(a)(1)]

2. Each separate dwelling unit in a multiple dwelling unit building is counted as a separate building intended for human occupancy. [49 CFR 192.5(a)(2)]

B. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, pipeline locations are classified as follows: [49 CFR 192.5(b)]

1. a Class 1 location is: [49 CFR 192.5(b)(1)]

a. an offshore area; or [49 CFR 192.5(b)(1)(i)]

b. any class location unit that has 10 or fewer buildings intended for human occupancy; [49 CFR 192.5(b)(1)(ii)]

2. a Class 2 location is any class location unit that has more than 10 but fewer than 46 buildings intended for human occupancy; [49 CFR 192.5(b)(2)]

3. a Class 3 location is: [49 CFR 192.5(b)(3)]

a. any class location unit that has 46 or more buildings intended for human occupancy; or [49 CFR 192.5(b)(3)(i)]

b. an area where the pipeline lies within 100 yards (91 meters) of either a building or a small, well-defined outside area (such as a playground, recreation area, outdoor theater, or other place of public assembly) that is occupied by 20 or more persons on at least five days a week for 10 weeks in any 12-month period (the days and weeks need not be consecutive); [49 CFR 192.5(b)(3)(ii)]

4. a Class 4 location is any class location unit where buildings with four or more stories above ground are prevalent. [49 CFR 192.5(b)(4)]

C. The length of Class locations 2, 3, and 4 may be adjusted as follows. [49 CFR 192.5(c)]

1. A Class 4 location ends 220 yards (200 meters) from the nearest building with four or more stories above ground. [49 CFR 192.5(c)(1)]

2. When a cluster of buildings intended for human occupancy requires a Class 2 or 3 location, the class location ends 220 yards (200 meters) from the nearest building in the cluster. [49 CFR 192.5(c)(2)]

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§507. Incorporation by Reference [49 CFR 192.7]

A. Any documents or portions thereof incorporated by reference in this Part are included in this Part as though set out in full. When only a portion of a document is referenced, the remainder is not incorporated in this Part. [49 CFR 192.7(a)]

B. All incorporated materials are available for inspection in the Research and Special Programs Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC, and at the Office of the *Federal Register*, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC. These materials have been approved for incorporation by reference by the Director of the *Federal Register* in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51. In addition, the incorporated materials are available from the respective organizations listed in §5101, Appendix A to this Part. [49 CFR 192.7(b)]

C. The full titles for the publications incorporated by reference in this Part are provided in §5101, Appendix A to this Part. Numbers in parentheses indicate applicable editions. Earlier editions of documents listed or editions of documents formerly listed in previous editions of §5101, Appendix A may be used for materials and components manufactured, designed, or installed in accordance with those earlier editions at the time they were listed. The user must refer to the appropriate previous edition of 49 CFR for a listing of the earlier listed editions or documents. [49 CFR 192.7(c)]

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§509. Gathering Lines [49 CFR 192.9]

A. Except as provided in §§501 and 1110, each operator of a gathering line must comply with the requirements of this Subpart applicable to transmission lines. [49 CFR 192.9]

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**§510. Outer Continental Shelf Pipelines
[49 CFR 192.10]**

A. Operators of transportation pipelines on the Outer Continental Shelf (as defined in the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act 43 U.S.C. 1331) must identify on all their respective pipelines the specific points at which operating responsibility transfers to a producing operator. For those instances in which the transfer points are not identifiable by a durable marking, each operator will have until September 15, 1998 to identify the transfer points. If it is not practicable to durably mark a transfer point and the transfer point is located above water, the operator must depict the transfer point on a schematic located near the transfer point. If a transfer point is located subsea, then the operator must identify the transfer point on a schematic which must be maintained at the nearest upstream facility and provided to RSPA upon request. For those cases in which adjoining operators have not agreed on a transfer point by September 15, 1998 the regional director and the MMS regional supervisor will make a joint determination of the transfer point. [49 CFR 192.10]

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§511. Petroleum Gas Systems [49 CFR 192.11]

A. Each plant that supplies petroleum gas by pipeline to a natural gas distribution system must meet the requirements of this Subpart and ANSI/NFPA 58 and 59. [49 CFR 192.11(a)]

B. Each pipeline system subject to this Subpart that transports only petroleum gas or petroleum gas/air mixtures must meet the requirements of this Subpart and of ANSI/NFPA 58 and 59. [49 CFR 192.11(b)]

C. In the event of a conflict between this Subpart and ANSI/NFPA 58 and 59, ANSI/NFPA 58 and 59 prevail. [49 CFR 192.11(c)]

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§513. General [49 CFR 192.13]

A. No person may operate a segment of pipeline that is readied for service after March 12, 1971, or in the case of an offshore gathering line, after July 31, 1977, unless: [49 CFR 192.13(a)]

1. the pipeline has been designed, installed, constructed; initially inspected, and initially tested in accordance with this Subpart; or [49 CFR 192.13(a)(1)]

2. the pipeline qualifies for use under this Subpart in accordance with §514. [49 CFR 192.13(a)(2)]

B. No person may operate a segment of pipeline that is replaced, relocated, or otherwise changed after November 12, 1970, or in the case of an offshore gathering line, after July 31, 1977, unless that replacement, relocation, or change has been made in accordance with this Subpart. [49 CFR 192.13(b)]

C. Each operator shall maintain, modify as appropriate, and follow the plans, procedures, and programs that it is required to establish under this Part. [49 CFR 192.13(c)]

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**§514. Conversion to Service Subject to This Part
[49 CFR 192.14]**

A. A steel pipeline previously used in service not subject to Part XIII qualifies for use under this Part if the operator prepares and follows a written procedure to carry out the following requirements. [49 CFR 192.14(a)]

1. The design, construction, operation, and maintenance history of the pipeline must be reviewed and, where sufficient historical records are not available, appropriate tests must be performed to determine if the pipeline is in a satisfactory condition for safe operation. [49 CFR 192.14(a)(1)]

2. The pipeline right-of-way, all aboveground segments of the pipeline, and appropriately selected underground segments must be visually inspected for physical defects and operating conditions which reasonably could be expected to impair the strength or tightness of the pipeline. [49 CFR 192.14(a)(2)]

3. All known unsafe defects and conditions must be corrected in accordance with this Part. [49 CFR 192.14(a)(3)]

4. The pipeline must be tested in accordance with Chapter 23 of this Subpart to substantiate the maximum allowable operating pressure permitted by Chapter 27 of this Subpart. [49 CFR 192.14(a)(4)]

B. Each operator must keep for the life of the pipeline a record of investigations, tests, repairs, replacements, and alterations made under the requirements of Subsection A of this Section. [49 CFR 192.14(b)]

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§515. Rules of Regulatory Construction
[49 CFR 192.15]

A. As used in this regulation: [49 CFR 192.15(a)]

Includes "including but not limited to;

May "is permitted to" or "is authorized to;"

May not "is not permitted to" or "is not authorized to;"

Shall "used in the mandatory and imperative sense.

B. In Part XIII: [49 CFR 192.15(b)]

1. words importing the singular include the plural; [49 CFR 192.15(b)(1)]

2. words importing the plural include the singular; and [49 CFR 192.15(b)(2)]

3. words importing the masculine gender include the feminine. [49 CFR 192.15(b)(3)]

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§516. Customer Notification [49 CFR 192.16]

A. This Section applies to each operator of a service line who does not maintain the customer's buried piping up to entry of the first building downstream, or, if the customer's buried piping does not enter a building, up to the principal gas utilization equipment or the first fence (or wall) that surrounds that equipment. For the purpose of this Section, customer's buried piping does not include branch lines that serve yard lanterns, pool heaters, or other types of secondary equipment. Also, maintain means monitor for corrosion according to §2117 if the customer's buried piping is metallic, survey for leaks according to §2923, and if an unsafe condition is found, shut off the flow of gas, advise the customer of the need to repair the unsafe condition, or repair the unsafe condition. [49 CFR 192.16(a)]

B. Each operator shall notify each customer once in writing of the following information. [49 CFR 192.16(b)]

1. The operator does not maintain the customer's buried piping. [49 CFR 192.16(b)(1)]

2. If the customer's buried piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage. [49 CFR 192.16(b)(2)]

3. Buried gas piping should be: [49 CFR 192.16(b)(3)]

a. periodically inspected for leaks; [49 CFR 192.16(b)(3)(i)]

b. periodically inspected for corrosion if the piping is metallic; and [49 CFR 192.16(b)(3)(ii)]

c. repaired if any unsafe condition is discovered. [49 CFR 192.16(b)(3)(iii)]

4. When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance, and the excavation done by hand. [49 CFR 192.16(b)(4)]

5. The operator (if applicable), plumbing contractors, and heating contractors can assist in locating, inspecting, and repairing the customer's buried piping. [49 CFR 192.16(b)(5)]

C. Each operator shall notify each customer not later than August 14, 1996 or 90 days after the customer first receives gas at a particular location, whichever is later. However, operators of master meter systems may continuously post a general notice in a prominent location frequented by customers. [49 CFR 192.16(c)]

D. Each operator must make the following records available for inspection by the administrator or a state agency participating under 49 U.S.C. 60105 or 60106: [49 CFR 192.16(d)]

1. a copy of the notice currently in use; and [49 CFR 192.16(d)(1)]

2. evidence that notices have been sent to customers within the previous three years. [49 CFR 192.16(d)(2)]

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Chapter 7. Materials [Subpart B]

§701. Scope [49 CFR 192.51]

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum requirements for the selection and qualification of pipe and components for use in pipelines. [49 CFR 192.51]

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§703. General [49 CFR 192.53]

A. Materials for pipe and components must be: [49 CFR 192.53]

1. able to maintain the structural integrity of the pipeline under temperature and other environment conditions that may be anticipated; [49 CFR 192.53(a)]

2. chemically compatible with any gas that they transport and with any other material in the pipeline with which they are in contact; and [49 CFR 192.53(b)]

3. qualified in accordance with the applicable requirements of this Chapter. [49 CFR 192.53(c)]

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§705. Steel Pipe [49 CFR 192.55]

A. New steel pipe is qualified for use under this Subpart if: [49 CFR 192.55(a)]

1. it was manufactured in accordance with a listed specification; [49 CFR 192.55(a)(1)]

2. it meets the requirements of: [49 CFR 192.55(a)(2)]

a. Section II of §5103, Appendix B to this Subpart; or [49 CFR 192.55(a)(2)(i)]

b. if it was manufactured before November 12, 1970, either Section II or III of §5103, Appendix B to this Subpart; or [49 CFR 192.55(a)(2)(ii)]

3. it is used in accordance with Subsection C or D of this Section. [49 CFR 192.55(a)(3)]

B. Used steel pipe is qualified for use under this Subpart if: [49 CFR 192.55(b)]

1. it was manufactured in accordance with a listed specification and it meets the requirements of Paragraph II-C of §5103, Appendix B to this Subpart; [49 CFR 192.55(b)(1)]

2. it meets the requirements of: [49 CFR 192.55(b)(2)]

a. Section II of §5103, Appendix B to this Subpart; or [49 CFR 192.55(b)(2)(i)]

b. if it was manufactured before November 12, 1970, either Section II or III of §5103, Appendix B to this Subpart; [49 CFR 192.55(b)(2)(ii)]

3. it has been used in an existing line of the same or higher pressure and meets the requirements of Paragraph II-C of §5103, Appendix B to this Subpart; or [49 CFR 192.55(b)(3)]

4. it is used in accordance with Subsection C of this Section. [49 CFR 192.55(b)(4)]

C. New or used steel pipe may be used at a pressure resulting in a hoop stress of less than 6,000 psi (41 MPa) where no close coiling or close bending is to be done, if visual examination indicates that the pipe is in good condition and that it is free of split seams and other defects that would cause leakage. If it is to be welded, steel pipe that has not been manufactured to a listed specification must also pass the weldability tests prescribed in Paragraph II-B of §5103, Appendix B to this Subpart. [49 CFR 192.55(c)]

D. Steel pipe that has not been previously used may be used as replacement pipe in a segment of pipeline if it has been manufactured prior to November 12, 1970, in accordance with the same specification as the pipe used in constructing that segment of pipeline. [49 CFR 192.55(d)]

E. New steel pipe that has been cold expanded must comply with the mandatory provisions of API Specification 5L. [49 CFR 192.55(e)]

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§709. Plastic Pipe [49 CFR 192.59]

A. New plastic pipe is qualified for use under this Subpart if: [49 CFR 192.59(a)]

1. it is manufactured in accordance with a listed specification; and [49 CFR 192.59(a)(1)]

2. it is resistant to chemicals with which contact may be anticipated. [49 CFR 192.59(a)(2)]

B. Used plastic pipe is qualified for use under this Subpart if: [49 CFR 192.59(b)]

1. it was manufactured in accordance with a listed specification; [49 CFR 192.59(b)(1)]

2. it is resistant to chemicals with which contact may be anticipated; [49 CFR 192.59(b)(2)]

3. it has been used only in natural gas service; [49 CFR 192.59(b)(3)]

4. its dimensions are still within the tolerances of the specification to which it was manufactured; and [49 CFR 192.59(b)(4)]

5. it is free of visible defects. [49 CFR 192.59(b)(5)]

C. For the purpose of Paragraphs A.1 and B.1 of this Section, where pipe of a diameter included in a listed specification is impractical to use, pipe of a diameter between the sizes included in a listed specification may be used if it: [49 CFR 192.59(c)]

1. meets the strength and design criteria required of pipe included in that listed specification; and [49 CFR 192.59(c)(1)]

2. is manufactured from plastic compounds which meet the criteria for material required of pipe included in that listed specification. [49 CFR 192.59(c)(2)]

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§713. Marking of Materials [49 CFR 192.63]

A. Except as provided in Subsection D of this Section each valve, fitting, length of pipe, and other component must be marked: [49 CFR 192.63(a)]

1. as prescribed in the specification or standard to which it was manufactured, except that thermoplastic fittings must be marked in accordance with ASTM D 2513; or [49 CFR 192.63(a)(1)]

2. to indicate size, material, manufacturer, pressure rating, and temperature rating, and as appropriate, type, grade, and model. [49 CFR 192.63(a)(2)]

B. Surfaces of pipe and components that are subject to stress from internal pressure may not be field die stamped. [49 CFR 192.63(b)]

C. If any item is marked by die stamping, the die must have blunt or rounded edges that will minimize stress concentrations. [49 CFR 192.63(c)]

D. Subsection A of this Section does not apply to items manufactured before November 12, 1970, that meet all of the following. [49 CFR 192.63(d)]

1. The item is identifiable as to type, manufacturer, and model. [49 CFR 192.63(d)(1)]

2. Specifications or standards giving pressure, temperature, and other appropriate criteria for the use of items are readily available. [49 CFR 192.63(d)(2)]

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§715. Transportation of Pipe [49 CFR 192.65]

A. In a pipeline to be operated at a hoop stress of 20 percent or more of SMYS, an operator may not use pipe having an outer diameter to wall thickness ratio of 70 to 1, or more, that is transported by railroad unless: [49 CFR 192.65]

1. the transportation is performed in accordance with API RP 5L1; [49 CFR 192.65(a)]

2. in the case of pipe transported before November 12, 1970, the pipe is tested in accordance with Chapter 23 of this Subpart to at least 1.25 times the maximum allowable operating pressure if it is to be installed in a Class 1 location and to at least 1.5 times the maximum allowable operating pressure if it is to be installed in a Class 2, 3, or 4 location. Notwithstanding any shorter time period permitted under Chapter 23 of this Subpart, the test pressure must be maintained for at least eight hours. [49 CFR 192.65(b)]

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Chapter 9. Pipe Design [Subpart C]

§901. Scope [49 CFR 192.101]

A. This Chapter prescribes the minimum requirements for the design of pipe. [49 CFR 192.101]

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§903. General [49 CFR 192.103]

A. Pipe must be designed with sufficient wall thickness, or must be installed with adequate protection, to withstand anticipated external pressures and loads that will be imposed on the pipe after installation. [49 CFR 192.103]

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§905. Design Formula for Steel Pipe [49 CFR 192.105]

A. The design pressure for steel pipe is determined in accordance with the following formula. [49 CFR 192.105(a)]

$$P = (2St/D) \times F_x E_x T$$

P = Design pressure in pounds per square inch (kPa) gauge
 S = Yield strength in pounds per square inch (kPa) determined in accordance with §907
 D = Nominal outside diameter of the pipe in inches (millimeters)
 t = Nominal wall thickness of the pipe in inches (millimeters).
 If this is unknown, it is determined in accordance with §909. Additional wall thickness required for concurrent external loads in accordance with §903 may not be included in computing design pressure.
 F = Design factor determined in accordance with §911
 E = Longitudinal joint factor determined in accordance with §913
 T = Temperature derating factor determined in accordance with §915

B. If steel pipe that has been subjected to cold expansion to meet the SMYS is subsequently heated, other than by welding or stress relieving as a part of welding, the design pressure is limited to 75 percent of the pressure determined under Subsection A of this Section if the temperature of the pipe exceeds 900°F (482°C) at any time or is held above 600°F (316°C) for more than one hour. [49 CFR 192.105(b)]

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§907. Yield Strength (S) for Steel Pipe [49 CFR 192.107]

A. For pipe that is manufactured in accordance with a specification listed in Section I of §5103, Appendix B to this Subpart, the yield strength to be used in the design formula in §905 is the SMYS stated in the listed specification, if that value is known. [49 CFR 192.107(a)]

B. For pipe that is manufactured in accordance with a specification not listed in Section I of §5103, Appendix B to this Subpart or whose specification or tensile properties are unknown, the yield strength to be used in the design formula is §905 is one of the following: [49 CFR 192.107(b)]

1. if the pipe is tensile tested in accordance with Section II-D of §5103, Appendix B to this Subpart, the lower of the following: [49 CFR 192.107(b)(1)]

a. 80 percent of the average yield strength determined by the tensile tests: [49 CFR 192.107(b)(1)(i)]

b. the lowest yield strength determined by the tensile tests; [49 CFR 192.107(b)(1)(ii)]

2. if the pipe is not tensile tested as provided in Paragraph B.1 of this Section, 24,000 psi (165 MPa). [49 CFR 192.107(b)(2)]

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§909. Nominal Wall Thickness (t) for Steel Pipe
[49 CFR 192.109]

A. If the nominal wall thickness for steel pipe is not known, it is determined by measuring the thickness of each piece of pipe at quarter points on one end. [49 CFR 192.109(a)]

B. However, if the pipe is of uniform grade, size, and thickness and there are more than 10 lengths, only 10 percent of the individual lengths, but not less than 10 lengths, need be measured. The thickness of the lengths that are not measured must be verified by applying a gauge set to the minimum thickness found by the measurement. The nominal wall thickness to be used in the design formula in §905 is the next wall thickness found in commercial specifications that is below the average of all the measurements taken. However, the nominal wall thickness used may not be more than 1.14 times the smallest measurement taken on pipe less than 20 inches (508 millimeters) in outside diameter, nor more than 1.11 times the smallest measurement taken on pipe 20 inches (508 millimeters) or more in outside diameter. [49 CFR 192.109(b)]

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§911. Design Factor (F) for Steel Pipe
[49 CFR 192.111]

A. Except as otherwise provided in Subsections B, C, and D of this Section, the design factor to be used in the design formula in §905 is determined in accordance with the following table. [49 CFR 192.111(a)]

Class Location	Design Factor (F)
1	0.72
2	0.60
3	0.50
4	0.40

B. A design factor of 0.60 or less must be used in the design formula in §905 for steel pipe in Class 1 locations that: [49 CFR 192.111(b)]

1. crosses the right-of-way of an unimproved public road, without a casing; [49 CFR 192.111(b)(1)]

2. crosses without a casing, or makes a parallel encroachment on, the right-of-way of either a hard surfaced road, a highway, a public street, or a railroad; [49 CFR 192.111(b)(2)]

3. is supported by a vehicular, pedestrian, railroad, or pipeline bridge; or [49 CFR 192.111(b)(3)]

4. is used in a fabricated assembly, (including separators, mainline valve assemblies, cross-connections, and river crossing headers) or is used within five pipe diameters in any direction from the last fitting of a fabricated assembly, other than a transition piece or an elbow used in place of a pipe bend which is not associated with a fabricated assembly. [49 CFR 192.111(b)(4)]

C. For Class 2 locations, a design factor of 0.50, or less, must be used in the design formula in §905 for uncased steel pipe that crosses the right-of-way of a hard surfaced road, a highway, a public street, or a railroad. [49 CFR 192.111(c)]

D. For Class 1 and Class 2 locations, a design factor of 0.50, or less, must be used in the design formula in §905 for: [49 CFR 192.111(d)]

1. steel pipe in a compressor station, regulating station, or measuring station; and [49 CFR 192.111(d)(1)]

2. steel pipe, including a pipe riser, on a platform located offshore or in inland navigable waters. [49 CFR 192.111(d)(2)]

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§913. Longitudinal Joint Factor (E) for Steel Pipe
[49 CFR 192.113]

A. The longitudinal joint factor to be used in the design formula in §905 is determined in accordance with the following table.

Specification	Pipe Class	Longitudinal Joint Factor (E)
ASTM A 53	Seamless	1.00
	Electric resistance welded	1.00
	Furnace butt welded	0.60
ASTM A 106	Seamless	1.00
ASTM A 333/A 333M	Seamless	1.00
	Electric resistance welded	1.00
ASTM A 381	Double submerged arc welded	1.00
ASTM A 671	Electric fusion welded	1.00
ASTM A 672	Electric fusion welded	1.00
ASTM A 691	Electric fusion welded	1.00
API 5L	Seamless	1.00
	Electric resistance welded	1.00
	Electric flash welded	1.00
	Submerged arc welded	1.00
	Furnace butt welded	0.60
Other	Pipe over 4 inches (102 millimeters)	0.80
Other	Pipe 4 inches (102 millimeters) or less	0.60

B. If the type of longitudinal joint cannot be determined, the joint factor to be used must not exceed that designated for "Other." [49 CFR 192.113]

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§915. Temperature Derating Factor (T) for Steel Pipe [49 CFR 192.115]

A. The temperature derating factor to be used in the design formula in §905 is determined as follows.

Gas Temperature in Degrees Fahrenheit (Celsius)	Temperature Derating Factor (T)
250°F (121°C) or less	1.000
300°F (149°C)	0.967
350°F (177°C)	0.933
400° F (204°C)	0.900
450°F (232°C)	0.867

B. For intermediate gas temperatures, the derating factor is determined by interpolation. [49 CFR 192.115]

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§921. Design of Plastic Pipe [49 CFR 192.121]

A. Subject to the limitations of §923, the design pressure for plastic pipe is determined in accordance with either of the following formulas.

$$P = 2S \frac{t}{(D - t)}^{0.32}$$

$$P = \frac{2S}{(SDR - 1)}^{0.32}$$

where:

P = Design pressure, gauge, psig (kPa)

S = For thermoplastic pipe, the long-term hydrostatic strength determined in accordance with the listed specification at a temperature equal to 73°F (23°C), 100°F (38°C), 120°F (49°C), or 140°F (60°C); for reinforced thermosetting plastic pipe, 11,000 psi (75,842 kPa)

t = Specified wall thickness, in. (mm)

D = Specified outside diameter, in (mm)

SDR = Standard dimension ratio, the ratio of the average specified outside diameter to the minimum specified wall thickness, corresponding to a value from a common numbering system that was derived from the American National Standards Institute preferred number series 10. [49 CFR 192.121]

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§923. Design Limitations for Plastic Pipe [49 CFR 192.123]

A. The design pressure may not exceed a gauge pressure of 100 psig (689 kPa) for plastic pipe used in: [49 CFR 192.123(a)]

1. distribution systems; or [49 CFR 192.123(a)(1)]
2. Classes 3 and 4 locations. [49 CFR 192.123(a)(2)]

B. Plastic pipe may not be used where operating temperatures of the pipe will be: [49 CFR 192.123(b)]

1. below -20°F (-29°C), or -40°F (-40°C) if all pipe and pipeline components whose operating temperature will be below -20°F (-29°C) have a temperature rating by the manufacturer consistent with that operating temperature; or [49 CFR 192.123(b)(1)]

2. above the following applicable temperatures: [49 CFR 192.123(b)(2)]

a. for thermoplastic pipe, the temperature at which the long-term hydrostatic strength used in the design formula under §921 is determined; [49 CFR 192.123(b)(2)(i)]

b. for reinforced thermosetting plastic pipe, 150°F (66°C). [49 CFR 192.123(b)(2)(ii)]

C. The wall thickness for thermoplastic pipe may not be less than 0.062 in. (1.57 millimeters). [49 CFR 192.123(c)]

D. The wall thickness for reinforced thermosetting plastic pipe may not be less than that listed in the following table. [49 CFR 192.123(d)]

Nominal Size in Inches (Millimeters)	Minimum Wall Thickness Inches (Millimeters)
2 (51)	0.060 (1.52)
3 (76)	0.060 (1.52)
4 (102)	0.070 (1.78)
6 (152)	0.100 (2.54)

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§925. Design of Copper Pipe [49 CFR 192.125]

A. Copper pipe used in mains must have a minimum wall thickness of 0.065 inches (1.65 millimeters) and must be hard drawn. [49 CFR 192.125(a)]

B. Copper pipe used in service lines must have wall thickness not less than that indicated in the following table. [49 CFR 192.125(b)]

Standard Size Inch (millimeter)	Nominal O.D. Inch (millimeter)	Wall Thickness Inch (millimeter)	
		Nominal	Tolerance
1/2 (13)	.625 (16)	0.040 (1.06)	0.0035 (0.0889)
5/8 (16)	.750 (19)	0.042 (1.07)	0.0035 (0.0889)
3/4 (19)	.875 (22)	0.045 (1.14)	0.004 (0.102)
1 (25)	1.125 (29)	0.050 (1.27)	0.004 (0.102)
1 1/4 (32)	1.375 (35)	0.055 (1.40)	0.0045 (0.1143)
1 1/2 (38)	1.625 (41)	0.060 (1.52)	0.0045 (0.1143)

C. Copper pipe used in mains and service lines may not be used at pressures in excess of 100 psi (689 kPa) gauge. [49 CFR 192.125(c)]

D. Copper pipe that does not have an internal corrosion resistant lining may not be used to carry gas that has an average hydrogen sulfide content of more than 0.3 grains/100 ft³ (6.9/m³) under standard conditions. Standard conditions refers to 60°F and 14.7 psia (15.6°C and one atmosphere) of gas. [49 CFR 192.125(d)]

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Chapter 11. Design of Pipeline Components [Subpart D]

§1101. Scope [49 CFR 192.141]

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum requirements for the design and installation of pipeline components and facilities. In addition, it prescribes requirements relating to protection against accidental overpressuring. [49 CFR 192.141]

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§1103. General Requirements [49 CFR 192.143]

A. Each component of a pipeline must be able to withstand operating pressures and other anticipated loadings without impairment of its serviceability with unit stresses equivalent to those allowed for comparable material in pipe in the same location and kind of service. However, if design based upon unit stresses is impractical for a particular component, design may be based upon a pressure rating established by the manufacturer by pressure testing that component or a prototype of the component. [49 CFR 192.143]

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§1104. Qualifying Metallic Components [49 CFR 192.144]

A. Notwithstanding any requirement of Part XIII which incorporates by reference an edition of a document listed in §5101, Appendix A to this Subpart, a metallic component manufactured in accordance with any other edition of that document is qualified for use under this Part if: [49 CFR 192.144]

1. it can be shown through visual inspection of the cleaned component that no defect exists which might impair the strength or tightness of the component; and [49 CFR 192.144(a)]

2. the edition of the document under which the component was manufactured has equal or more stringent requirements for the following as an edition of that document currently or previously listed in §5101, Appendix A: [49 CFR 192.144(b)]

a. pressure testing; [49 CFR 192.144(b)(1)]

b. materials; and [49 CFR 192.144(b)(2)]

c. pressure and temperature ratings. [49 CFR 192.144(b)(3)]

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§1105. Valves [49 CFR 192.145]

A. Except for cast iron and plastic valves, each valve must meet the minimum requirements, or equivalent, of API 6D. A valve may not be used under operating conditions that exceed the applicable pressure-temperature ratings contained in those requirements. [49 CFR 192.145(a)]

B. Each cast iron and plastic valve must comply with the following. [49 CFR 192.145(b)]

1. The valve must have a maximum service pressure rating for temperatures that equal or exceed the maximum service temperature. [49 CFR 192.145(b)(1)]

2. The valve must be tested as part of the manufacturing, as follows. [49 CFR 192.145(b)(2)]

a. With the valve in the fully open position, the shell must be tested with no leakage to a pressure at least 1.5 times the maximum service rating. [49 CFR 192.145(b)(2)(i)]

b. After the shell test, the seat must be tested to a pressure no less than 1.5 times the maximum service pressure rating. Except for swing check valves, test pressure during the seat test must be applied successively on each side of the closed valve with the opposite side open. No visible leakage is permitted. [49 CFR 192.145(b)(2)(ii)]

c. After the last pressure test is completed, the valve must be operated through its full travel to demonstrate freedom from interference. [49 CFR 192.145(b)(2)(iii)]

C. Each valve must be able to meet the anticipated operating conditions. [49 CFR 192.145(c)]

D. No valve having shell components made of ductile iron may be used at pressures exceeding 80 percent of the pressure ratings for comparable steel valves at their listed temperature. However, a valve having shell components made of ductile iron may be used at pressures up to 80 percent of the pressure ratings for comparable steel valves at their listed temperature, if: [49 CFR 192.145(d)]

1. the temperature-adjusted service pressure does not exceed 1,000 psi (7 MPa) gauge; and [49 CFR 192.145(d)(1)]

2. welding is not used on any ductile iron component in the fabrication of the valve shells or their assembly. [49 CFR 192.145(d)(2)]

E. No valve having pressure containing parts made of ductile iron may be used in the gas pipe components of compressor stations. [49 CFR 192.145(e)]

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§1107. Flanges and Flange Accessories
[49 CFR 192.147]

A. Each flange or flange accessory (other than cast iron) must meet the minimum requirements of ASME/ANSI B16.5, MSS SP-44, or the equivalent. [49 CFR 192.147(a)]

B. Each flange assembly must be able to withstand the maximum pressure at which the pipeline is to be operated and to maintain its physical and chemical properties at any temperature to which it is anticipated that it might be subjected in service. [49 CFR 192.147(b)]

C. Each flange on a flanged joint in cast iron pipe must conform in dimensions, drilling, face and gasket design to ASME/ANSI B16.1 and be cast integrally with the pipe, valve, or fitting. [49 CFR 192.147(c)]

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§1109. Standard Fittings [49 CFR 192.149]

A. The minimum metal thickness of threaded fittings may not be less than specified for the pressures and temperatures in the applicable standards referenced in Part XIII, or their equivalent. [49 CFR 192.149(a)]

B. Each steel butt-welding fitting must have pressure and temperature ratings based on stresses for pipe of the same or equivalent material. The actual bursting strength of the fitting must at least equal the computed bursting strength of pipe of the designated material and wall thickness, as determined by a prototype that was tested to at least the pressure required for the pipeline to which it is being added. [49 CFR 192.149(b)]

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§1110. Passage of Internal Inspection Devices
[49 CFR 192.150]

A. Except as provided in Subsections B and C of this Section, each new transmission line and each line section of a transmission line where the line pipe, valve, fitting, or other line component is replaced must be designed and constructed to accommodate the passage of instrumented internal inspection devices. [49 CFR 192.150(a)]

B. This Section does not apply to: [49 CFR 192.150(b)]

1. manifolds; [49 CFR 192.150(b)(1)]

2. station piping such as at compressor stations, meter stations, or regulator stations; [49 CFR 192.150(b)(2)]

3. piping associated with storage facilities, other than a continuous run of transmission line between a compressor station and storage facilities; [49 CFR 192.150(b)(3)]

4. cross-overs; [49 CFR 192.150(b)(4)]

5. sizes of pipe for which an instrumented internal inspection device is not commercially available; [49 CFR 192.150(b)(5)]

6. transmission lines, operated in conjunction with a distribution system which are installed in Class 4 locations; [49 CFR 192.150(b)(6)]

7. offshore pipelines, other than transmission lines 10 inches (254 millimeters) or greater in nominal diameter, that transport gas to onshore facilities; and [49 CFR 192.150(b)(7)]

8. other piping that, under 49 CFR Part 190.9 and LAC 43:XI.Subpart 3 the commissioner/administrator finds in a particular case would be impracticable to design and construct to accommodate the passage of instrumented internal inspection devices. [49 CFR 192.150(b)(8)]

C. An operator encountering emergencies, construction time constraints or other unforeseen construction problems need not construct a new or replacement segment of a transmission line to meet Subsection A of this Section, if the operator determines and documents why an impracticability prohibits compliance with Subsection A of this Section. Within 30 days after discovering the emergency or construction problem the operator must petition, under 49 CFR Part 190.9 and LAC 43:XI.Subpart 3 for approval that design and construction to accommodate passage of instrumented internal inspection devices would be impracticable. If the petition is denied, within one year after the date of the notice of the denial, the operator must modify that segment to allow passage of instrumented internal inspection devices. [49 CFR 192.150(c)]

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§1111. Tapping [49 CFR 192.151]

A. Each mechanical fitting used to make a hot tap must be designed for at least the operating pressure of the pipeline. [49 CFR 192.151(a)]

B. Where a ductile iron pipe is tapped, the extent of full-thread engagement and the need for the use of outside-sealing service connections, tapping saddles, or other fixtures must be determined by service conditions. [49 CFR 192.151(b)]

C. Where a threaded tap is made in cast iron or ductile iron pipe, the diameter of the tapped hole may not be more than 25 percent of the nominal diameter of the pipe unless the pipe is reinforced, except that: [49 CFR 192.151(c)]

1. existing taps may be used for replacement service, if they are free of cracks and have good threads; and [49 CFR 192.151(c)(1)]

2. a 1 1/4 inch (32 millimeters) tap may be made in a 4 inch (102 millimeters) cast iron or ductile iron pipe, without reinforcement. [49 CFR 192.151(c)(2)]

D. However, in areas where climate, soil, and service conditions may create unusual external stresses on cast iron pipe, unreinforced taps may be used only on 6 inch (152 millimeters) or larger pipe.

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§1113. Components Fabricated by Welding [49 CFR 192.153]

A. Except for branch connections and assemblies of standard pipe and fittings joined by circumferential welds, the design pressure of each component fabricated by welding, whose strength cannot be determined, must be established in accordance with Paragraph UG-101 of Section VIII, Division 1 of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. [49 CFR 192.153(a)]

B. Each prefabricated unit that uses plate and longitudinal seams must be designed, constructed, and tested in accordance with Section VIII, Division 1, or Section VIII, Division 2 of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, except for the following: [49 CFR 192.153(b)]

1. regularly manufactured butt-welding fittings; [49 CFR 192.153(b)(1)]

2. pipe that has been produced and tested under a specification listed in §5103, Appendix B to this Subpart; [49 CFR 192.153(b)(2)]

3. partial assemblies such as split rings or collars; [49 CFR 192.153(b)(3)]

4. prefabricated units that the manufacturer certifies have been tested to at least twice the maximum pressure to which they will be subjected under the anticipated operating conditions. [49 CFR 192.153(b)(4)]

C. Orange-peel bull plugs and orange-peel swages may not be used on pipelines that are to operate at a hoop stress of 20 percent or more of the SMYS of the pipe. [49 CFR 192.153(c)]

D. Except for flat closures designed in accordance with Section VIII of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Code, flat closures and fish tails may not be used on pipe that either operates at 100 psi (689 kPa) gage, or more, or is more than 3 inches (76 millimeters) nominal diameter. [49 CFR 192.153(d)]

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§1115. Welded Branch Connections [49 CFR 192.155]

A. Each welded branch connection made to pipe in the form of a single connection, or in a header or manifold as a series of connections, must be designed to ensure that the strength of the pipeline system is not reduced, taking into account the stresses in the remaining pipe wall due to the opening in the pipe or header, the shear stresses produced by the pressure acting on the area of the branch opening, and any external loadings due to thermal movement, weight, and vibration. [49 CFR 192.155]

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§1117. Extruded Outlets [49 CFR 192.157]

A. Each extruded outlet must be suitable for anticipated service conditions and must be at least equal to the design strength of the pipe and other fittings in the pipeline to which it is attached. [49 CFR 192.157]

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§1119. Flexibility [49 CFR 192.159]

A. Each pipeline must be designed with enough flexibility to prevent thermal expansion or contraction from causing excessive stresses in the pipe or components, excessive bending or unusual loads at joints, or undesirable forces or moments at points of connection to equipment, or at anchorage or guide points. [49 CFR 192.159]

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§1121. Supports and Anchors [49 CFR 192.161]

A. Each pipeline and its associated equipment must have enough anchors or supports to: [49 CFR 192.161(a)]

1. prevent undue strain on connected equipment; [49 CFR 192.161(a)(1)]

2. resist longitudinal forces caused by a bend or offset in the pipe; and [49 CFR 192.161(a)(2)]

3. prevent or damp out excessive vibration. [49 CFR 192.161(a)(3)]

B. Each exposed pipeline must have enough supports or anchors to protect the exposed pipe joints from the maximum end force caused by internal pressure and any additional forces caused by temperature expansion or contraction or by the weight of the pipe and its contents. [49 CFR 192.161(b)]

C. Each support or anchor on an exposed pipeline must be made of durable, noncombustible material and must be designed and installed as follows. [49 CFR 192.161(c)]

1. Free expansion and contraction of the pipeline between supports or anchors may not be restricted. [49 CFR 192.161(c)(1)]

2. Provision must be made for the service conditions involved. [49 CFR 192.161(c)(2)]

3. Movement of the pipeline may not cause disengagement of the support equipment. [49 CFR 192.161(c)(3)]

D. Each support on an exposed pipeline operated at a stress level of 50 percent or more of SMYS must comply with the following. [49 CFR 192.161(d)]

1. A structural support may not be welded directly to the pipe. [49 CFR 192.161(d)(1)]

2. The support must be provided by a member that completely encircles the pipe. [49 CFR 192.161(d)(2)]

3. If an encircling member is welded to a pipe, the weld must be continuous and cover the entire circumference. [49 CFR 192.161(d)(3)]

E. Each underground pipeline that is connected to a relatively unyielding line or other fixed object must have enough flexibility to provide for possible movement, or it must have an anchor that will limit the movement of the pipeline. [49 CFR 192.161(e)]

F. Except for offshore pipelines, each underground pipeline that is being connected to new branches must have a firm foundation for both the header and the branch to prevent detrimental lateral and vertical movement. [49 CFR 192.161(f)]

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§1123. Compressor Stations: Design and Construction [49 CFR 192.163]

A. Location of compressor building. Except for a compressor building on a platform located offshore or in inland navigable waters, each main compressor building of a compressor station must be located on property under the control of the operator. It must be far enough away from adjacent property, not under control of the operator, to minimize the possibility of fire being communicated to the compressor building from structures on adjacent property. There must be enough open space around the main compressor building to allow the free movement of fire-fighting equipment. [49 CFR 192.163(a)]

B. Building construction. Each building on a compressor station site must be made of noncombustible materials if it contains either: [49 CFR 192.163(b)]

1. pipe more than 2 inches (51 millimeters) in diameter that is carrying gas under pressure; or [49 CFR 192.163(b)(1)]

2. gas handling equipment other than gas utilization equipment used for domestic purposes. [49 CFR 192.163(b)(2)]

C. Exits. Each operating floor of a main compressor building must have at least two separated and unobstructed exits located so as to provide a convenient possibility of escape and an unobstructed passage to a place of safety. Each door latch on an exit must be of a type which can be readily opened from the inside without a key. Each swinging door located in an exterior wall must be mounted to swing outward. [49 CFR 192.163(c)]

D. Fenced Areas. Each fence around a compressor station must have at least two gates located so as to provide a convenient opportunity for escape to a place of safety, or have other facilities affording a similarly convenient exit from the area. Each gate located within 200 feet (61 meters) of any compressor plant building must open outward and, when occupied, must be openable from the inside without a key. [49 CFR 192.163(d)]

E. Electrical Facilities. Electrical equipment and wiring installed in compressor stations must conform to the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70, so far as that code is applicable. [49 CFR 192.163(e)]

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§1125. Compressor Stations: Liquid Removal
[49 CFR 192.165]

A. Where entrained vapors in gas may liquefy under the anticipated pressure and temperature conditions, the compressor must be protected against the introduction of those liquids in quantities that could cause damage. [49 CFR 192.165(a)]

B. Each liquid separator used to remove entrained liquids at a compressor station must: [49 CFR 192.165(b)]

1. have a manually operable means of removing these liquids; [49 CFR 192.165(b)(1)]

2. where slugs of liquid could be carried into the compressors, have either automatic liquid removal facilities, an automatic compressor shutdown device, or a high liquid level alarm; and [49 CFR 192.165(b)(2)]

3. be manufactured in accordance with Section VIII of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, except that liquid separators constructed of pipe and fittings without internal welding must be fabricated with a design factor of 0.4, or less. [49 CFR 192.165(b)(3)]

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§1127. Compressor Stations: Emergency Shutdown
[49 CFR 192.167]

A. Except for unattended field compressor stations of 1,000 horsepower (746 kilowatts) or less, each compressor station must have an emergency shutdown system that meets the following. [49 CFR 192.167(a)]

1. It must be able to block gas out of the station and blow down the station piping. [49 CFR 192.167(a)(1)]

2. It must discharge gas from the blowdown piping at a location where the gas will not create a hazard. [49 CFR 192.167(a)(2)]

3. It must provide means for the shutdown of gas compressing equipment, gas fires, and electrical facilities in the vicinity of gas headers and in the compressor building, except, that: [49 CFR 192.167(a)(3)]

a. electrical circuits that supply emergency lighting required to assist station personnel in evacuating the compressor building and the area in the vicinity of the gas headers must remain energized; and [49 CFR 192.167(a)(3)(i)]

b. electrical circuits needed to protect equipment from damage may remain energized. [49 CFR 192.167(a)(3)(ii)]

4. It must be operable from at least two locations, each of which is: [49 CFR 192.167(a)(4)]

a. outside the gas area of the station; [49 CFR 192.167(a)(4)(i)]

b. near the exit gates, if the station is fenced, or near emergency exits, if not fenced; and [49 CFR 192.167(a)(4)(ii)]

c. not more than 500 feet (153 meters) from the limits of the station. [49 CFR 192.167(a)(4)(iii)]

B. If a compressor station supplies gas directly to a distribution system with no other adequate source of gas available, the emergency shut-down system must be designed so that it will not function at the wrong time and cause an unintended outage on the distribution system. [49 CFR 192.167(b)]

C. On a platform located offshore or in inland navigable waters, the emergency shutdown system must be designed and installed to actuate automatically by each of the following events: [49 CFR 192.167(c)]

1. in the case of an unattended compressor station: [49 CFR 192.167(c)(1)]

a. when the gas pressure equals the maximum allowable operating pressure plus 15 percent; or [49 CFR 192.167(c)(1)(i)]

b. when an uncontrolled fire occurs on the platform; and [49 CFR 192.167(c)(1)(ii)]

2. in the case of a compressor station in a building: [49 CFR 192.167(c)(2)]

a. when an uncontrolled fire occurs in the building; or [49 CFR 192.167(c)(2)(i)]

b. when the concentration of gas in air reaches 50 percent or more of the lower explosive limit in a building which has a source of ignition. [49 CFR 192.167(c)(2)(ii)]

D. For the purpose of Subparagraph C.2.b of this Section, an electrical facility which conforms to Class 1, Group D of the National Electrical Code is not a source of ignition. [49 CFR 192.167(c)(2)(ii)]

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§1129. Compressor Stations: Pressure Limiting Devices
[49 CFR 192.169]

A. Each compressor station must have pressure relief or other suitable protective devices of sufficient capacity and sensitivity to ensure that the maximum allowable operating pressure of the station piping and equipment is not exceeded by more than 10 percent. [49 CFR 192.169(a)]

B. Each vent line that exhausts gas from the pressure relief valves of a compressor station must extend to a location where the gas may be discharged without hazard. [49 CFR 192.169(b)]

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§1131. Compressor Stations: Additional Safety Equipment [49 CFR 192.171]

A. Each compressor station must have adequate fire protection facilities. If fire pumps are a part of these facilities, their operation may not be affected by the emergency shutdown system. [49 CFR 192.171(a)]

B. Each compressor station prime mover, other than an electrical induction or synchronous motor, must have an automatic device to shut down the unit before the speed of either the prime mover or the driven unit exceeds a maximum safe speed. [49 CFR 192.171(b)]

C. Each compressor unit in a compressor station must have a shutdown or alarm device that operates in the event of inadequate cooling or lubrication of the unit. [49 CFR 192.171(c)]

D. Each compressor station gas engine that operates with pressure gas injection must be equipped so that stoppage of the engine automatically shuts off the fuel and vents the engine distribution manifold. [49 CFR 192.171(d)]

E. Each muffler for a gas engine in a compressor station must have vent slots or holes in the baffles of each compartment to prevent gas from being trapped in the muffler. [49 CFR 192.171(e)]

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§1133. Compressor Stations: Ventilation [49 CFR 192.173]

A. Each compressor station building must be ventilated to ensure that employees are not endangered by the accumulation of gas in rooms, sumps, attics, pits, or other enclosed places. [49 CFR 192.173]

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§1135. Pipe-Type and Bottle-Type Holders [49 CFR 192.175]

A. Each pipe-type and bottle-type holder must be designed so as to prevent the accumulation of liquids in the holder, in connecting pipe, or in auxiliary equipment, that might cause corrosion or interfere with the safe operation of the holder. [49 CFR 192.175(a)]

B. Each pipe-type or bottle-type holder must have minimum clearance from other holders in accordance with the following formula. [49 CFR 192.175(b)]

$$C = (D \times P \times F) / (48.33)(C = (3D \times P \times F / 1,000))$$

in which:

- C = minimum clearance between pipe containers or bottles in inches (millimeters);
- D = outside diameter of pipe containers or bottles in inches (millimeters);
- P = maximum allowable operating pressure, psi(kPa) gage;
- F = design factor as set forth in §911 of this Subpart.

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§1137. Additional Provisions for Bottle-Type Holders [49 CFR 192.177]

A. Each bottle-type holder must be: [49 CFR 192.177(a)]

1. located on a site entirely surrounded by fencing that prevents access by unauthorized persons and with minimum clearance from the fence as follows: [49 CFR 192.177(a)(1)]

Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure	Minimum Clearance Feet (meters)
Less than 1,000 psi(7 Mpa) gage	25 (7.6)
1,000 psi (7 Mpa) gage or more	100 (31)

2. designed using the design factors set forth in §911; and [49 CFR 192.177(a)(2)]

3. buried with a minimum cover in accordance with §1727. [49 CFR 192.177(a)(3)]

B. Each bottle-type holder manufactured from steel that is not weldable under field conditions must comply with the following. [49 CFR 192.177(b)]

1. A bottle-type holder made from alloy steel must meet the chemical and tensile requirements for the various grades of steel in ASTM A 372/A 372M. [49 CFR 192.177(b)(1)]

2. The actual yield-tensile ratio of the steel may not exceed 0.85. [49 CFR 192.177(b)(2)]

3. Welding may not be performed on the holder after it has been heat treated or stress relieved, except that copper wires may be attached to the small diameter portion of the bottle end closure for cathodic protection if a localized thermit welding process is used. [49 CFR 192.177(b)(3)]

4. The holder must be given a mill hydrostatic test at a pressure that produces a hoop stress at least equal to 85 percent of the SMYS. [49 CFR 192.177(b)(4)]

5. The holder, connection pipe, and components must be leak tested after installation as required by Chapter 23 of this Subpart. [49 CFR 192.177(b)(5)]

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§1139. Transmission Line Valves [49 CFR 192.179]

A. Each transmission line, other than offshore segments, must have sectionalizing block valves spaced as follows, unless in a particular case the commissioner/administrator finds that alternative spacing would provide an equivalent level of safety: [49 CFR 192.179(a)]

1. each point on the pipeline in a Class 4 location must be within 2 1/2 miles (4 kilometers) of a valve; [49 CFR 192.179(a)(1)]

2. each point on the pipeline in a Class 3 location must be within 4 miles (6.4 kilometers) of a valve; [49 CFR 192.179(a)(2)]

3. each point on the pipeline in a Class 2 location must be within 7 1/2 miles (12 kilometers) of a valve; [49 CFR 192.179(a)(3)]

4. each point on the pipeline in a Class 1 location must be within 10 miles (16 kilometers) of a valve. [49 CFR 192.179(a)(4)]

B. Each sectionalizing block valve on a transmission line, other than offshore segments, must comply with the following. [49 CFR 192.179(b)]

1. The valve and the operating device to open or close the valve must be readily accessible and protected from tampering and damage. [49 CFR 192.179(b)(1)]

2. The valve must be supported to prevent settling of the valve or movement of the pipe to which it is attached. [49 CFR 192.179(b)(2)]

C. Each section of a transmission line, other than offshore segments, between main line valves must have a blow-down valve with enough capacity to allow the transmission line to be blown down as rapidly as practicable. Each blow-down discharge must be located so the gas can be blown to the atmosphere without hazard and, if the transmission line is adjacent to an overhead electric line, so that the gas is directed away from the electrical conductors. [49 CFR 192.179(c)]

D. Offshore segments of transmission lines must be equipped with valves or other components to shut off the flow of gas to an offshore platform in an emergency. [49 CFR 192.179(d)]

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§1141. Distribution Line Valves [49 CFR 192.181]

A. Each high-pressure distribution system must have valves spaced so as to reduce the time to shut down a section of main in an emergency. The valve spacing is determined by the operating pressure, the size of the mains, and the local physical conditions. [49 CFR 192.181(a)]

B. Each regulator station controlling the flow or pressure of gas in a distribution system must have a valve installed on the inlet piping at a distance from the regulator station sufficient to permit the operation of the valve during an emergency that might preclude access to the station. [49 CFR 192.181(b)]

C. Each valve on a main installed for operating or emergency purposes must comply with the following. [49 CFR 192.181(c)]

1. The valve must be placed in a readily accessible location so as to facilitate its operation in an emergency. [49 CFR 192.181(c)(1)]

2. The operating stem or mechanism must be readily accessible. [49 CFR 192.181(c)(2)]

3. If the valve is installed in a buried box or enclosure, the box or enclosure must be installed so as to avoid transmitting external loads to the main. [49 CFR 192.181(c)(3)]

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§1143. Vaults: Structural Design Requirements [49 CFR 192.183]

A. Each underground vault or pit for valves, pressure relieving, pressure limiting, or pressure regulating stations, must be able to meet the loads which may be imposed upon it, and to protect installed equipment. [49 CFR 192.183(a)]

B. There must be enough working space so that all of the equipment required in the vault or pit can be properly installed, operated, and maintained. [49 CFR 192.183(b)]

C. Each pipe entering, or within, a regulator vault or pit must be steel for sizes 10 inches (254 millimeters), and less, except that control and gage piping may be copper. Where pipe extends through the vault or pit structure, provision must be made to prevent the passage of gases or liquids through the opening and to avert strains in the pipe. [49 CFR 192.183(c)]

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§1145. Vaults: Accessibility [49 CFR 192.185]

A. Each vault must be located in an accessible location and, so far as practical, away from: [49 CFR 192.185]

1. street intersections or points where traffic is heavy or dense; [49 CFR 192.185(a)]

2. points of minimum elevation, catch basins, or places where the access cover will be in the course of surface waters; and [49 CFR 192.185(b)]

3. water, electric, steam, or other facilities. [49 CFR 192.185(c)]

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§1147. Vaults: Sealing, Venting, and Ventilation
[49 CFR 192.187]

A. Each underground vault or closed top pit containing either a pressure regulating or reducing station, or a pressure limiting or relieving station, must be sealed, vented or ventilated, as follows. [49 CFR 192.187]

1. When the internal volume exceeds 200 cubic feet (5.7 cubic meters): [49 CFR 192.187(a)]

a. the vault or pit must be ventilated with two ducts, each having at least the ventilating effect of a pipe 4 inches (102 millimeters) in diameter; [49 CFR 192.187(a)(1)]

b. the ventilation must be enough to minimize the formulation of combustible atmosphere in the vault or pit; and [49 CFR 192.187(a)(2)]

c. the ducts must be high enough above grade to disperse any gas-air mixtures that might be discharged. [49 CFR 192.187(a)(3)]

2. When the internal volume is more than 75 cubic feet (2.1 cubic meters) but less than 200 cubic feet (5.7 cubic meters): [49 CFR 192.187(b)]

a. if the vault or pit is sealed, each opening must have a tight fitting cover without open holes through which an explosive mixture might be ignited, and there must be a means for testing the internal atmosphere before removing the cover; [49 CFR 192.187(b)(1)]

b. if the vault or pit is vented, there must be a means of preventing external sources of ignition from reaching the vault atmosphere; or [49 CFR 192.187(b)(2)]

c. if the vault or pit is ventilated, Paragraphs 1 or 3 of this Subsection applies. [49 CFR 192.187(b)(3)]

3. If a vault or pit covered by Paragraph 2 of this Subsection is ventilated by openings in the covers or gratings and the ratio of the internal volume, in cubic feet, to the effective ventilating area of the cover or grating, in square feet, is less than 20 to 1, no additional ventilation is required. [49 CFR 192.187(c)]

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§1149. Vaults: Drainage and Waterproofing
[49 CFR 192.189]

A. Each vault must be designated so as to minimize the entrance of water. [49 CFR 192.189(a)]

B. A vault containing gas piping may not be connected by means of a drain connection to any other underground structure. [49 CFR 192.189(b)]

C. Electrical equipment in vaults must conform to the applicable requirements of Class 1, Group D, of the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70. [49 CFR 192.189(c)]

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§1151. Design Pressure of Plastic Fittings
[49 CFR 192.191]

A. Thermosetting fittings for plastic pipe must conform to ASTM D 2517. [49 CFR 192.191(a)]

B. Thermoplastic fittings for plastic pipe must conform to ASTM D 2513. [49 CFR 192.191(b)]

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§1153. Valve Installation in Plastic Pipe
[49 CFR 192.193]

A. Each valve installed in plastic pipe must be designed so as to protect the plastic material against excessive torsional or shearing loads when the valve or shutoff is operated, and from any other secondary stresses that might be exerted through the valve or its enclosure. [49 CFR 192.193]

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§1155. Protection against Accidental Overpressuring
[49 CFR 192.195]

A. General requirements. Except as provided in §1157, each pipeline that is connected to a gas source so that the maximum allowable operating pressure could be exceeded as the result of pressure control failure or of some other type of failure, must have pressure relieving or pressure limiting devices that meet the requirements of §§1159 and 1161. [49 CFR 192.195(a)]

B. Additional requirements for distribution systems. Each distribution system that is supplied from a source of gas that is at a higher pressure than the maximum allowable operating pressure for the system must: [49 CFR 192.195(b)]

1. have pressure regulation devices capable of meeting the pressure, load, and other service conditions that will be experienced in normal operation of the system, and that could be activated in the event of failure of some portion of the system; and [49 CFR 192.195(b)(1)]

2. be designed so as to prevent accidental overpressuring. [49 CFR 192.195(b)(2)]

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§1157. Control of the Pressure of Gas Delivered from High-Pressure Distribution Systems [49 CFR 192.197]

A. If the maximum actual operating pressure of the distribution system is 60 psi (414 kPa) gage, or less, and a service regulator having the following characteristics is used, no other pressure limiting device is required: [49 CFR 192.197(a)]

1. a regulator capable of reducing distribution line pressure to pressures recommended for household appliances; [49 CFR 192.197(a)(1)]

2. a single port valve with proper orifice for the maximum gas pressure at the regulator inlet; [49 CFR 192.197(a)(2)]

3. a valve seat made of resilient material designed to withstand abrasion of the gas, impurities in gas, cutting by the valve, and to resist permanent deformation when it is pressed against the valve port; [49 CFR 192.197(a)(3)]

4. pipe connections to the regulator not exceeding 2 inches (51 millimeters) in diameter; [49 CFR 192.197(a)(4)]

5. a regulator that, under normal operating conditions, is able to regulate the downstream pressure within the necessary limits of accuracy and to limit the buildup of pressure under no-flow conditions to prevent a pressure that would cause the unsafe operation of any connected and properly adjusted gas utilization equipment; [49 CFR 192.197(a)(5)]

6. a self-contained service regulator with no external static or control lines. [49 CFR 192.197(a)(6)]

B. If the maximum actual operating pressure of the distribution system is 60 psi (414 kPa) gage or less, and a service regulator that does not have all of the characteristics listed in Subsection A of this Section is used, or if the gas contains materials that seriously interfere with the operation of service regulators, there must be suitable protective devices to prevent unsafe overpressuring of the customer's appliances if the service regulator fails. [49 CFR 192.197(b)]

C. If the maximum actual operating pressure of the distribution system exceeds 60 psi (414 kPa) gage, one of the following methods must be used to regulate and limit, to the maximum safe value, the pressure of gas delivered to the customer: [49 CFR 192.197(c)]

1. a service regulator having the characteristics listed in Subsection A of this Section, and another regulator located upstream from the service regulator. The upstream regulator may not be set to maintain a pressure higher than 60 psi (414 kPa) gage. A device must be installed between the upstream regulator and the service regulator to limit the pressure on the inlet of the service regulator to 60 psi (414 kPa) gage or less in case the upstream regulator fails to function properly. This device may be either a relief valve or

an automatic shutoff that shuts, if the pressure on the inlet of the service regulator exceeds the set pressure [60 psi (414 kPa) gage or less], and remains closed until manually reset; [49 CFR 192.197(c)(1)]

2. a service regulator and a monitoring regulator set to limit, to a maximum safe value, the pressure of the gas delivered to the customer; [49 CFR 192.197(c)(2)]

3. a service regulator with a relief valve vented to the outside atmosphere, with the relief valve set to open so that the pressure of gas going to the customer does not exceed a maximum safe value. The relief valve may either be built into the service regulator or it may be a separate unit installed downstream from the service regulator. This combination may be used alone only in those cases where the inlet pressure on the service regulator does not exceed the manufacturer's safe working pressure rating of the service regulator, and may not be used where the inlet pressure on the service regulator exceeds 125 psi (862 kPa) gage. For higher inlet pressure, the methods in Paragraphs 1 or 2 of this Subsection must be used; [49 CFR 192.197(c)(3)]

4. a service regulator and an automatic shutoff device that closes upon a rise in pressure downstream from the regulator and remains closed until manually reset. [49 CFR 192.197(c)(4)]

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§1159. Requirements for Design of Pressure Relief and Limiting Devices [49 CFR 192.199]

A. Except for rupture discs, each pressure relief or pressure limiting device must: [49 CFR 192.199]

1. be constructed of materials such that the operation of a device will not be impaired by corrosion; [49 CFR 192.199(a)]

2. have valves and valve seats that are designed not to stick in a position that will make the device inoperative; [49 CFR 192.199(b)]

3. be designed and installed so that it can be readily operated to determine if the valve is free, can be tested to determine the pressure at which it will operate, and can be tested for leakage when in the closed position; [49 CFR 192.199(c)]

4. have support made of noncombustible material; [49 CFR 192.199(d)]

5. have discharge stacks, vents, or outlet ports designed to prevent accumulation of water, ice, or snow, located where gas can be discharged into the atmosphere without undue hazard; [49 CFR 192.199(e)]

6. be designed and installed so that the size of the openings, pipe, and fittings located between the system to be protected and the pressure relieving device, and the size of

the vent line, are adequate to prevent hammering of the valve and to prevent impairment of relief capacity; [49 CFR 192.199(f)]

7. where installed at a district regulator station to protect a pipeline system from overpressuring, be designed and installed to prevent any single incident such as an explosion in a vault or damage by a vehicle from affecting the operation of both the overpressure protective device and the district regulator; and [49 CFR 192.199(g)]

8. except for a valve that will isolate the system under protection from its source of pressure, be designed to prevent unauthorized operation of any stop valve that will make the pressure relief valve or pressure limiting device inoperative. [49 CFR 192.199(h)]

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§1161. Required Capacity of Pressure Relieving and Limiting Stations [49 CFR 192.201]

A. Each pressure relief station or pressure limiting station or group of those stations installed to protect a pipeline must have enough capacity, and must be set to operate, to insure the following: [49 CFR 192.201(a)]

1. in a low pressure distribution system, the pressure may not cause the unsafe operation of any connected and properly adjusted gas utilization equipment; [49 CFR 192.201(a)(1)]

2. in pipelines other than a low pressure distribution system: [49 CFR 192.201(a)(2)]

a. if the maximum allowable operating pressure is 60 psi (414 kPa) gage or more, the pressure may not exceed the maximum allowable operating pressure plus 10 percent, or the pressure that produces a hoop stress of 75 percent of SMYS, whichever is lower; [49 CFR 192.201(a)(2)(i)]

b. if the maximum allowable operating pressure is 12 psi (83 kPa) gage or more, but less than 60 psi (414 kPa) gage, the pressure may not exceed the maximum allowable operating pressure plus 6 psi (41 kPa) gage; or [49 CFR 192.201(a)(2)(ii)]

c. if the maximum allowable operating pressure is less than 12 psi (83 kPa) gage, the pressure may not exceed the maximum allowable operating pressure plus 50 percent. [49 CFR 192.201(a)(2)(iii)]

B. When more than one pressure regulating or compressor station feeds into a pipeline, relief valves or other protective devices must be installed at each station to ensure that the complete failure of the largest capacity regulator or compressor, or any single run of lesser capacity regulators or compressors in that station, will not impose pressures on any part of the pipeline or distribution system in excess of those for which it was designed, or against which it was protected, whichever is lower. [49 CFR 192.201(b)]

C. Relief valves or other pressure limiting devices must be installed at or near each regulator station in a low-pressure distribution system, with a capacity to limit the maximum pressure in the main to a pressure that will not exceed the safe operating pressure for any connected and properly adjusted gas utilization equipment. [49 CFR 192.201(c)]

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§1163. Instrument, Control, and Sampling Pipe and Components [49 CFR 192.203]

A. Applicability. This Section applies to the design of instrument, control, and sampling pipe and components. It does not apply to permanently closed systems, such as fluid-filled temperature-responsive devices. [49 CFR 192.203(a)]

B. Materials and Design. All materials employed for pipe and components must be designed to meet the particular conditions of service and the following. [49 CFR 192.203(b)]

1. Each takeoff connection and attaching boss, fitting, or adapter must be made of suitable material, be able to withstand the maximum service pressure and temperature of the pipe or equipment to which it is attached, and be designed to satisfactorily withstand all stresses without failure by fatigue. [49 CFR 192.203(b)(1)]

2. Except for takeoff lines that can be isolated from sources of pressure by other valving, a shutoff valve must be installed in each takeoff line as near as practicable to the point of takeoff. Blowdown valves must be installed where necessary. [49 CFR 192.203(b)(2)]

3. Brass or copper material may not be used for metal temperatures greater than 400°F (204°C). [49 CFR 192.203(b)(3)]

4. Pipe or components that may contain liquids must be protected by heating or other means from damage due to freezing. [49 CFR 192.203(b)(4)]

5. Pipe or components in which liquids may accumulate must have drains or drips. [49 CFR 192.203(b)(5)]

6. Pipe or components subject to clogging from solids or deposits must have suitable connections for cleaning. [49 CFR 192.203(b)(6)]

7. The arrangement of pipe, components, and supports must provide safety under anticipated operating stresses. [49 CFR 192.203(b)(7)]

8. Each joint between sections of pipe, and between pipe and valves or fittings, must be made in a manner suitable for the anticipated pressure and temperature condition. Slip type expansion joints may not be used. Expansion must be allowed for by providing flexibility within the system itself. [49 CFR 192.203(b)(8)]

9. Each control line must be protected from anticipated causes of damage and must be designed and installed to prevent damage to any one control line from making both the regulator and the over-pressure protective device inoperative. [49 CFR 192.203(b)(9)]

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Chapter 13. Welding of Steel in Pipelines [Subpart E]

§1301. Scope [49 CFR 192.221]

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum requirements for welding steel materials in pipelines. [49 CFR 192.221(a)]

B. This Chapter does not apply to welding that occurs during the manufacture of steel pipe or steel pipeline components. [49 CFR 192.221(b)]

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§1305. Welding: General [49 CFR 192.225]

A. Welding must be performed by a qualified welder in accordance with welding procedures qualified to produce welds meeting the requirements of this Chapter. The quality of the test welds used to qualify the procedures shall be determined by destructive testing. [49 CFR 192.225(a)]

B. Each welding procedure must be recorded in detail, including the results of the qualifying tests. This record must be retained and followed whenever the procedure is used. [49 CFR 192.225(b)]

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§1307. Qualification of Welders [49 CFR 192.227]

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, each welder must be qualified in accordance with Section 3 of API Standard 1104 or Section IX of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. However, a welder qualified under an earlier edition than listed in §5101, Appendix A of this Subpart may weld but may not requalify under that earlier edition. [49 CFR 192.227(a)]

B. A welder may qualify to perform welding on pipe to be operated at a pressure that produces a hoop stress of less than 20 percent of SMYS by performing an acceptable test weld, for the process to be used, under the test set forth in Section I of §5105, Appendix C of this Subpart. Each welder who is to make a welded service line connection to a main

must first perform an acceptable test weld under Section II of §5105. Appendix C of this Subpart as a requirement of the qualifying test. [49 CFR 192.227(b)]

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§1309. Limitations on Welders [49 CFR 192.229]

A. No welder whose qualification is based on nondestructive testing may weld compressor station pipe and components. [49 CFR 192.229(a)]

B. No welder may weld with a particular welding process unless, within the preceding six calendar months, he has engaged in welding with that process. [49 CFR 192.229(b)]

C. A welder qualified under §1307.A: [49 CFR 192.229(c)]

1. may not weld on pipe to be operated at a pressure that produces a hoop stress of 20 percent or more of SMYS unless within the preceding six calendar months the welder has had one weld tested and found acceptable under Section 3 or 6 of API Standard 1104, except that a welder qualified under an earlier edition previously listed in §5101, Appendix A of this Subpart may weld but may not requalify under that earlier edition; and [49 CFR 192.229(c)(1)]

2. may not weld on pipe to be operated at a pressure that produces a hoop stress of less than 20 percent of SMYS unless the welder is tested in accordance with Paragraph C.1 of this Section or requalifies under Paragraph D.1 or D.2 of this Section. [49 CFR 192.229(c)(2)]

D. A welder qualified under §1307.B may not weld unless: [49 CFR 192.229(d)]

1. within the preceding 15 calendar months, but at least once each calendar year, the welder has requalified under §1307.B; or [49 CFR 192.229(d)(1)]

2. within the preceding 7 1/2 calendar months, but at least twice each calendar year, the welder has had: [49 CFR 192.229(d)(2)]

a. a production weld cut out, tested, and found acceptable in accordance with the qualifying test; or [49 CFR 192.229(d)(2)(i)]

b. for welders who work only on service lines 2 inches (51 millimeters) or smaller in diameter, two sample welds tested and found acceptable in accordance with the test in Section III of §5105, Appendix C of this Subpart. [49 CFR 192.229(d)(2)(ii)]

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§1311. Protection from Weather [49 CFR 192.231]

A. The welding operation must be protected from weather conditions that would impair the quality of the completed weld. [49 CFR 192.231]

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§1313. Miter Joints [49 CFR 192.233]

A. A miter joint on steel pipe to be operated at a pressure that produces a hoop stress of 30 percent or more of SYMS may not deflect the pipe more than 3°. [49 CFR 192.233(a)]

B. A miter joint on steel pipe to be operated at a pressure that produces a hoop stress of less than 30 percent, but more than 10 percent of SMYS may not deflect the pipe more than 12 1/2° and must be a distance equal to one pipe diameter or more away from any other miter joint, as measured from the crotch of each joint. [49 CFR 192.233(b)]

C. A miter joint on steel pipe to be operated at a pressure that produces a hoop stress of 10 percent or less of SMYS may not deflect the pipe more than 90°. [49 CFR 192.233(c)]

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§1315. Preparation for Welding [49 CFR 192.235]

A. Before beginning any welding, the welding surfaces must be clean and free of any material that may be detrimental to the weld, and the pipe or component must be aligned to provide the most favorable condition for depositing the root bead. This alignment must be preserved while the root bead is being deposited. [49 CFR 192.235]

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§1321. Inspection and Test of Welds [49 CFR 192.241]

A. Visual inspection of welding must be conducted to insure that: [49 CFR 192.241(a)]

1. the welding is performed in accordance with the welding procedure; and [49 CFR 192.241(a)(1)]

2. the weld is acceptable under Subsection C of this Section. [49 CFR 192.241(a)(2)]

B. The welds on a pipeline to be operated at a pressure that produces a hoop stress of 20 percent or more of SMYS must be nondestructively tested in accordance with §1323, except that welds that are visually inspected and approved by a qualified welding inspector need not be nondestructively tested if: [49 CFR 192.241(b)]

1. the pipe has a nominal diameter of less than 6 inches (152 millimeters); or [49 CFR 192.241(b)(1)]

2. the pipeline is to be operated at a pressure that produces a hoop stress of less than 40 percent of SMYS and the welds are so limited in number that nondestructive testing is impractical. [49 CFR 192.241(b)(2)]

C. The acceptability of a weld that is nondestructively tested or visually inspected is determined according to the standards in Section 6 of API Standard 1104. However, if a girth weld is unacceptable under those standards for a reason other than a crack, and if the Appendix to API Standard 1104 applies to the weld, the acceptability of the weld may be further determined under that Appendix. [49 CFR 192.241(c)]

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§1323. Nondestructive Testing [49 CFR 192.243]

A. Nondestructive testing of welds must be performed by any process, other than trepanning, that will clearly indicate defects that may affect the integrity of the weld. [49 CFR 192.243(a)]

B. Nondestructive testing of welds must be performed: [49 CFR 192.243(b)]

1. in accordance with written procedures; and [49 CFR 192.243(b)(1)]

2. by persons who have been trained and qualified in the established procedures and with the equipment employed in testing. [49 CFR 192.243(b)(2)]

C. Procedures must be established for the proper interpretation of each nondestructive test of a weld to ensure the acceptability of the weld under §1321.C. [49 CFR 192.243(c)]

D. When nondestructive testing is required under §1321.B, the following percentages of each day's field butt welds, selected at random by the operator, must be nondestructively tested over their entire circumference: [49 CFR 192.243(d)]

1. in Class 1 locations, except offshore, at least 10 percent; [49 CFR 192.243(d)(1)]

2. in Class 2 locations, at least 15 percent; [49 CFR 192.243(d)(2)]

3. in Class 3 and Class 4 locations, at crossings of major or navigable rivers, offshore, and within railroad or public highway rights-of-way, including tunnels, bridges, and overhead road crossings, 100 percent unless impracticable, in which case at least 90 percent. Nondestructive testing must be impracticable for each girth weld not tested; [49 CFR 192.243(d)(3)]

4. at pipeline tie-ins, including tie-ins of replacement sections, 100 percent. [49 CFR 192.243(d)(4)]

E. Except for a welder whose work is isolated from the principal welding activity, a sample of each welder's work for each day must be nondestructively tested, when nondestructive testing is required under §1321.B. [49 CFR 192.243(e)]

F. When nondestructive testing is required under §1321.B, each operator must retain, for the life of the pipeline, a record showing by milepost, engineering station, or by geographic feature, the number of girth welds made, the number nondestructively tested, the number rejected, and the disposition of the rejections. [49 CFR 192.243(f)]

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§1325. Repair or Removal of Defects [49 CFR 192.245]

A. Each weld that is unacceptable under §1321.C must be removed or repaired. Except for welds on an offshore pipeline being installed from a pipeline vessel, a weld must be removed if it has a crack that is more than 8 percent of the weld length. [49 CFR 192.245(a)]

B. Each weld that is repaired must have the defect removed down to sound metal and the segment to be repaired must be preheated if conditions exist which would adversely affect the quality of the weld repair. After repair, the segment of the weld that was repaired must be inspected to ensure its acceptability. [49 CFR 192.245(b)]

C. Repair of a crack, or of any defect in a previously repaired area must be in accordance with written weld repair procedures that have been qualified under §1305. Repair procedures must provide that the minimum mechanical properties specified for the welding procedure used to make the original weld are met upon completion of the final weld repair. [49 CFR 192.245(c)]

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Chapter 15. Joining of Materials Other Than by Welding [Subpart F]

§1501. Scope [49 CFR 192.271]

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum requirements for joining materials in pipelines, other than by welding. [49 CFR 192.271(a)]

B. This Chapter does not apply to joining during the manufacture of pipe or pipeline components. [49 CFR 192.271(b)]

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§1503. General [49 CFR 192.273]

A. The pipeline must be designed and installed so that each joint will sustain the longitudinal pullout or thrust forces caused by contraction or expansion of the piping or by anticipated external or internal loading. [49 CFR 192.273(a)]

B. Each joint must be made in accordance with written procedures that have been proved by test or experience to produce strong gastight joints. [49 CFR 192.273(b)]

C. Each joint must be inspected to insure compliance with this Chapter. [49 CFR 192.273(c)]

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§1505. Cast Iron Pipe [49 CFR 192.275]

A. Each caulked bell and spigot joint in cast iron pipe must be sealed with mechanical leak clamps. [49 CFR 192.275(a)]

B. Each mechanical joint in cast iron pipe must have a gasket made of a resilient material as the sealing medium. Each gasket must be suitably confined and retained under compression by a separate gland or follower ring. [49 CFR 192.275(b)]

C. Cast iron pipe may not be joined by threaded joints. [49 CFR 192.275(c)]

D. Cast iron may not be joined by brazing. [49 CFR 192.275(d)]

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§1507. Ductile Iron Pipe [49 CFR 192.277]

A. Ductile iron pipe may not be joined by threaded joints. [49 CFR 192.277(a)]

B. Ductile iron pipe may not be joined by brazing. [49 CFR 192.277(b)]

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§1509. Copper Pipe [49 CFR 192.279]

A. Copper pipe may not be threaded except that copper pipe used for joining screw fittings or valves may be threaded if the wall thickness is equivalent to the comparable size of Schedule 40 or heavier wall pipe listed in Table C1 of ASME/ANSI B16.5. [49 CFR 192.279]

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§1511. Plastic Pipe [49 CFR 192.281]

A. General. A plastic pipe joint that is joined by solvent cement, adhesive, or heat fusion may not be disturbed until it has properly set. Plastic pipe may not be joined by a threaded joint or miter joint. [49 CFR 192.281(a)]

B. Solvent Cement Joints. Each solvent cement joint on plastic pipe must comply with the following. [49 CFR 192.281(b)]

1. The mating surfaces of the joint must be clean, dry, and free of material which might be detrimental to the joint. [49 CFR 192.281(b)(1)]

2. The solvent cement must conform to ASTM Designation D 2513. [49 CFR 192.281(b)(2)]

3. The joint may not be heated to accelerate the setting of the cement. [49 CFR 192.281(b)(3)]

C. Heat-Fusion Joints. Each heat-fusion joint on plastic pipe must comply with the following. [49 CFR 192.281(c)]

1. A butt heat-fusion joint must be joined by a device that holds the heater element square to the ends of the piping, compresses the heated ends together, and holds the pipe in proper alignment while the plastic hardens. [49 CFR 192.281(c)(1)]

2. A socket heat-fusion joint must be joined by a device that heats the mating surfaces of the joint uniformly and simultaneously to essentially the same temperature. [49 CFR 192.281(c)(2)]

3. An electrofusion joint must be joined utilizing the equipment and techniques of the fittings' manufacturer or equipment and techniques shown, by testing joints to the requirements of §1513.A.1.c, to be at least equivalent to those of the fittings' manufacturer. [49 CFR 192.281(c)(3)]

4. Heat may not be applied with a torch or other open flame. [49 CFR 192.281(c)(4)]

D. Adhesive Joints. Each adhesive joint on plastic pipe must comply with the following. [49 CFR 192.281(d)]

1. The adhesive must conform to ASTM Designation D 2517. [49 CFR 192.281(d)(1)]

2. The materials and adhesive must be compatible with each other. [49 CFR 192.281(d)(2)]

E. Mechanical Joints. Each compression type mechanical joint on plastic pipe must comply with the following. [49 CFR 192.281(e)]

1. The gasket material in the coupling must be compatible with the plastic. [49 CFR 192.281(e)(1)]

2. A rigid internal tubular stiffener, other than a split tubular stiffener, must be used in conjunction with the coupling. [49 CFR 192.281(e)(2)]

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§1513. Plastic Pipe; Qualifying Joining Procedures [49 CFR 192.283]

A. Heat Fusion, Solvent Cement, and Adhesive Joints. Before any written procedure established under §1503.B is used for making plastic pipe joints by a heat fusion, solvent cement, or adhesive method, the procedure must be qualified by subjecting specimen joints made according to the procedure to the following tests: [49 CFR 192.283(a)]

1. the burst test requirements of: [49 CFR 192.283(a)(1)]

a. in the case of thermoplastic pipe, Paragraph 6.6 (Sustained Pressure Test) or Paragraph 6.7 (Minimum Hydrostatic Burst Pressure (Quick Burst)) of ASTM D 2513; [49 CFR 192.283(a)(1)(i)]

b. in the case of thermosetting plastic pipe, Paragraph 8.5 (Minimum Hydrostatic Burst Pressure) or Paragraph 8.9 (Sustained Static Pressure Test) of ASTM D2517; or [49 CFR 192.283(a)(1)(ii)]

c. in the case of electrofusion fittings for polyethylene pipe and tubing, Paragraph 9.1 (Minimum Hydraulic Burst Pressure Test), Paragraph 9.2 (Sustained Pressure Test), Paragraph 9.3 (Tensile Strength Test), or Paragraph 9.4 (Joint Integrity Tests) or ASTM Designation F1055; [49 CFR 192.283(a)(1)(iii)]

2. for procedures intended for lateral pipe connections, subject a specimen joint made from pipe sections joined at right angles according to the procedure to a force on the lateral pipe until failure occurs in the specimen. If failure initiates outside the joint area, the procedure qualifies for use; and [49 CFR 192.283(a)(2)]

3. for procedures intended for nonlateral pipe connections, follow the tensile test requirements of ASTM-D638, except that the test may be conducted at ambient temperature and humidity. If the specimen elongates no less than 25 percent or failure initiates outside the joint area, the procedure qualifies for use. [49 CFR 192.283(a)(3)]

B. Mechanical Joints. Before any written procedure established under §1503.B is used for making mechanical plastic pipe joints that are designed to withstand tensile forces, the procedure must be qualified by subjecting five specimen joints made according to the procedure to the following tensile test: [49 CFR 192.283(b)]

1. use an apparatus for the test as specified in ASTM D 638 (except for conditioning); [49 CFR 192.283(b)(1)]

2. the specimen must be of such length that the distance between the grips of the apparatus and the end of the stiffener does not affect the joint strength; [49 CFR 192.283(b)(2)]

3. the speed of testing is 0.20 in. (5.0 mm) per minute, plus or minus 25 percent; [49 CFR 192.283(b)(3)]

4. pipe specimens less than 4 in. (102 mm.) in diameter are qualified if the pipe yields to an elongation of no less than 25 percent or failure initiates outside the joint area; [49 CFR 192.283(b)(4)]

5. pipe specimens 4 in. (102 mm) and larger in diameter shall be pulled until the pipe is subjected to a tensile stress equal to or greater than the maximum thermal stress that would be produced by a temperature change of 100°F (38°C) or until the pipe is pulled from the fitting. If the pipe pulls from the fitting, the lowest value of the five test results or the manufacturer's rating, whichever is lower must be used in the design calculations for stress; [49 CFR 192.283(b)(5)]

6. each specimen that fails at the grips must be retested using new pipe; [49 CFR 192.283(b)(6)]

7. results obtained pertain only to the specific outside diameter, and material of the pipe tested, except that testing of a heavier wall pipe may be used to qualify pipe of the same material but with a lesser wall thickness. [49 CFR 192.283(b)(7)]

C. A copy of each written procedure being used for joining plastic pipe must be available to the persons making and inspecting joints. [49 CFR 192.283(c)]

D. Pipe or fittings manufactured before July 1, 1980, may be used in accordance with procedures that the manufacturer certifies will produce a joint as strong as the pipe. [49 CFR 192.283(d)]

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§1515. Plastic Pipe; Qualifying Persons to Make Joints [49 CFR 192.285]

A. No person may make a plastic pipe joint unless that person has been qualified under the applicable joining procedure by: [49 CFR 192.285(a)]

1. appropriate training or experience in the use of the procedure; and [49 CFR 192.285(a)(1)]

2. making a specimen joint from pipe sections joined according to the procedure that passes the inspection and test set forth in Subsection B of this Section. [49 CFR 192.285(a)(2)]

B. The specimen joint must be: [49 CFR 192.285(b)]

1. visually examined during and after assembly or joining and found to have the same appearance as a joint or photographs of a joint that is acceptable under the procedure; and [49 CFR 192.285(b)(1)]

2. in the case of a heat fusion, solvent cement, or adhesive joint: [49 CFR 192.285(b)(2)]

a. tested under any one of the test methods listed under §1513.A applicable to the type of joint and material being tested; [49 CFR 192.285(b)(2)(i)]

b. examined by ultrasonic inspection and found not to contain flaws that would cause failure; or [49 CFR 192.285(b)(2)(ii)]

c. cut into at least three longitudinal straps, each of which is: [49 CFR 192.285(b)(2)(iii)]

i. visually examined and found not to contain voids or discontinuities on the cut surfaces of the joint area; and [49 CFR 192.285(b)(2)(iii)(A)]

ii. deformed by bending, torque, or impact, and if failure occurs, it must not initiate in the joint area. [49 CFR 192.285(b)(2)(iii)(B)]

C. A person must be requalified under an applicable procedure, if during any 12-month period that person: [49 CFR 192.285(c)]

1. does not make any joints under that procedure; or [49 CFR 192.285(c)(1)]

2. has three joints or 3 percent of the joints made, whichever, is greater, under that procedure that are found unacceptable by testing under §2313. [49 CFR 192.285(c)(2)]

D. Each operator shall establish a method to determine that each person making joints in plastic pipelines in the operator's system is qualified in accordance with this Section. [49 CFR 192.285(d)]

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§1517. Plastic Pipe; Inspection of Joints [49 CFR 192.287]

A. No person may carry out the inspection of joints in plastic pipes required by §1503.C and §1515.B unless that person has been qualified by appropriate training or experience in evaluating the acceptability of plastic pipe joints made under the applicable joining procedure. [49 CFR 192.287]

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Chapter 17. General Construction Requirements for Transmission Lines and Mains [Subpart G]

§1701. Scope [49 CFR 192.301]

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum requirements for constructing transmission lines and mains. [49 CFR 192.301]

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§1703. Compliance with Specifications or Standards [49 CFR 192.303]

A. Each transmission line or main must be constructed in accordance with comprehensive written specifications or standards that are consistent with this Subpart. [49 CFR 192.303]

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§1705. Inspection: General [49 CFR 192.305]

A. Each transmission line or main must be inspected to ensure that it is constructed in accordance with this Subpart. [49 CFR 192.305]

B. Each operator shall notify the Pipeline Safety Section of the Office of Conservation, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources of any new proposed pipeline construction or replacement for a total length of one mile or more on transmission lines or mains at least 48 hours prior to commencement of said construction.

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§1707. Inspection of Materials [49 CFR 192.307]

A. Each length of pipe and each other component must be visually inspected at the site of installation to ensure that it has not sustained any visually determinable damage that could impair its serviceability. [49 CFR 192.307]

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§1709. Repair of Steel Pipe [49 CFR 192.309]

A. Each imperfection or damage that impairs the serviceability of a length of steel pipe must be repaired or removed. If a repair is made by grinding, the remaining wall thickness must at least be equal to either: [49 CFR 192.309(a)]

1. the minimum thickness required by the tolerances in the specification to which the pipe was manufactured; or [49 CFR 192.309(a)(1)]

2. the nominal wall thickness required for the design pressure of the pipeline. [49 CFR 192.309(a)(2)]

B. Each of the following dents must be removed from steel pipe to be operated at a pressure that produces a hoop stress of 20 percent, or more, of SMYS unless the dent is repaired by a method that reliable engineering tests and analyses show can permanently restore the serviceability of the pipe: [49 CFR 192.309(b)]

1. a dent that contains a stress concentrator such as a scratch, gouge, groove, or arc burn; [49 CFR 192.309(b)(1)]

2. a dent that affects the longitudinal weld or a circumferential weld; [49 CFR 192.309(b)(2)]

3. in pipe to be operated at a pressure that produces a hoop stress of 40 percent or more of SMYS, a dent that has a depth of: [49 CFR 192.309(b)(3)]

a. more than 1/4 inch (6.4 millimeters) in pipe 12 3/4 inches (324 millimeters) or less in outer diameter; or [49 CFR 192.309(b)(3)(i)]

b. more than 2 percent of the nominal pipe diameter in pipe over 12 3/4 inches (324 millimeters) in outer diameter. [49 CFR 192.309(b)(3)(ii)]

C. For the purpose of this Section a "dent" is a depression that produces a gross disturbance in the curvature of the pipe wall without reducing the pipe-wall thickness. The depth of a dent is measured as the gap between the lowest point of the dent and a prolongation of the original contour of the pipe.

D. Each arc burn on steel pipe to be operated at a pressure that produces a hoop stress of 40 percent, or more, of SMYS must be repaired or removed. If a repair is made by grinding, the arc burn must be completely removed and the remaining wall thickness must be at least equal to either: [49 CFR 192.309(c)]

1. the minimum wall thickness required by the tolerances in the specification to which the pipe was manufactured; or [49 CFR 192.309(c)(1)]

2. the nominal wall thickness required for the design pressure of the pipeline. [49 CFR 192.309(c)(2)]

E. A gouge, groove, arc burn, or dent may not be repaired by insert patching or by pounding out. [49 CFR 192.309(d)]

F. Each gouge, groove, arc burn, or dent that is removed from a length of pipe must be removed by cutting out the damaged portion as a cylinder. [49 CFR 192.309(e)]

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§1711. Repair of Plastic Pipe [49 CFR 192.311]

A. Each imperfection or damage that would impair the serviceability of plastic pipe must be repaired or removed. [49 CFR 192.311]

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§1713. Bends and Elbows [49 CFR 192.313]

A. Each field bend in steel pipe, other than a wrinkle bend made in accordance with §1715, must comply with the following. [49 CFR 192.313(a)]

1. A bend must not impair the serviceability of the pipe. [49 CFR 192.313(a)(1)]

2. Each bend must have a smooth contour and be free from buckling, cracks, or any other mechanical damage. [49 CFR 192.313(a)(2)]

3. On pipe containing a longitudinal weld, the longitudinal weld must be as near as practicable to the neutral axis of the bend unless: [49 CFR 192.313(a)(3)]

a. the bend is made with an internal bending mandrel; or [49 CFR 192.313(a)(3)(i)]

b. the pipe is 12 inches (305 millimeters) or less in outside diameter or has a diameter to wall thickness ratio less than 70. [49 CFR 192.313(a)(3)(ii)]

B. Each circumferential weld of steel pipe which is located where the stress during bending causes a permanent deformation in the pipe must be nondestructively tested either before or after the bending process. [49 CFR 192.313(b)]

C. Wrought-steel welding elbows and transverse segments of these elbows may not be used for changes in direction on steel pipe that is 2 inches (51 millimeters) or more in diameter unless the arc length, as measured along the crotch, is at least 1 inch (25 millimeters). [49 CFR 192.313(c)]

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§1715. Wrinkle Bends in Steel Pipe [49 CFR 192.315]

A. A wrinkle bend may not be made on steel pipe to be operated at a pressure that produces a hoop stress of 30 percent, or more, of SMYS. [49 CFR 192.315(a)]

B. Each wrinkle bend on steel pipe must comply with the following. [49 CFR 192.315(b)]

1. The bend must not have any sharp kinks. [49 CFR 192.315(b)(1)]

2. When measured along the crotch of the bend, the wrinkles must be a distance of at least one pipe diameter. [49 CFR 192.315(b)(2)]

3. On pipe 16 inches (406 millimeters) or larger in diameter, the bend may not have a deflection of more than 1 1/2° for each wrinkle. [49 CFR 192.315(b)(3)]

4. On pipe containing a longitudinal weld the longitudinal seam must be as near as practicable to the neutral axis of the bend. [49 CFR 192.315(b)(4)]

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§1717. Protection from Hazards [49 CFR 192.317]

A. The operator must take all practicable steps to protect each transmission line or main from washouts, floods, unstable soil, landslides, or other hazards that may cause the pipeline to move or to sustain abnormal loads. In addition, the operator must take all practicable steps to protect offshore pipelines from damage by mud slides, water currents, hurricanes, ship anchors, and fishing operations. [49 CFR 192.317(a)]

B. Each aboveground transmission line or main, not located offshore or in inland navigable water areas, must be protected from accidental damage by vehicular traffic or other similar causes, either by being placed at a safe distance from the traffic or by installing barricades. [49 CFR 192.317(b)]

C. Pipelines, including pipe risers, on each platform located offshore or in inland navigable waters must be protected from accidental damage by vessels. [49 CFR 192.317(c)]

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§1719. Installation of Pipe in a Ditch [49 CFR 192.319]

A. When installed in a ditch, each transmission line that is to be operated at a pressure producing a hoop stress of 20 percent or more of SMYS must be installed so that the pipe fits the ditch so as to minimize stresses and protect the pipe coating from damage. [49 CFR 192.319(a)]

B. When a ditch for a transmission line or main is backfilled, it must be backfilled in a manner that: [49 CFR 192.319(b)]

1. provides firm support under the pipe; and [49 CFR 192.319(b)(1)]

2. prevents damage to the pipe and pipe coating from equipment or from the backfill material. [49 CFR 192.319(b)(2)]

C. All offshore pipe in water at least 12 feet (3.7 meters) deep but not more than 200 feet (61 meters) deep, as measured from the mean low tide, except pipe in the Gulf of Mexico and its inlets under 15 feet (4.6 meters) of water, must be installed so that the top of the pipe is below the natural bottom unless the pipe is supported by stanchions, held in place by anchors or heavy concrete coating, or

protected by an equivalent means. Pipe in the Gulf of Mexico and its inlets under 15 feet (4.6 meters) of water must be installed so that the top of the pipe is 36 inches (914 millimeters) below the seabed for normal excavation or 18 inches (457 millimeters) for rock excavation. [49 CFR 192.319(c)]

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§1721. Installation of Plastic Pipe [49 CFR 192.321]

A. Plastic pipe must be installed below ground level unless otherwise permitted by Subsection G of this Section. [49 CFR 192.321(a)]

B. Plastic pipe that is installed in a vault or any other below grade enclosure must be completely encased in gas-tight metal pipe and fittings that are adequately protected from corrosion. [49 CFR 192.321(b)]

C. Plastic pipe must be installed so as to minimize shear or tensile stresses. [49 CFR 192.321(c)]

D. Thermoplastic pipe that is not encased must have a minimum wall thickness of 0.090 inches (2.29 millimeters), except that pipe with an outside diameter of 0.875 inches (22.3 millimeters) or less may have a minimum wall thickness of 0.062 inches (1.58 millimeters). [49 CFR 192.321(d)]

E. Plastic pipe that is not encased must have an electrically conducting wire or other means of locating the pipe while it is underground. Tracer wire may not be wrapped around the pipe and contact with the pipe must be minimized but is not prohibited. Tracer wire or other metallic elements installed for pipe locating purposes must be resistant to corrosion damage, either by use of coated copper wire or by other means. [49 CFR 192.321(e)]

F. Plastic pipe that is being encased must be inserted into the casing pipe in a manner that will protect the plastic. The leading end of the plastic must be closed before insertion. [49 CFR 192.321(f)]

G. Uncased plastic pipe may be temporarily installed above ground level under the following conditions. [49 CFR 192.321(g)]

1. The operator must be able to demonstrate that the cumulative aboveground exposure of the pipe does not exceed the manufacturer's recommended maximum period of exposure or two years, whichever is less. [49 CFR 192.321(g)(1)]

2. The pipe either is located where damage by external forces is unlikely or is otherwise protected against such damage. [49 CFR 192.321(g)(2)]

3. The pipe adequately resists exposure to ultraviolet light and high and low temperatures. [49 CFR 192.321(g)(3)]

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§1723. Casing [49 CFR 192.323]

A. Each casing used on a transmission line or main under a railroad or highway must comply with the following. [49 CFR 192.323]

1. The casing must be designed to withstand the superimposed loads. [49 CFR 192.323(a)]

2. If there is a possibility of water entering the casing, the ends must be sealed. [49 CFR 192.323(b)]

3. If the ends of an unvented casing are sealed and the sealing is strong enough to retain the maximum allowable operating pressure of the pipe, the casing must be designed to hold this pressure at a stress level of not more than 72 percent of SMYS. [49 CFR 192.323(c)]

4. If vents are installed on a casing, the vents must be protected from the weather to prevent water from entering the casing. [49 CFR 192.323(d)]

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§1725. Underground Clearance [49 CFR 192.325]

A. Each transmission line must be installed with at least 12 inches (305 millimeters) of clearance from any other underground structure not associated with the transmission line. If this clearance cannot be attained, the transmission line must be protected from damage that might result from the proximity of the other structure. [49 CFR 192.325(a)]

B. Each main must be installed with enough clearance from any other underground structure to allow proper maintenance and to protect against damage that might result from proximity to other structures. [49 CFR 192.325(b)]

C. In addition to meeting the requirements of Subsections A or B of this Section, each plastic transmission line or main must be installed with sufficient clearance, or must be insulated, from any source of heat so as to prevent the heat from impairing the serviceability of the pipe. [49 CFR 192.325(c)]

D. Each pipe-type or bottle type holder must be installed with a minimum clearance from any other holder as prescribed in §1135.B. [49 CFR 192.325(d)]

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§1727. Cover [49 CFR 192.327]

A. Except as provided in Subsection C, E, F and G of this Section, each buried transmission line must be installed with a minimum cover as follows. [49 CFR 192.327(a)]

Location	Normal Soil	Consolidated Rock
	Inches (Millimeters)	Inches (Millimeters)
Class 1 Locations	30 (762)	18 (457)
Class 2, 3 and 4 Locations	36 (914)	24 (610)
Drainage Ditches of Public Roads and Railroad Crossings	36 (914)	24 (610)

B. Except as provided in Subsections C and D of this Section, each buried main must be installed with at least 24 inches (610 millimeters) of cover. [49 CFR 192.327(b)]

C. Where an underground structure prevents the installation of a transmission line or main with the minimum cover, the transmission line or main may be installed with less cover if it is provided with additional protection to withstand anticipated external loads. [49 CFR 192.327(c)]

D. A main may be installed with less than 24 inches (610 millimeters) of cover if the law of the state or municipality: [49 CFR 192.327(d)]

1. establishes a minimum cover of less than 24 inches (610 millimeters); [49 CFR 192.327(d)(1)]
2. requires that mains be installed in a common trench with other utility lines; and [49 CFR 192.327(d)(2)]
3. provides adequately for prevention of damage to the pipe by external forces. [49 CFR 192.327(d)(3)]

E. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, all pipe installed in a navigable river, stream, or harbor must be installed with a minimum cover of 48 inches (1219 millimeters) in soil or 24 inches (610 millimeters) in consolidated rock between the top of the pipe and the natural bottom. [49 CFR 192.327(e)]

F. All pipe installed offshore, except in the Gulf of Mexico and its inlets, under water not more than 200 feet (60 meters) deep, as measured from the mean low tide, must be installed as follows. [49 CFR 192.327(f)]

1. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, pipe under water less than 12 feet (3.66 meters) deep, must be installed with a minimum cover of 36 inches (914 millimeters) in soil or 18 inches (457 millimeters) in consolidated rock between the top of the pipe and the natural bottom. [49 CFR 192.324(f)(1)]
2. Pipe under water at least 12 feet (3.66 meters) deep must be installed so that the top of the pipe is below the natural bottom, unless the pipe is supported by stanchions, held in place by anchors or heavy concrete coating, or protected by an equivalent means. [49 CFR 192.327(f)(2)]

G. All pipelines installed under water in the Gulf of Mexico and its inlets, as defined in §503, must be installed in accordance with §2712.B.3. [49 CFR 192.327(g)]

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Chapter 19. Customer Meters, Service Regulators, and Service Lines [Subpart H]

§1901. Scope [49 CFR 192.351]

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum requirements for installing customer meters, service regulators, service lines, service line valves, and service line connections to mains. [49 CFR 192.351]

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§1903. Customer Meters and Regulators: Location [49 CFR 192.353]

A. Each meter and service regulator whether inside or outside of a building, must be installed in a readily accessible location and be protected from corrosion and other damage, including, if installed outside a building, vehicular damage that may be anticipated. However, the upstream regulator in a series may be buried. [49 CFR 192.353(a)]

B. Each service regulator installed within a building must be located as near as practical to the point of service line entrance. [49 CFR 192.353(b)]

C. Each meter installed within a building must be located in a ventilated place and not less than 3 feet (914 millimeters) from any source of ignition or any source of heat which might damage the meter. [49 CFR 192.353(c)]

D. Where feasible, the upstream regulator in a series must be located outside the building, unless it is located in a separate metering or regulating building. [49 CFR 192.353(d)]

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§1905. Customer Meters and Regulators: Protection from Damage [49 CFR 192.355]

A. Protection from Vacuum or Back Pressure. If the customer's equipment might create either a vacuum or a back pressure, a device must be installed to protect the system. [49 CFR 192.355(a)]

B. Service Regulator Vents and Relief Vents. Service regulator vents and relief vents must terminate outdoors, and the outdoor terminal must: [49 CFR 192.355(b)]

1. be rain and insect resistant; [49 CFR 192.355(b)(1)]
2. be located at a place where gas from the vent can escape freely into the atmosphere and away from any opening into the building; and [49 CFR 192.355(b)(2)]
3. be protected from damage caused by submergence in areas where flooding may occur. [49 CFR 192.355(b)(3)]

C. Pits and Vaults. Each pit or vault that houses a customer meter or regulator at a place where vehicular traffic is anticipated, must be able to support that traffic. [49 CFR 192.355(c)]

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§1907. Customer Meters and Regulators: Installation [49 CFR 192.357]

A. Each meter and each regulator must be installed so as to minimize anticipated stresses upon the connecting piping and the meter. [49 CFR 192.357(a)]

B. When close all-thread nipples are used, the wall thickness remaining after the threads are cut must meet the minimum wall thickness requirements of this Subpart. [49 CFR 192.357(b)]

C. Connections made of lead or other easily damaged material may not be used in the installation of meters or regulators. [49 CFR 192.357(c)]

D. Each regulator that might release gas in its operation must be vented to the outside atmosphere. [49 CFR 192.357(d)]

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§1909. Customer Meter Installations: Operating Pressure [49 CFR 192.359]

A. A meter may not be used at a pressure that is more than 67 percent of the manufacturer's shell test pressure. [49 CFR 192.359(a)]

B. Each newly installed meter manufactured after November 12, 1970, must have been tested to a minimum of 10 psi (69 kPa) gage. [49 CFR 192.359(b)]

C. A rebuilt or repaired tinned steel case meter may not be used at a pressure that is more than 50 percent of the pressure used to test the meter after rebuilding or repairing. [49 CFR 192.359(c)]

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§1911. Service Lines: Installation [49 CFR 192.361]

A. Depth. Each buried service line must be installed with at least 12 inches (305 millimeters) of cover in private property and at least 18 inches (457 millimeters) of cover in streets and roads. However, where an underground structure prevents installation at those depths, the service line must be able to withstand any anticipated external load. [49 CFR 192.361(a)]

B. Support and Backfill. Each service line must be properly supported on undisturbed or well-compacted soil, and material used for backfill must be free of materials that could damage the pipe or its coating. [49 CFR 192.361(b)]

C. Grading for Drainage. Where condensate in the gas might cause interruption in the gas supply to the customer, the service line must be graded so as to drain into the main or into drips at the low points in the service line. [49 CFR 192.361(c)]

D. Protection against Piping Strain and External Loading. Each service line must be installed so as to minimize anticipated piping strain and external loading. [49 CFR 192.361(d)]

E. Installation of Service Lines into Buildings. Each underground service line installed below grade through the outer foundation wall of a building must: [49 CFR 192.361(e)]

1. in the case of a metal service line, be protected against corrosion; [49 CFR 192.361(e)(1)]

2. in the case of a plastic service line, be protected from shearing action and backfill settlement; and [49 CFR 192.361(e)(2)]

3. be sealed at the foundation wall to prevent leakage into the building. [49 CFR 192.361(e)(3)]

F. Installation of Service Lines under Buildings. Where an underground service line is installed under a building: [49 CFR 192.361(f)]

1. it must be encased in a gas-tight conduit; [49 CFR 192.361(f)(1)]

2. the conduit and the service line must, if the service line supplies the building it underlies, extend into a normally usable and accessible part of the building; and [49 CFR 192.361(f)(2)]

3. the space between the conduit and the service line must be sealed to prevent gas leakage into the building and, if the conduit is sealed at both ends, a vent line from the annular space must extend to a point where gas would not be a hazard, and extend above grade, terminating in a rain and insect resistant fitting. [49 CFR 192.361(f)(3)]

G. Locating Underground Service Lines. Each underground nonmetallic service line that is not encased must have a means of locating the pipe that complies with §1721.E. [49 CFR 192.361(g)]

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§1913. Service Lines: Valve Requirements
[49 CFR 192.363]

A. Each service line must have a service-line valve that meets the applicable requirements of Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 of this Subpart. A valve incorporated in a meter bar, that allows the meter to be bypassed, may not be used as a service-line valve. [49 CFR 192.363(a)]

B. A soft seat service line valve may not be used if its ability to control the flow of gas could be adversely affected by exposure to anticipated heat. [49 CFR 192.363(b)]

C. Each service-line valve on a high-pressure service line, installed above ground or in an area where the blowing of gas would be hazardous, must be designed and constructed to minimize the possibility of the removal of the core of the valve with other than specialized tools. [49 CFR 192.363(c)]

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§1915. Service Lines: Location of Valves
[49 CFR 192.365]

A. Relation to Regulator or Meter. Each service-line valve must be installed upstream of the regulator or, if there is no regulator, upstream of the meter. [49 CFR 192.365(a)]

B. Outside Valves. Each service line must have a shut-off valve in a readily accessible location that, if feasible, is outside of the building. [49 CFR 192.365(b)]

C. Underground Valves. Each underground service-line valve must be located in a covered durable curb box or standpipe that allows ready operation of the valve and is supported independently of the service lines. [49 CFR 192.365(c)]

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§1917. Service Lines: General Requirements for Connections to Main Piping [49 CFR 192.367]

A. Location. Each service-line connection to a main must be located at the top of the main or, if that is not practical, at the side of the main, unless a suitable protective device is installed to minimize the possibility of dust and moisture being carried from the main into the service line. [49 CFR 192.367(a)]

B. Compression-Type Connection to Main. Each compression-type service line to main connection must: [49 CFR 192.367(b)]

1. be designed and installed to effectively sustain the longitudinal pullout or thrust forces caused by contraction or expansion of the piping, or by anticipated external or internal loading; and [49 CFR 192.367(b)(1)]

2. if gaskets are used in connecting the service line to the main connection fitting, have gaskets that are compatible with the kind of gas in the system. [49 CFR 192.367(b)(2)]

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§1919. Service Lines: Connections to Cast Iron or Ductile Iron Mains [49 CFR 192.369]

A. Each service line connected to a cast iron or ductile iron main must be connected by a mechanical clamp, by drilling and tapping the main, or by another method meeting the requirements of §1503. [49 CFR 192.369(a)]

B. If a threaded tap is being inserted, the requirements of §1111.B and C must also be met. [49 CFR 192.369(b)]

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§1921. Service Lines: Steel [49 CFR 192.371]

A. Each steel service line to be operated at less than 100 psi (689 kPa) gage must be constructed of pipe designed for a minimum of 100 psi (689 kPa) gage. [49 CFR 192.371]

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§1923. Service Lines: Cast Iron and Ductile Iron
[49 CFR 192.373]

A. Cast or ductile iron pipe less than 6 inches (152 millimeters) in diameter may not be installed for service lines. [49 CFR 192.373(a)]

B. If cast iron pipe or ductile iron pipe is installed for use as a service line, the part of the service line which extends through the building wall must be of steel pipe. [49 CFR 192.373(b)]

C. A cast iron or ductile iron service line may not be installed in unstable soil or under a building. [49 CFR 192.373(c)]

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§1925. Service Lines: Plastic [49 CFR 192.375]

A. Each plastic service line outside a building must be installed below ground level, except that: [49 CFR 192.375(a)]

1. it may be installed in accordance with §1721.G; and [49 CFR 192.375(a)(1)]

2. it may terminate above ground level and outside the building, if: [49 CFR 192.375(a)(2)]

a. the above ground level part of the plastic service line is protected against deterioration and external damage; and [49 CFR 192.375(a)(2)(i)]

b. the plastic service line is not used to support external loads. [49 CFR 192.375(a)(2)(ii)]

B. Each plastic service line inside a building must be protected against external damage. [49 CFR 192.375(b)]

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§1927. Service Lines: Copper [49 CFR 192.377]

A. Each copper service line installed within a building must be protected against external damage. [49 CFR 192.377]

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§1929. New Service Lines Not in Use [49 CFR 192.379]

A. Each service line that is not placed in service upon completion of installation must comply with one of the following until the customer is supplied with gas: [49 CFR 192.379]

1. the valve that is closed to prevent the flow of gas to the customer must be provided with a locking device or other means designed to prevent the opening of the valve by persons other than those authorized by the operator; [49 CFR 192.379(a)]

2. a mechanical device or fitting that will prevent the flow of gas must be installed in the service line or in the meter assembly; [49 CFR 192.379(b)]

3. the customer's piping must be physically disconnected from the gas supply and the open pipe ends sealed. [49 CFR 192.379(c)]

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§1931. Service Lines: Excess Flow Valve Performance Standards [49 CFR 192.381]

A. Excess flow valves to be used on single residence service lines that operate continuously throughout the year at a pressure not less than 10 psi (69 kPa) gage must be manufactured and tested by the manufacturer according to an industry specification, or the manufacturer's written specification, to ensure that each valve will: [49 CFR 192.381(a)]

1. function properly up to the maximum operating pressure at which the valve is rated; [49 CFR 192.381(a)(1)]

2. function properly at all temperatures reasonably expected in the operating environment of the service line; [49 CFR 192.381(a)(2)]

3. at 10 psi (69 kPa) gage: [49 CFR 192.381(a)(3)]

a. close at, or not more than 50 percent above, the rated closure flow rate specified by the manufacturer; and [49 CFR 192.381(a)(3)(i)]

b. upon closure, reduce gas flow: [49 CFR 192.381(a)(3)(ii)]

i. for an excess flow valve designed to allow pressure to equalize across the valve, to no more than 5 percent of the manufacturer's specified closure flow rate, up to a maximum of 20 cubic feet per hour (0.57 cubic meters per hour); or [49 CFR 192.381(a)(3)(ii)(A)]

ii. for an excess flow valve designed to prevent equalization of pressure across the valve, to no more than 0.4 cubic feet per hour (0.01 cubic meters per hour); and [49 CFR 192.381(a)(3)(ii)(B)]

4. not close when the pressure is less than the manufacturer's minimum specified operating pressure and the flow rate is below the manufacturer's minimum specified closure flow rate. [49 CFR 192.381(a)(4)]

B. An excess flow valve must meet the applicable requirements of Chapters 7 and 11 of this Subpart. [49 CFR 192.381(b)]

C. An operator must mark or otherwise identify the presence of an excess flow valve on the service line. [49 CFR 192.381(c)]

D. An operator shall locate an excess flow valve as near as practical to the fitting connecting the service line to its source of gas supply. [49 CFR 192.381(d)]

E. An operator should not install an excess flow valve on a service line where the operator has prior experience with contaminants in the gas stream, where these contaminants could be expected to cause the excess flow valve to malfunction or where the excess flow valve would interfere with necessary operation and maintenance activities on the service, such as blowing liquids from the line. [49 CFR 192.381(e)]

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§1933. Excess Flow Valve Customer Notification
[49 CFR 192.383]

A. Definitions. As used in this Section: [49 CFR 192.383(a)]

Costs Associated with Installation—The costs directly connected with installing an excess flow valve; for example, costs of parts, labor, inventory, and procurement. It does not include maintenance and replacement costs until such costs are incurred.

Replaced Service Line—A natural gas service line where the fitting that connects the service line to the main is replaced or the piping connected to this fitting is replaced.

Service Line Customer—The person who pays the gas bill, or where service has not yet been established, the person requesting the service.

B. Which Customers Must Receive Notification. Notification is required on each newly installed service line or replaced service line that operates continuously throughout the year at a pressure not less than 10 psig (68.9 kPa) and that serves a single residence. On these lines an operator of a natural gas distribution system must notify the service line customer once in writing. [49 CFR 192.383(b)]

C. What to Put in the Written Notice [49 CFR 192.383(c)]

1. An explanation for the customer that an excess flow valve meeting the performance standards prescribed under §1931 is available for the operator to install if the customer bears the costs associated with installation; [49 CFR 192.383(c)(1)]

2. an explanation for the customer of the potential safety benefits that may be derived from installing an excess flow valve. The explanation must include that an excess flow valve is designed to shut off the flow of natural gas automatically if the service line breaks; [49 CFR 192.383(c)(2)]

3. a description of installation, maintenance, and replacement costs. The notice must explain that if the customer requests the operator to install an EFV, the customer bears all costs associated with installation, and what those costs are. The notice must alert the customer that the costs for maintaining and replacing an EFV may later be incurred, and what those costs will be, to the extent known. [49 CFR 192.383(c)(3)]

D. When Notification and Installation Must Be Made [49 CFR 192.383(d)]

1. After February 3, 1999 an operator must notify each service line customer set forth in Subsection B of this Section: [49 CFR 192.383(d)(1)]

a. on new service lines when the customer applies for service; [49 CFR 192.383(d)(1)(i)]

b. on replaced service lines when the operator determines the service line will be replaced. [49 CFR 192.383(d)(1)(ii)]

2. If a service line customer requests installation an operator must install the EFV at a mutually agreeable date. [49 CFR 192.383(d)(2)]

E. What Records Are Required [49 CFR 192.383(e)]

1. An operator must make the following records available for inspection by the administrator or a state agency participating under 49 U.S.C. 60105 or 60106: [49 CFR 192.383(e)(1)]

a. a copy of the notice currently in use; and [49 CFR 192.383(e)(1)(i)]

b. evidence that notice has been sent to the service line customers set forth in Subsection B of this Section, within the previous three years. [49 CFR 192.383(1)(ii)]

F. When Notification Is Not Required. The notification requirements do not apply if the operator can demonstrate: [49 CFR 192.383(f)]

1. that the operator will voluntarily install an excess flow valve or that the state or local jurisdiction requires installation; [49 CFR 192.383(f)(1)]

2. that excess flow valves meeting the performance standards in §1931 are not available to the operator; [49 CFR 192.383(f)(2)]

3. that the operator has prior experience with contaminants in the gas stream that could interfere with the operation of an excess flow valve, cause loss of service to a residence, or interfere with necessary operation or maintenance activities, such as blowing liquids from the line; [49 CFR 192.383(f)(3)]

4. that an emergency or short time notice replacement situation made it impractical for the operator to notify a service line customer before replacing a service line. Examples of these situations would be where an operator has to replace a service line quickly because of: [49 CFR 192.383(f)(4)]

a. third party excavation damage; [49 CFR 192.383(f)(4)(i)]

b. Grade 1 leaks as defined in the Appendix G-192-11 of the Gas Piping Technology Committee guide for gas transmission and distribution systems; [49 CFR 192.383(f)(4)(ii)]

c. a short notice service line relocation request. [49 CFR 192.383(f)(4)(iii)]

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Chapter 21. Requirements for Corrosion Control [Subpart I]

§2101. Scope [49 CFR 192.451]

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum requirements for the protection of metallic pipelines from external, internal, and atmosphere corrosion. [49 CFR 192.451(a)]

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§2103. Applicability to Converted Pipelines [49 CFR 192.452]

A. Notwithstanding the date the pipeline was installed or any earlier deadlines for compliance, each pipeline which qualifies for use under this Subpart in accordance with §514 must meet the requirements of this Chapter specifically applicable to pipelines installed before August 1, 1971, and all other applicable requirements within one year after the pipeline is readied for service. However, the requirements of this Chapter specifically applicable to pipelines installed after July 31, 1971, apply if the pipeline substantially meets those requirements before it is readied for service or it is a segment which is replaced, relocated, or substantially altered. [49 CFR 192.452]

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§2105. General [49 CFR 192.453]

A. The corrosion control procedures required by §2705.B.2, including those for the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of cathodic protection systems, must be carried out by, or under the direction of, a person qualified in pipeline corrosion control methods. [49 CFR 192.453]

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§2107. External Corrosion Control: Buried or Submerged Pipelines Installed after July 31, 1971 [49 CFR 192.455]

A. Except as provided in Subsections B, C, and F of this Section, each buried or submerged pipeline installed after July 31, 1971, must be protected against external corrosion, including the following. [49 CFR 192.455(a)]

1. It must have an external protective coating meeting the requirements of §2113. [49 CFR 192.455(a)(1)]

2. It must have a cathodic protection system designed to protect the pipeline in its entirety in accordance with this Chapter, installed and placed in operation within one year after completion of construction. [49 CFR 192.455(a)(2)]

B. An operator need not comply with Subsection A of this Section, if the operator can demonstrate by tests, investigation, or experience in the area of application, including, as a minimum, soil resistivity measurements and tests for corrosion accelerating bacteria, that a corrosive environment does not exist. However, within six months after an installation made pursuant to the preceding sentence, the operator shall conduct tests, including pipe-to-soil potential measurements with respect to either a continuous reference electrode or an electrode using close spacing, not to exceed 20 feet (6 meters), and soil resistivity measurements at potential profile peak locations, to adequately evaluate the potential profile along the entire pipeline. If the test made indicate that a corrosive condition exists, the pipeline must be cathodically protected in accordance with Paragraph A.2 of this Section. [49 CFR 192.455(b)]

C. An operator need not comply with Subsection A of this Section, if the operator can demonstrate by tests, investigation, or experience that: [49 CFR 192.455(c)]

1. for a copper pipeline, a corrosive environment does not exist; or [49 CFR 192.455(c)(1)]

2. for a temporary pipeline with an operating period of service not to exceed five years beyond installation, corrosion during the five-year period of service of the pipeline will not be detrimental to public safety. [49 CFR 192.455(c)(2)]

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection B or C of this Section, if a pipeline is externally coated, it must be cathodically protected in accordance with Paragraph A.2 of this Section. [49 CFR 192.455(d)]

E. Aluminum may not be installed in a buried or submerged pipeline if that aluminum is exposed to an environment with a natural pH in excess of eight, unless tests or experience indicate its suitability in the particular environment involved. [49 CFR 192.455(e)]

F. This Section does not apply to electrically isolated, metal alloy fittings in plastic pipelines, if: [49 CFR 192.455(f)]

1. for the size fitting to be used, an operator can show by test, investigation, or experience in the area of application that adequate corrosion control is provided by the alloy composition; and [49 CFR 192.455(f)(1)]

2. the fitting is designed to prevent leakage caused by localized corrosion pitting. [49 CFR 192.455(f)(2)]

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§2109. External Corrosion Control: Buried or Submerged Pipelines Installed before August 1, 1971 [49 CFR 192.457]

A. Except for buried piping at compressor, regulator, and measuring stations, each buried or submerged transmission line installed before August 1, 1971, that has an effective external coating must be cathodically protected along the entire area that is effectively coated, in accordance with this Chapter. For the purposes of this Chapter, a pipeline does not have an effective external coating if its cathodic protection current requirements are substantially the same as if it were bare. The operator shall make tests to determine the cathodic protection current requirements. [49 CFR 192.457(a)]

B. Except for cast iron or ductile iron, each of the following buried or submerged pipelines installed before August 1, 1971, must be cathodically protected in accordance with this Chapter in areas in which active corrosion is found: [49 CFR 192.457(b)]

1. bare or ineffectively coated transmission lines; [49 CFR 192.457(b)(1)]

2. bare or coated pipes at compressor, regulator, and measuring stations; [49 CFR 192.457(b)(2)]

3. bare or coated distribution lines. [49 CFR 192.457(b)(3)]

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§2111. External Corrosion Control: Examination of Buried Pipeline When Exposed [49 CFR 192.459]

A. Whenever an operator has knowledge that any portion of a buried pipeline is exposed, the exposed portion must be examined for evidence of external corrosion if the pipe is bare, or if the coating is deteriorated. If external corrosion requiring remedial action under §§2135 through 2141 is found, the operator shall investigate circumferentially and longitudinally beyond the exposed portion (by visual examination, indirect method, or both) to determine whether additional corrosion requiring remedial action exists in the vicinity of the exposed portion. [49 CFR 192.459]

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§2113. External Corrosion Control: Protective Coating [49 CFR 192.461]

A. Each external protective coating, whether conductive or insulating, applied for the purpose of external corrosion control must: [49 CFR 192.461(a)]

1. be applied on a properly prepared surface; [49 CFR 192.461(a)(1)]

2. have sufficient adhesion to the metal surface to effectively resist underfilm migration of moisture; [49 CFR 192.461(a)(2)]

3. be sufficiently ductile to resist cracking; [49 CFR 192.461(a)(3)]

4. have sufficient strength to resist damage due to handling and soil stress; and [49 CFR 192.461(a)(4)]

5. have properties compatible with any supplemental cathodic protection. [49 CFR 192.461(a)(5)]

B. Each external protective coating which is an electrically insulating type must also have low moisture absorption and high electrical resistance. [49 CFR 192.461(b)]

C. Each external protective coating must be inspected just prior to lowering the pipe into the ditch and backfilling, and any damage detrimental to effective corrosion control must be repaired. [49 CFR 192.461(c)]

D. Each external protective coating must be protected from damage resulting from adverse ditch conditions or damage from supporting blocks. [49 CFR 192.461(d)]

E. If coated pipe is installed by boring, driving, or other similar method, precautions must be taken to minimize damage to the coating during installation. [49 CFR 192.461(e)]

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§2115. External Corrosion Control: Cathodic Protection [49 CFR 192.463]

A. Each cathodic protection system required by this Chapter must provide a level of cathodic protection that complies with one or more of the applicable criteria contained in §5107, Appendix D of this Subpart. If none of these criteria is applicable, the cathodic protection system must provide a level of cathodic protection at least equal to that provided by compliance with one or more of these criteria. [49 CFR 192.463(a)]

B. If amphoteric metals are included in a buried or submerged pipeline containing a metal or different anodic potential: [49 CFR 192.463(b)]

1. the amphoteric metals must be electrically isolated from the remainder of the pipeline and cathodically protected; or [49 CFR 192.463(b)(1)]

2. the entire buried or submerged pipeline must be cathodically protected at a cathodic potential that meet the requirements of §5107, Appendix D of this Subpart for amphoteric metals. [49 CFR 192.463(b)(2)]

C. The amount of cathodic protection must be controlled so as not to damage the protective coating or the pipe. [49 CFR 192.463(c)]

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§2117. External Corrosion Control: Monitoring
[49 CFR 192.465]

A. Each pipeline that is under cathodic protection must be tested at least once each calendar year, but with intervals not exceeding 15 months, to determine whether the cathodic protection meets the requirements of §2115. However, if tests at those intervals are impractical for separately protected short sections of mains or transmission lines, not in excess of 100 feet (30 meters), or separately protected service lines, these pipelines may be surveyed on a sampling basis. At least 10 percent of these protected structures, distributed over the entire system must be surveyed each calendar year, with a different 10 percent checked each subsequent year, so that the entire system is tested in each 10-year period. [49 CFR 192.465(a)]

B. Each cathodic protection rectifier or other impressed current power source must be inspected six times each calendar year, but with intervals not exceeding two and one-half months, to insure that it is operating. [49 CFR 192.465(b)]

C. Each reverse current switch, each diode, and each interference bond whose failure would jeopardize structure protection must be electrically checked for proper performance six times each calendar year, but with intervals not exceeding two and one-half months. Each other interference bond must be checked at least once each calendar year, but with intervals not exceeding 15 months. [49 CFR 192.465(c)]

D. Each operator shall take prompt remedial action to correct any deficiencies indicated by the monitoring. Remedial action must be completed within a time period determined by the operator based on an evaluation of the degree of hazard created by the nature of the deficiency but in no case longer than 90 days from the date the deficiency was discovered, or within a time period as may be approved by the commissioner. [49 CFR 192.465(d)]

E. After the initial evaluation required by of §2107.B and C and §2109.B, each operator must, not less than every three years at intervals not exceeding 39 months, reevaluate its unprotected pipelines and cathodically protect them in accordance with this Chapter in areas in which active corrosion is found. The operator must determine the areas of active corrosion by electrical survey. However, on distribution lines and where an electrical survey is impractical on transmission lines, areas of active corrosion may be determined by other means that include review and analysis of leak repair and inspection records, exposed pipe inspection records, and the pipeline environment. In this Section: [49 CFR 192.465(e)]

1. active corrosion means continuing corrosion which, unless controlled, could result in a condition that is detrimental to public safety; [49 CFR 192.465(e)(1)]

2. electrical survey means a series of closely spaced pipe -to-soil readings over a pipeline that are subsequently analyzed to identify locations where a corrosive current is leaving the pipeline; [49 CFR 192.465(e)(2)]

3. pipeline environment includes soil resistivity (high or low), soil moisture (wet or dry), soil contaminants that may promote corrosive activity, and other known conditions that could affect the probability of active corrosion. [49 CFR 192.465(e)(3)]

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§2119. External Corrosion Control: Electrical Isolation
[49 CFR 192.467]

A. Each buried or submerged pipeline must be electrically isolated from other underground metallic structures, unless the pipeline and the other structures are electrically interconnected and cathodically protected as a single unit. [49 CFR 192.467(a)]

B. One or more insulating devices must be installed where electrical isolation of a portion of a pipeline is necessary to facilitate the application of corrosion control. [49 CFR 192.467(b)]

C. Except for unprotected copper inserted in a ferrous pipe, each pipeline must be electrically isolated from metallic casings that are a part of the underground system. However, if isolation is not achieved because it is impractical, other measures must be taken to minimize corrosion of the pipeline inside the casing. [49 CFR 192.467(c)]

D. Inspection and electrical tests must be made to assure that electrical isolation is adequate. [49 CFR 192.467(d)]

E. An insulating device may not be installed in an area where a combustible atmosphere is anticipated unless precautions are taken to prevent arcing. [49 CFR 192.467(e)]

F. Where a pipeline is located in close proximity to electrical transmission tower footings, ground cables or counterpoise, or in other areas where fault currents or unusual risk of lightning may be anticipated, it must be provided with protection against damage due to fault currents or lightning, and protective measures must also be taken at insulating devices. [49 CFR 192.467(f)]

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§2121. External Corrosion Control: Test Stations
[49 CFR 192.469]

A. Each pipeline under cathodic protection required by this Chapter must have sufficient test stations or other contact points for electrical measurement to determine the adequacy of cathodic protection. [49 CFR 192.469]

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§2123. External Corrosion Control: Test Leads
[49 CFR 192.471]

A. Each test lead wire must be connected to the pipeline so as to remain mechanically secure and electrically conductive. [49 CFR 192.471(a)]

B. Each test lead wire must be attached to the pipeline so as to minimize stress concentration on the pipe. [49 CFR 192.471(b)]

C. Each bared test lead wire and bared metallic area at point of connection to the pipeline must be coated with an electrical insulating material compatible with the pipe coating and the insulation on the wire. [49 CFR 192.471(c)]

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§2125. External Corrosion Control: Interference Currents
[49 CFR 192.473]

A. Each operator whose pipeline system is subjected to stray currents shall have in effect a continuing program to minimize the detrimental effects of such currents. [49 CFR 192.473(a)]

B. Each impressed current type cathodic protection system or galvanic anode system must be designed and installed so as to minimize any adverse effects on existing adjacent underground metallic structures. [49 CFR 192.473(b)]

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§2127. Internal Corrosion Control: General
[49 CFR 192.475]

A. Corrosive gas may not be transported by pipeline, unless the corrosive effect of the gas on the pipeline has been investigated and steps have been taken to minimize internal corrosion. [49 CFR 192.475(a)]

B. Whenever any pipe is removed from a pipeline for any reason, the internal surface must be inspected for evidence of corrosion. If internal corrosion is found: [49 CFR 192.475(b)]

1. the adjacent pipe must be investigated to determine the extent of internal corrosion; [49 CFR 192.475(b)(1)]

2. replacement must be made to the extent required by the applicable Subsections of §§2137, 2139, or 2141; and [49 CFR 192.475(b)(2)]

3. steps must be taken to minimize the internal corrosion. [49 CFR 192.475(b)(3)]

C. Gas containing more than 0.25 grain of hydrogen sulfide per 100 cubic feet (5.8 milligrams/m³) at standard conditions (4 parts per million) may not be stored in pipe-type or bottle-type holders. [49 CFR 192.475(c)]

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§2129. Internal Corrosion Control: Monitoring
[49 CFR 192.477]

A. If corrosive gas is being transported, coupons or other suitable means must be used to determine the effectiveness of the steps taken to minimize internal corrosion. Each coupon or other means of monitoring internal corrosion must be checked two times each calendar year, but with intervals not exceeding seven and one-half months. [49 CFR 192.477]

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§2131. Atmospheric Corrosion Control: General
[49 CFR 192.479]

A. Each operator must clean and coat each pipeline or portion of pipeline that is exposed to the atmosphere, except pipelines under Subsection C of this Section. [49 CFR 192.479(a)]

B. Coating material must be suitable for the prevention of atmospheric corrosion. [49 CFR 192.479(b)]

C. Except portions of pipelines in offshore splash zones or soil-to-air interfaces, the operator need not protect from atmospheric corrosion any pipeline for which the operator demonstrates by test, investigation, or experience appropriate to the environment of the pipeline that corrosion will: [49 CFR 192.479(c)]

1. only be a light surface oxide; or [49 CFR 192.479(c)(1)]

2. not affect the safe operation of the pipeline before the next scheduled inspection. [49 CFR 192.479(c)(2)]

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§2133. Atmospheric Corrosion Control: Monitoring
[49 CFR 192.481]

A. Each operator must inspect each pipeline or portion of pipeline that is exposed to the atmosphere for evidence of atmospheric corrosion, as follows. [49 CFR 192.481(a)]

If the pipeline is located:	Then the frequency of inspection is:
Onshore	At least once every 3 calendar years, but with intervals not exceeding 39 months.
Offshore	At least once each calendar year, but with intervals not exceeding 15 months.

B. During inspections the operator must give particular attention to pipe at soil-to-air interfaces, under thermal insulation, under disbonded coatings, at pipe supports, in splash zones, at deck penetrations, and in spans over water. [49 CFR 192.481(b)]

C. If atmospheric corrosion is found during an inspection, the operator must provide protection against the corrosion as required by §2131. [49 CFR 192.481(c)]

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§2135. Remedial Measures: General [49 CFR 192.483]

A. Each segment of metallic pipe that replaces pipe removed from a buried or submerged pipeline because of external corrosion must have a properly prepared surface and must be provided with an external protective coating that meets the requirements of §2113. [49 CFR 192.483(a)]

B. Each segment of metallic pipe that replaces pipe removed from a buried or submerged pipeline because of external corrosion must be cathodically protected in accordance with this Chapter. [49 CFR 192.483(b)]

C. Except for cast iron or ductile iron pipe, each segment of buried or submerged pipe that is required to be repaired because of external corrosion must be cathodically protected in accordance with this Chapter. [49 CFR 192.483(c)]

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§2137. Remedial Measures: Transmission Lines
[49 CFR 192.485]

A. General Corrosion. Each segment of transmission line with general corrosion and with a remaining wall thickness less than that required for the MAOP of the pipeline must be replaced or the operating pressure reduced commensurate with the strength of the pipe based on actual remaining wall thickness. However, corroded pipe may be repaired by a method that reliable engineering tests and analyses show can permanently restore the serviceability of the pipe. Corrosion pitting so closely grouped as to affect the overall strength of the pipe is considered general corrosion for the purpose of this Subsection. [49 CFR 192.485(a)]

B. Localized Corrosion Pitting. Each segment of transmission line pipe with localized corrosion pitting to a degree where leakage might result must be replaced or repaired, or the operating pressure must be reduced commensurate with the strength of the pipe, based on the actual remaining wall thickness in the pits. [49 CFR 192.485(b)]

C. Under Subsections A and B of this Section, the strength of pipe based on actual remaining wall thickness may be determined by the procedure in ASME/ANSI B31G or the procedure in AGA Pipeline Research Committee Project PR 3-805 (with RSTRENG disk). Both procedures apply to corroded regions that do not penetrate the pipe wall, subject to the limitations prescribed in the procedures. [49 CFR 192.485(c)]

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§2139. Remedial Measures: Distribution Lines Other Than Cast Iron or Ductile Iron Lines
[49 CFR 192.487]

A. General Corrosion. Except for cast iron or ductile iron pipe, each segment of generally corroded distribution line pipe with a remaining wall thickness less than that required for the MAOP of the pipeline, or a remaining wall thickness less than 30 percent of the nominal wall thickness, must be replaced. However, corroded pipe may be repaired by a method that reliable engineering tests and analyses show can permanently restore the serviceability of the pipe. Corrosion pitting so closely grouped as to affect the overall strength of the pipe is considered general corrosion for the purpose of this Subsection. [49 CFR 192.487(a)]

B. Localized Corrosion Pitting. Except for cast iron or ductile iron pipe, each segment of distribution line pipe with localized corrosion pitting to a degree where leakage might result must be replaced or repaired. [49 CFR 192.487(b)]

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§2141. Remedial Measures: Cast Iron and Ductile Iron Pipelines [49 CFR 192.489]

A. General Graphitization. Each segment of cast iron or ductile iron pipe on which general graphitization is found to a degree where a fracture or any leakage might result, must be replaced. [49 CFR 192.489(a)]

B. Localized Graphitization. Each segment of cast iron or ductile iron pipe on which localized graphitization is found to a degree where any leakage might result, must be replaced or repaired, or sealed by internal sealing methods adequate to prevent or arrest any leakage. [49 CFR 192.489(b)]

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§2143. Corrosion Control Records [49 CFR 192.491]

A. Each operator shall maintain records or maps to show the location of cathodically protected piping, cathodic protection facilities, galvanic anodes, and neighboring structures bonded to the cathodic protection system. Records or maps showing a stated number of anodes, installed in a stated manner or spacing, need not show specific distances to each buried anode. [49 CFR 192.491(a)]

B. Each record or map required by Subsection A of this Section must be retained for as long as the pipeline remains in service. [49 CFR 192.491(b)]

C. Each operator shall maintain a record of each test, survey, or inspection required by this Chapter in sufficient detail to demonstrate the adequacy of corrosion control measures or that a corrosive condition does not exist. These records must be retained for at least five years, except that records related to §2117.A and E and §2127.B must be retained for as long as the pipeline remains in service. [49 CFR 192.491(c)]

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**Chapter 23. Test Requirements
[Subpart J]**

§2301. Scope [49 CFR 192.501]

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum leak-test and strength-test requirements for pipelines. [49 CFR 192.501]

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§2303. General Requirements [49 CFR 192.503]

A. No person may operate a new segment of pipeline, or return to service a segment of pipeline that has been relocated or replaced, until: [49 CFR 192.503(a)]

1. it has been tested in accordance with this Chapter and §2719 to substantiate the maximum allowable operating pressure; and [49 CFR 192.503(a)(1)]

2. each potentially hazardous leak has been located and eliminated. [49 CFR 192.503(a)(2)]

B. The test medium must be liquid, air, natural gas, or inert gas that is: [49 CFR 192.503(b)]

1. compatible with the material of which the pipeline is constructed; [49 CFR 192.503(b)(1)]

2. relatively free of sedimentary materials; and [49 CFR 192.503(b)(2)]

3. except for natural gas, nonflammable. [49 CFR 192.503(b)(3)]

C. Except as provided in §2305.A, if air, natural gas, or inert gas is used as the test medium, the following maximum hoop stress limitations apply. [49 CFR 192.503(c)]

Class Location	Maximum Hoop Stress Allowed as Percentage of SMYS	
	Natural Gas	Air or Inert Gas
1	80	80
2	30	75
3	30	50
4	30	40

D. Each joint used to tie in a test segment of pipeline is excepted from the specific test requirements of this Chapter, but each non-welded joint must be leak tested at not less than its operating pressure. [49 CFR 192.503(d)]

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§2305. Strength Test Requirements for Steel Pipeline to Operate at a Hoop Stress of 30 Percent or More of SMYS [49 CFR 192.505]

A. Except for service lines, each segment of a steel pipeline that is to operate at a hoop stress of 30 percent or more of SMYS must be strength tested in accordance with this Section to substantiate the proposed maximum allowable operating pressure. In addition, in a Class 1 or Class 2 location, if there is a building intended for human occupancy within 300 feet (91 meters) of a pipeline, a hydrostatic test must be conducted to a test pressure of at least 125 percent of maximum operating pressure on that segment of the pipeline within 300 feet (91 meters) of such a building, but in no event may the test section be less than 600 feet (183 meters) unless the length of the newly installed or relocated pipe is less than 600 feet (183 meters). However, if the buildings are evacuated while the hoop stress exceeds 50 percent of SMYS, air or inert gas may be used as the test medium. [49 CFR 192.505(a)]

B. In a Class 1 or Class 2 location, each compressor station, regulator station, and measuring station, must be tested to at least Class 3 location test requirements. [49 CFR 192.505(b)]

C. Except as provided in Subsection E of this Section, the strength test must be conducted by maintaining the pressure at or above the test pressure for at least eight hours. [49 CFR 192.505(c)]

D. If a component other than pipe is the only item being replaced or added to a pipeline, a strength test after installation is not required, if the manufacturer of the component certifies that: [49 CFR 192.505(d)]

1. the component was tested to at least the pressure required for the pipeline to which it is being added; or [49 CFR 192.505(d)(1)]

2. the component was manufactured under a quality control system that ensures that each item manufactured is at least equal in strength to a prototype and that the prototype was tested to at least the pressure required for the pipeline to which it is being added. [49 CFR 192.505(d)(2)]

E. For fabricated units and short sections of pipe, for which a post installation test is impractical, a preinstallation strength test must be conducted by maintaining the pressure at or above the test pressure for at least four hours. [49 CFR 192.505(e)]

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§2307. Test Requirements for Pipelines to Operate at a Hoop Stress Less Than 30 Percent of SMYS and at or above 100 psi (689 kPa) Gauge [49 CFR 192.507]

A. Except for service lines and plastic pipelines, each segment of a pipeline that is to be operated at a hoop stress less than 30 percent of SMYS and at or above 100 psi (689 kPa) gage must be tested in accordance with the following. [49 CFR 192.507]

1. The pipeline operator must use a test procedure that will ensure discovery of all potentially hazardous leaks in the segment being tested. [49 CFR 192.507(a)]

2. If, during the test, the segment is to be stressed to 20 percent or more of SMYS and natural gas, inert gas, or air is the test medium: [49 CFR 192.507(b)]

a. a leak test must be made at a pressure between 100 psi (689 kPa) gage and the pressure required to produce a hoop stress of 20 percent of SMYS; or [49 CFR 192.507(b)(1)]

b. the line must be walked to check for leaks while the hoop stress is held at approximately 20 percent of SMYS. [49 CFR 192.507(b)(2)]

3. The pressure must be maintained at or above the test pressure for at least one hour. [49 CFR 192.507(c)]

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§2309. Test Requirements for Pipelines to Operate below 100 psi (689 kPa) Gauge [49 CFR 192.509]

A. Except for service lines and plastic pipelines, each segment of a pipeline that is to be operated below 100 psi (689 kPa) gage must be leak tested in accordance with the following. [49 CFR 192.509]

1. The test procedure used must ensure discovery of all potentially hazardous leaks in the segment being tested. [49 CFR 192.509(a)]

2. Each main that is to be operated at less than 1 psi (6.9 kPa) gage must be tested to at least 10 psi (69 kPa) gage and each main to be operated at or above 1 psi (6.9 kPa) gage must be tested to at least 90 psi (621 kPa) gage. [49 CFR 192.509(b)]

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§2311. Test Requirements for Service Lines [49 CFR 192.511]

A. Each segment of a service line (other than plastic) must be leak tested in accordance with this Section before being placed in service. If feasible, the service-line connection to the main must be included in the test; if not feasible, it must be given a leakage test at the operating pressure when placed in service. [49 CFR 192.511(a)]

B. Each segment of a service line (other than plastic) intended to be operated at a pressure of at least 1 psi (6.9 kPa) gage but not more than 40 psi (276 kPa) gage must be given a leak test at a pressure of not less than 50 psi (345 kPa) gage. [49 CFR 192.511(b)]

C. Each segment of a service line (other than plastic) intended to be operated at pressures of more than 40 psi (276 kPa) gage must be tested to at least 90 psi (621 kPa) gage, except that each segment of the steel service line stressed to 20 percent or more of SMYS must be tested in accordance with §2307 of this Chapter. [49 CFR 192.511(c)]

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§2313. Test Requirements for Plastic Pipelines [49 CFR 192.513]

A. Each segment of a plastic pipeline must be tested in accordance with this Section. [49 CFR 192.513(a)]

B. The test procedure must insure discovery of all potentially hazardous leaks in the segment being tested. [49 CFR 192.513(b)]

C. The test pressure must be at least 150 percent of the maximum operating pressure or 50 psi (345 kPa) gage, whichever is greater. However, the maximum test pressure may not be more than three times the pressure determined under §921, at a temperature not less than the pipe temperature during the test. [49 CFR 192.513(c)]

D. During the test, the temperature of thermoplastic material may not be more than 100°F (38°C), or the temperature at which the material's long-term hydrostatic strength has been determined under the listed specification, whichever is greater. [49 CFR 192.513(d)]

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§2315. Environmental Protection and Safety Requirements [49 CFR 192.515]

A. In conducting tests under this Chapter, each operator shall insure that every reasonable precaution is taken to protect its employees and the general public during the testing. Whenever the hoop stress of the segment of the pipeline being tested will exceed 50 percent of SMYS, the operator shall take all practicable steps to keep persons not working on the testing operation outside of the testing area until the pressure is reduced to or below the proposed maximum allowable operating pressure. [49 CFR 192.515(a)]

B. The operator shall insure that the test medium is disposed of in a manner that will minimize damage to the environment. [49 CFR 192.515(b)]

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§2317. Records [49 CFR 192.517]

A. Each operator shall make, and retain for the useful life of the pipeline, a record of each test performed under §§2305 and 2307. The record must contain at least the following information: [49 CFR 192.517(a)]

1. the operator's name, the name of the operator's employee responsible for making the test, and the name of any test company used; [49 CFR 192.517(a)(1)]

2. test medium used; [49 CFR 192.517(a)(2)]

3. test pressure; [49 CFR 192.517(a)(3)]

4. test duration; [49 CFR 192.517(a)(4)]

5. pressure recording charts, or other record of pressure readings; [49 CFR 192.517(a)(5)]

6. elevation variations, whenever significant for the particular test; [49 CFR 192.517(a)(6)]

7. leaks and failures noted and their disposition. [49 CFR 192.517(a)(7)]

B. Each operator must maintain a record of each test required by §§2309, 2311, and 2313 for at least five years. [49 CFR 192.517(b)]

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Chapter 25. Uprating [Subpart K]

§2501. Scope [49 CFR 192.551]

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum requirements for increasing maximum allowable operating pressures (uprating) for pipelines. [49 CFR 192.551]

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§2503. General Requirements [49 CFR 192.553]

A. Pressure Increases. Whenever the requirements of this Chapter require that an increase in operating pressure be made in increments, the pressure must be increased gradually, at a rate that can be controlled, and in accordance with the following. [49 CFR 192.553(a)]

1. At the end of each incremental increase, the pressure must be held constant while the entire segment of the pipeline that is affected is checked for leaks. [49 CFR 192.553(a)(1)]

2. Each leak detected must be repaired before a further pressure increase is made, except that a leak determined not to be potentially hazardous need not be repaired, if it is monitored during the pressure increase and it does not become potentially hazardous. [49 CFR 192.553(a)(2)]

B. Records. Each operator who uprates a segment of pipeline shall retain for the life of the segment a record of each investigation required by this Chapter, of all work performed, and of each pressure test conducted, in connection with the uprating. [49 CFR 192.553(b)]

C. Written Plan. Each operator who uprates a segment of pipeline shall establish a written procedure that will ensure that each applicable requirement of this Chapter is complied with. [49 CFR 192.553(c)]

D. Limitation on Increase in Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure. Except as provided in §2505.C, a new maximum allowable operating pressure established under this Chapter may not exceed the maximum that would be allowed under §§2719 and 2721 for a new segment of pipeline constructed of the same materials in the same location. However, when uprating a steel pipeline, if any variable necessary to determine the design pressure under the design formula (§905) is unknown, the MAOP may be increased as provided in §2719.A.1. [49 CFR 192.553(d)]

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§2505. Uprating to a Pressure That Will Produce a Hoop Stress of 30 Percent or More of SMYS in Steel Pipelines [49 CFR 192.555]

A. Unless the requirements of this Section have been met, no person may subject any segment of a steel pipeline to an operating pressure that will produce a hoop stress of 30 percent or more of SMYS and that is above the established maximum allowable operating pressure. [49 CFR 192.555(a)]

B. Before increasing operating pressure above the previously established maximum allowable operating pressure the operator shall: [49 CFR 192.555(b)]

1. review the design, operating, and maintenance history and previous testing of the segment of pipeline and determine whether the proposed increase is safe and consistent with the requirements of this Subpart; and [49 CFR 192.555(b)(1)]

2. make any repairs, replacements, or alterations in the segment of pipeline that are necessary for safe operation at the increased pressure. [49 CFR 192.555(b)(2)]

C. After complying with Subsection B of this Section, an operator may increase the maximum allowable operating pressure of a segment of pipeline constructed before September 12, 1970, to the highest pressure that is permitted under §2719, using as test pressure the highest pressure to which the segment of pipeline was previously subjected (either in a strength test or in actual operation). [49 CFR 192.555(c)]

D. After complying with Subsection B of this Section, an operator that does not qualify under Subsection C of this Section may increase the previously established maximum allowable operating pressure if at least one of the following requirements is met. [49 CFR 192.555(d)]

1. The segment of pipeline is successfully tested in accordance with the requirements of this Subpart for a new line of the same material in the same location. [49 CFR 192.555(d)(1)]

2. An increased maximum allowable operating pressure may be established for a segment of pipeline in a Class 1 location if the line has not previously been tested, and if: [49 CFR 192.555(d)(2)]

a. it is impractical to test it in accordance with the requirements of this Subpart; [49 CFR 192.555(d)(2)(i)]

b. the new maximum operating pressure does not exceed 80 percent of that allowed for a new line of the same design in the same location; and [49 CFR 192.555(d)(2)(ii)]

c. the operator determines that the new maximum allowable operating pressure is consistent with the condition of the segment of pipeline and the design requirements of this Subpart. [49 CFR 192.555(d)(2)(iii)]

E. Where a segment of pipeline is uprated in accordance with Subsection C or Paragraph D.2 of this Section, the increase in pressure must be made in increments that are equal to: [49 CFR 192.555(e)]

1. 10 percent of the pressure before the uprating; or [49 CFR 192.555(e)(1)]

2. 25 percent of the total pressure increase, whichever produces the fewer number of increments. [49 CFR 192.555(e)(2)]

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§2507. Uprating: Steel Pipelines to a Pressure That Will Produce a Hoop Stress Less Than 30 Percent of SMYS: Plastic, Cast Iron, and Ductile Iron Pipelines [49 CFR 192.557]

A. Unless the requirements of this Section have been met, no person may subject: [49 CFR 192.557(a)]

1. a segment of steel pipeline to an operating pressure that will produce a hoop stress less than 30 percent of SMYS and that is above the previously established maximum allowable operating pressure; or [49 CFR 192.557(a)(1)]

2. a plastic, cast iron, or ductile iron pipeline segment to an operating pressure that is above the previously established maximum allowable operating pressure. [49 CFR 192.557(a)(2)]

B. Before increasing operating pressure above the previously established maximum allowable operating pressure, the operator shall: [49 CFR 192.557(b)]

1. review the design, operating, and maintenance history of the segment of pipeline; [49 CFR 192.557(b)(1)]

2. make a leakage survey (if it has been more than one year since the last survey) and repair any leaks that are found, except that a leak determined not to be potentially hazardous need not be repaired, if it is monitored during the pressure increase and it does not become potentially hazardous; [49 CFR 192.557(b)(2)]

3. make any repairs, replacements, or alterations in the segment of pipeline that are necessary for safe operation at the increased pressure; [49 CFR 192.557(b)(3)]

4. reinforce or anchor offsets, bends and dead ends in pipe joined by compression couplings or bell and spigot joints to prevent failure of the pipe joint, if the offset, bend, or dead end is exposed in an excavation; [49 CFR 192.557(b)(4)]

5. isolate the segment of pipeline in which the pressure is to be increased from any adjacent segment that will continue to be operated at a lower pressure; and [49 CFR 192.557(b)(5)]

6. if the pressure in mains or service lines, or both, is to be higher than the pressure delivered to the customer, install a service regulator on each service line and test each regulator to determine that it is functioning. Pressure may be increased as necessary to test each regulator, after a regulator has been installed on each pipeline subject to the increased pressure. [49 CFR 192.557(b)(6)]

Chapter 27. Operations [Subpart L]

§2701. Scope [49 CFR 192.601]

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum requirements for the operation of pipeline facilities. [49 CFR 192.601]

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§2703. General Provisions [49 CFR 192.603]

A. No person may operate a segment of pipeline unless it is operated in accordance with this Subpart. [49 CFR 192.603(a)]

B. Each operator shall keep records necessary to administer the procedures established under §2705. [49 CFR 192.603(b)]

C. The administrator or the state agency that has submitted a current certification under the pipeline safety laws, (49 U.S.C. 60101 et seq.) with respect to the pipeline facility governed by an operator's plans and procedures may, after notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in 49 CFR 190.237 or the relevant state procedures, require the operator to amend its plans and procedures as necessary to provide a reasonable level of safety. [49 CFR 192.603(c)]

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§2705. Procedural Manual for Operations, Maintenance, and Emergencies [49 CFR 192.605]

A. General. Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for conducting operations and maintenance activities and for emergency response. For transmission lines, the manual must also include procedures for handling abnormal operations. This manual must be reviewed and updated by the operator at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year. This manual must be prepared before operations of a pipeline system commence. Appropriate parts of the manual must be kept at locations where operations and maintenance activities are conducted. [49 CFR 192.605(a)]

B. Maintenance and Normal Operations. The manual required by Subsection A of this Section must include procedures for the following, if applicable, to provide safety during maintenance and operations: [49 CFR 192.605(b)]

1. operating, maintaining, and repairing the pipeline in accordance with each of the requirements of this Chapter and Chapter 29 of this Subpart; [49 CFR 192.605(b)(1)]

2. controlling corrosion in accordance with the operations and maintenance requirements of Chapter 21 of this Subpart; [49 CFR 192.605(b)(2)]

C. After complying with Subsection B of this Section, the increase in maximum allowable operating pressure must be made in increments that are equal to 10 psi (69 kPa) gage or 25 percent of the total pressure increase, whichever produces the fewer number of increments. Whenever the requirements of Paragraph B.6 of this Section apply, there must be at least two approximately equal incremental increases. [49 CFR 192.557(c)]

D. If records for cast iron or ductile iron pipeline facilities are not complete enough to determine stresses produced by internal pressure, trench loading, rolling loads, beam stresses, and other bending loads, in evaluating the level of safety of the pipeline when operating at the proposed increased pressure, the following procedures must be followed. [49 CFR 192.557(d)]

1. In estimating the stresses, if the original laying conditions cannot be ascertained, the operator shall assume that cast iron pipe was supported on blocks with tamped backfill and that ductile iron pipe was laid without blocks with tamped backfill. [49 CFR 192.557(d)(1)]

2. Unless the actual maximum cover depth is known, the operator shall measure the actual cover in at least three places where the cover is most likely to be greatest and shall use the greatest cover measured. [49 CFR 192.557(d)(2)]

3. Unless the actual nominal wall thickness is known, the operator shall determine the wall thickness by cutting and measuring coupons from at least three separate pipe lengths. The coupons must be cut from pipe lengths in areas where the cover depth is most likely to be the greatest. The average of all measurements taken must be increased by the allowance indicated in the following table. [49 CFR 192.557(d)(3)]

Pipe Size (inches) (millimeters)	Allowance (inches)(millimeters) Cast Iron Pipe		
	Pit Cast Pipe	Centrifugally Cast Pipe	Ductile Iron Pipe
3 to 8 (76 to 203)	0.075 (1.91)	0.065 (1.65)	0.065 (1.65)
10 to 12 (254 to 305)	0.08 (2.03)	0.07 (1.78)	0.07 (1.78)
14 to 24 (356 to 610)	0.08 (2.03)	0.08 (2.03)	0.075 (1.91)
30 to 42 (762 to 1067)	0.09 (2.29)	0.09 (2.29)	0.075 (1.91)
48 (1219)	0.09 (2.29)	0.09 (2.29)	0.08 (2.03)
54 to 60 (1372 to 1524)	0.09 (2.29)		

4. For cast iron pipe, unless the pipe manufacturing process is known, the operator shall assume that the pipe is pit cast pipe with a bursting tensile strength of 11,000 psi (76 Mpa) gage and a modulus of rupture of 31,000 psi (214 Mpa) gage. [49 CFR 192.557(d)(4)]

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3. making construction records, maps, and operating history available to appropriate operating personnel; [49 CFR 192.605(b)(3)]

4. gathering of data needed for reporting incidents under Chapter 3 of Subpart 2 of this Part in a timely and effective manner; [49 CFR 192.605(b)(4)]

5. starting up and shutting down any part of the pipeline in a manner designed to assure operation within the MAOP limits prescribed by this Subpart, plus the build-up allowed for operation of pressure-limiting and control devices; [49 CFR 192.605(b)(5)]

6. maintaining compressor stations, including provisions for isolating units or sections of pipe and for purging before returning to service; [49 CFR 192.605(b)(6)]

7. starting, operating and shutting down gas compressor units; [49 CFR 192.605(b)(7)]

8. periodically reviewing the work done by operator personnel to determine the effectiveness, and adequacy of the procedures used in normal operation and maintenance and modifying the procedures when deficiencies are found; [49 CFR 192.605(b)(8)]

9. taking adequate precautions in excavated trenches to protect personnel from the hazards of unsafe accumulations of vapor or gas, and making available when needed at the excavation, emergency rescue equipment, including a breathing apparatus and, a rescue harness and line; [49 CFR 192.605(b)(9)]

10. systematic and routine testing and inspection of pipe-type or bottle-type holders including: [49 CFR 192.605(b)(10)]

a. provision for detecting external corrosion before the strength of the container has been impaired; [49 CFR 192.605(b)(10)(i)]

b. periodic sampling and testing of gas in storage to determine the dew point of vapors contained in the stored gas which, if condensed, might cause internal corrosion or interfere with the safe operation of the storage plant; and [49 CFR 192.605(b)(10)(ii)]

c. periodic inspection and testing of pressure limiting equipment to determine that it is in safe operating condition and has adequate capacity; [49 CFR 192.605(b)(10)(iii)]

11. responding promptly to a report of a gas odor inside or near a building, unless the operator's emergency procedures under §2715.A.3 specifically apply to these reports. [49 CFR 192.605(b)(11)]

C. Abnormal Operation. For transmission lines, the manual required by Subsection A of this Section must include procedures for the following to provide safety when operating design limits have been exceeded: [49 CFR 192.605(c)]

1. responding to, investigating, and correcting the cause of: [49 CFR 192.605(c)(1)]

a. unintended closure of valves or shutdowns; [49 CFR 192.605(c)(1)(i)]

b. increase or decrease in pressure or flow rate outside normal operating limits; [49 CFR 192.605(c)(1)(ii)]

c. loss of communications; [49 CFR 192.605(c)(1)(iii)]

d. operation of any safety device; and [49 CFR 192.605(c)(1)(iv)]

e. any other foreseeable malfunction of a component, deviation from normal operation, or personnel error which may result in a hazard to persons or property; [49 CFR 192.605(c)(1)(v)]

2. checking variations from normal operation after abnormal operation has ended at sufficient critical locations in the system to determine continued integrity and safe operation; [49 CFR 192.605(c)(2)]

3. notifying responsible operator personnel when notice of an abnormal operation is received; [49 CFR 192.605(c)(3)]

4. periodically reviewing the response of operator personnel to determine the effectiveness of the procedures controlling abnormal operation and taking corrective action where deficiencies are found; [49 CFR 192.605(c)(4)]

5. the requirements of Subsection C do not apply to natural gas distribution operators that are operating transmission lines in connection with their distribution system. [49 CFR 192.605(c)(5)]

D. Safety-Related Condition Reports. The manual required by Subsection A of this Section must include instructions enabling personnel who perform operation and maintenance activities to recognize conditions that potentially may be safety-related conditions that are subject to the reporting requirements of §323 of this Part. [49 CFR 192.605(d)]

E. Surveillance, Emergency Response, and Accident Investigation. The procedures required by §§2713.A, 2715, and 2717 must be included in the manual required by Subsection A of this Section. [49 CFR 192.605(e)]

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§2709. Change in Class Location: Required Study **[49 CFR 192.609]**

A. Whenever an increase in population density indicates a change in class location for a segment of an existing steel pipeline operating at a hoop stress that is more than 40 percent of SMYS, or indicates that the hoop stress corresponding to the established maximum allowable operating pressure for a segment of existing pipeline is not commensurate with the present class location, the operator shall immediately make a study to determine: [49 CFR 192.609]

1. the present class location for the segment involved; [49 CFR 192.609(a)]

2. the design, construction, and testing procedures followed in the original construction, and a comparison of these procedures with those required for the present class location by the applicable provisions of this Subpart; [49 CFR 192.609(b)]

3. the physical condition of the segment to the extent it can be ascertained from available records; [49 CFR 192.609(c)]

4. the operating and maintenance history of the segment; [49 CFR 192.609(d)]

5. the maximum actual operating pressure and the corresponding operating hoop stress, taking pressure gradient into account, for the segment of pipeline involved; and [49 CFR 192.609(e)]

6. the actual area affected by the population density increase, and physical barriers or other factors which may limit further expansion of the more densely populated area. [49 CFR 192.609(f)]

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§2711. Change in Class Location: Confirmation or Revision of Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure [49 CFR 192.611]

A. If the hoop stress corresponding to the established maximum allowable operating pressure of a segment of pipeline is not commensurate with the present class location, and the segment is in satisfactory physical condition, the maximum allowable operating pressure of that segment of pipeline must be confirmed or revised according to one of the following requirements. [49 CFR 192.611(a)]

1. If the segment involved has been previously tested in place for a period of not less than eight hours, the maximum allowable operating pressure is 0.8 times the test pressure in Class 2 locations, 0.667 times the test pressure in Class 3 locations, or 0.555 times the test pressure in Class 4 locations. The corresponding hoop stress may not exceed 72 percent of the SMYS of the pipe in Class 2 locations, 60 percent of SMYS in Class 3 locations, or 50 percent of SMYS in Class 4 locations. [49 CFR 192.611(a)(1)]

2. The maximum allowable operating pressure of the segment involved must be reduced so that the corresponding hoop stress is not more than that allowed by this Subpart for new segments of pipelines in the existing class location. [49 CFR 192.611(a)(2)]

3. The segment involved must be tested in accordance with the applicable requirements of Chapter 23 of this Subpart, and its maximum allowable operating pressure must then be established according to the following criteria. [49 CFR 192.611(a)(3)]

a. The maximum allowable operating pressure after the requalification test is 0.8 times the test pressure for Class 2 locations, 0.667 times the test pressure for Class 3 locations, and 0.555 times the test pressure for Class 4 locations. [49 CFR 192.611(a)(3)(i)]

b. The corresponding hoop stress may not exceed 72 percent of the SMYS of the pipe in Class 2 locations, 60 percent of SMYS in Class 3 locations, or 50 percent of SMYS in Class 4 locations. [49 CFR 192.611(a)(3)(ii)]

B. The maximum allowable operating pressure confirmed or revised in accordance with this Section, may not exceed the maximum allowable operating pressure established before the confirmation or revision. [49 CFR 192.611(b)]

C. Confirmation or revision of the maximum allowable operating pressure of a segment of pipeline in accordance with this Section does not preclude the application of §§2503 and 2505. [49 CFR 192.611(c)]

D. Confirmation or revision of the maximum allowable operating pressure that is required as a result of a study under §2709 must be completed within 18 months of the change in class location. Pressure reduction under Paragraph A.1 or A.2 of this Section within the 18-month period does not preclude establishing a maximum allowable operating pressure under Paragraph A.3 of this Section at a later date. [49 CFR 192.611(d)]

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§2712. Underwater Inspection and Reburial of Pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico and Its Inlets [49 CFR 192.612]

A. Each operator shall, in accordance with this Section, conduct an underwater inspection of its pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico and its inlets. The inspection must be conducted after October 3, 1989 and before November 16, 1992. [49 CFR 192.612(a)]

B. If, as a result of an inspection under Subsection A of this Section, or upon notification by any person, an operator discovers that a pipeline it operates is exposed on the seabed or constitutes a hazard to navigation, the operator shall: [49 CFR 192.612(b)]

1. promptly, but not later than 24 hours after discovery, notify the National Response Center, telephone: 1-800-424-8802, as well as Louisiana Pipeline Safety (225) 342-5505 (day or night), of the location, and, if available, the geographic coordinates of that pipeline; [49 CFR 192.612(b)(1)]

2. promptly, but not later than seven days after discovery, mark the location of the pipeline in accordance with 33 CFR Part 64 at the ends of the pipeline segment and at intervals of not over 500 yards (457 meters) long, except

that a pipeline segment less than 200 yards (183 meters) long need only be marked at the center; and [49 CFR 192.612(b)(2)]

3. within six months after discovery, or not later than November 1 of the following year if the six month period is later than November 1 of the year the discovery is made, place the pipeline so that the top of the pipe is 36 inches (914 millimeters) below the seabed for normal excavation or 18 inches (457 millimeters) for rock excavation. [49 CFR 192.612(b)(3)]

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§2713. Continuing Surveillance [49 CFR 192.613]

A. Each operator shall have a procedure for continuing surveillance of its facilities to determine and take appropriate action concerning changes in class location, failures, leakage history, corrosion, substantial changes in cathodic protection requirements, and other unusual operating and maintenance conditions. [49 CFR 192.613(a)]

B. If a segment of pipeline is determined to be in unsatisfactory condition but no immediate hazard exists, the operator shall initiate a program to recondition or phase out the segment involved, or, if the segment cannot be reconditioned or phased out, reduce the maximum allowable operating pressure in accordance with §2719.A and B. [49 CFR 192.613(b)]

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§2714. Damage Prevention Program [49 CFR 192.614]

A. Except as provided in Subsection D and E of this Section, each operator of a buried pipeline shall carry out, in accordance with this Section a written program to prevent damage to that pipeline by excavation activities. For the purpose of this Section, the term *excavation activities* include excavation, blasting, boring, tunneling, backfilling, the removal of above ground structures by either explosive or mechanical means, and other earth moving operations. [49 CFR 192.614(a)]

B. An operator may comply with any of the requirements of Subsection C of this Section through participation in a public service program, such as a one-call system, but such participation does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with this Section. However, an operator must perform the duties of Paragraph C.3 of this Section through participation in a one-call system, if that one-call system is a qualified one-call system. In areas that are covered by more than one qualified one-call system, an operator need only join one of the qualified one-call systems if there is a central telephone number for excavators to call for excavation activities, or if the one-call systems in those areas communicate with one another. An operator's pipeline

system must be covered by a qualified one-call system where there is one in place. For the purpose of this Section, a one-call system is considered a *qualified one-call system* if it meets the requirements of Paragraph B.1 or B.2 of this Section: [49 CFR 192.614(b)]

1. the state has adopted a one-call damage prevention program under §198.37 of CFR 49; or [49 CFR 192.614(b)(1)]

2. the one-call system: [49 CFR 192.614(b)(2)]

a. is operated in accordance with §198.39 of CFR 49; [49 CFR 192.614(b)(2)(i)]

b. provides a pipeline operator an opportunity similar to a voluntary participant to have a part in management responsibilities; and [49 CFR 192.614(b)(2)(ii)]

c. assesses a participating pipeline operator a fee that is proportionate to the costs of the one-call system's coverage of the operator's pipeline. [49 CFR 192.614(b)(2)(iii)]

C. The damage prevention program required by Subsection A of this Section must, at a minimum: [49 CFR 192.614(c)]

1. include the identity, on a current basis, of persons who normally engage in excavation activities in the area in which the pipeline is located; [49 CFR 192.614(c)(1)]

2. provides for notification of the public in the vicinity of the pipeline and actual notification of the persons identified in Paragraph C.1 of this Section of the following as often as needed to make them aware of the damage prevention program: [49 CFR 192.614(c)(2)]

a. the program's existence and purpose; and [49 CFR 192.614(c)(2)(i)]

b. how to learn the location of underground pipelines before excavation activities are begun; [49 CFR 192.614(c)(2)(ii)]

3. provide a means of receiving and recording notification of planned excavation activities; [49 CFR 192.614(c)(3)]

4. if the operator has buried pipelines in the area of excavation activity, provide for actual notification of persons who give notice of their intent to excavate of the type of temporary marking to be provided and how to identify the markings; [49 CFR 192.614(c)(4)]

5. provide for temporary marking of buried pipelines in the area of excavation activity before, as far as practical, the activity begins; [49 CFR 192.614(c)(5)]

6. provide as follows for inspection of pipelines that an operator has reason to believe could be damaged by excavation activities: [49 CFR 192.614(c)(6)]

a. the inspection must be done as frequently as necessary during and after the activities to verify the integrity of the pipeline; and [49 CFR 192.614(c)(6)(i)]

b. in the case of blasting, any inspection must include leakage surveys. [49 CFR 192.614(c)(6)(ii)]

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D. A damage prevention program under this Section is not required for the following pipelines: [49 CFR 192.614(d)]

1. pipelines located offshore; [49 CFR 192.614(d)(1)]
2. pipelines, other than those located offshore, in Class 1 or 2 locations until September 20, 1995; [49 CFR 192.614(d)(2)]
3. pipelines to which access is physically controlled by the operator. [49 CFR 192.614(d)(3)]

E. Pipelines operated by persons other than municipalities (including operators of master meters) whose primary activity does not include the transportation of gas need not comply with the following: [49 CFR 192.614(e)]

1. the requirements of Subsection A of this Section that the damage prevention program be written; and [49 CFR 192.614(e)(1)]
2. the requirements of Paragraph C.1 and C.2 of this Section. [49 CFR 192.614(e)(2)]

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§2715. Emergency Plans [49 CFR 192.615]

A. Each operator shall establish written procedures to minimize the hazard resulting from a gas pipeline emergency. At a minimum, the procedures must provide for the following: [49 CFR 192.615(a)]

1. receiving, identifying, and classifying notices of events which require immediate response by the operator; [49 CFR 192.615(a)(1)]
2. establishing and maintaining adequate means of communication with appropriate fire, police, and other public officials; [49 CFR 192.615(a)(2)]
3. prompt and effective response to a notice of each type of emergency, including the following: [49 CFR 192.615(a)(3)]
 - a. gas detected inside or near a building; [49 CFR 192.615(a)(3)(i)]
 - b. fire located near or directly involving a pipeline facility; [49 CFR 192.615(a)(3)(ii)]
 - c. explosion occurring near or directly involving a pipeline facility; [49 CFR 192.615(a)(3)(iii)]
 - d. natural disaster; [49 CFR 192.615(a)(3)(iv)]
4. the availability of personnel, equipment, tools, and materials, as needed at the scene of an emergency; [49 CFR 192.615(a)(4)]
5. actions directed toward protecting people first and then property; [49 CFR 192.615(a)(5)]

6. emergency shutdown and pressure reduction in any section of the operator's pipeline system necessary to minimize hazards to life or property; [49 CFR 192.615(a)(6)]

7. making safe any actual or potential hazard to life or property; [49 CFR 192.615(a)(7)]

8. notifying appropriate fire, police, and other public officials of gas pipeline emergencies and coordinating with them both planned responses and actual responses during an emergency; [49 CFR 192.615(a)(8)]

9. safely restoring any service outage; [49 CFR 192.615(a)(9)]

10. beginning action under §2717, if applicable, as soon after the end of the emergency as possible. [49 CFR 192.615(a)(10)]

B. Each operator shall: [49 CFR 192.615(b)]

1. furnish its supervisors who are responsible for emergency action a copy of that portion of the latest edition of the emergency procedures established under Subsection A of this Section as necessary for compliance with those procedures; [49 CFR 192.615(b)(1)]

2. train the appropriate operating personnel to assure that they are knowledgeable of the emergency procedures and verify that the training is effective; [49 CFR 192.615(b)(2)]

3. review employee activities to determine whether the procedures were effectively followed in each emergency. [49 CFR 192.615(b)(3)]

C. Each operator shall establish and maintain liaison with appropriate fire, police, and other public officials to: [49 CFR 192.615(c)]

1. learn the responsibility and resources of each government organization that may respond to a gas pipeline emergency; [49 CFR 192.615(c)(1)]

2. acquaint the officials with the operator's ability in responding to a gas pipeline emergency; [49 CFR 192.615(c)(2)]

3. identify the types of gas pipeline emergencies of which the operator notifies the officials; and [49 CFR 192.615(c)(3)]

4. plan how the operator and officials can engage in mutual assistance to minimize hazards to life or property. [49 CFR 192.615(c)(4)]

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§2716. Public Education [49 CFR 192.616]

A. Each operator shall establish a continuing educational program to enable customers, the public, appropriate government organizations, and persons engaged in

excavation related activities to recognize a gas pipeline emergency for the purpose of reporting it to the operator or the appropriate public officials. The program and the media used must be as comprehensive as necessary to reach all areas in which the operator transports gas. The program must be conducted in English and in other languages commonly understood by a significant number and concentration of the non-English speaking population in the operator's area. [49 CFR 192.616]

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§2717. Investigation of Failures [49 CFR 192.617]

A. Each operator shall establish procedures for analyzing accidents and failures, including the selection of samples of the failed facility or equipment for laboratory examination, where appropriate, for the purpose of determining the causes of the failure and minimizing the possibility of a recurrence. [49 CFR 192.617]

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§2719. Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure: Steel or Plastic Pipelines [49 CFR 192.619]

A. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, no person may operate a segment of steel or plastic pipeline at a pressure that exceeds the lowest of the following: [49 CFR 192.619(a)]

1. the design pressure of the weakest element in the segment, determined in accordance with Chapter 9 and 11 of this Subpart. However, for steel pipe in pipelines being converted under §514 or uprated under Chapter 25 of this Subpart, if any variable necessary to determine the design pressure under the design formula (§905) is unknown, one of the following pressures is to be used as design pressure: [49 CFR 192.619(a)(1)]

a. 80 percent of the first test pressure that produces yield under Section N5.0 of Appendix N of ASME B31.8, reduced by the appropriate factor in Subparagraph A.2.b of this Section; or [49 CFR 192.619(a)(1)(i)]

b. if the pipe is 12 3/4 in. (324 mm) or less in outside diameter and is not tested to yield under this Subsection, 200 psi (1379 kPa) gage; [49 CFR 192.619(a)(1)(ii)]

2. the pressure obtained by dividing the pressure to which the segment was tested after construction as follows: [49 CFR 192.619(a)(2)]

a. for plastic pipe in all locations, the test pressure is divided by a factor of 1.5; [49 CFR 192.619(a)(2)(i)]

b. for steel pipe operated at 100 psi (689 kPa) gage or more, the test pressure is divided by a factor determined in accordance with the following table: [49 CFR 192.619(a)(2)(ii)]

Factors ¹ , Segment			
Class Location	Installed before (Nov. 12, 1970)	Installed after (Nov. 11, 1970)	Converted under CFR §192.14
1	1.1	1.1	1.25
2	1.25	1.25	1.25
3	1.4	1.5	1.5
4	1.4	1.5	1.5

¹For offshore segments installed, uprated or converted after July 31, 1977, that are not located on an offshore platform, the factor is 1.25. For segments installed, uprated or converted after July 31, 1977, that are located on an offshore platform or on a platform in inland navigable waters, including a pipe riser, the factor is 1.5.

3. the highest actual operating pressure to which the segment was subjected during the five years preceding July 1, 1970 (or in the case of offshore gathering lines, July 1, 1976), unless the segment was tested in accordance with Paragraph A.2 of this Section after July 1, 1965 (or in the case of offshore gathering lines, July 1, 1971), or the segment was uprated in accordance with Chapter 25 of this Subpart; [49 CFR 192.619(a)(3)]

4. the pressure determined by the operator to be the maximum safe pressure after considering the history of the segment, particularly known corrosion and the actual operating pressure. [49 CFR 192.619(a)(4)]

B. No person may operate a segment to which Paragraph A.4 of this Section is applicable, unless over-pressure protective devices are installed on the segment in a manner that will prevent the maximum allowable operating pressure from being exceeded, in accordance with §1155. [49 CFR 192.619(b)]

C. Notwithstanding the other requirements of this Section, an operator may operate a segment of pipeline found to be in satisfactory condition, considering its operating and maintenance history, at the highest actual operating pressure to which the segment was subjected during the five years preceding July 1, 1970, or in the case of offshore gathering lines, July 1, 1976, subject to the requirements of §2711. [49 CFR 192.619(c)]

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§2721. Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure: High-Pressure Distribution Systems [49 CFR 192.621]

A. No person may operate a segment of a high pressure distribution system at a pressure that exceeds the lowest of the following pressures, as applicable: [49 CFR 192.621(a)]

1. the design pressure of the weakest element in the segment, determined in accordance with Chapter 9 and 11 of this Subpart; [49 CFR 192.621(a)(1)]

2. 60 psi (414 kPa) gage, for a segment of a distribution system otherwise designated to operate at over 60 psi (414 kPa) gage, unless the service lines in the segment are equipped with service regulators or other pressure limiting devices in series that meet the requirements of §1157.C; [49 CFR 192.621(a)(2)]

3. 25 psi (172 kPa) gage in segments of cast iron pipe in which there are unreinforced bell and spigot joints; [49 CFR 192.621(a)(3)]

4. the pressure limits to which a joint could be subjected without the possibility of its parting; [49 CFR 192.621(a)(4)]

5. the pressure determined by the operator to be the maximum safe pressure after considering the history of the segment, particularly known corrosion and the actual operating pressures. [49 CFR 192.621(a)(5)]

B. No person may operate a segment of pipeline to which Paragraph A.5 of this Section applies, unless overpressure protective devices are installed on the segment in a manner that will prevent the maximum allowable operating pressure from being exceeded, in accordance with §1155. [49 CFR 192.621(b)]

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§2723. Maximum and Minimum Allowable Operating Pressure: Low-Pressure Distribution Systems [49 CFR 192.623]

A. No person may operate a low-pressure distribution system at a pressure high enough to make unsafe the operation of any connected and properly adjusted low-pressure gas burning equipment. [49 CFR 192.623(a)]

B. No person may operate a low-pressure distribution system at a pressure lower than the minimum pressure at which the safe and continuing operation of any connected and properly adjusted low-pressure gas burning equipment can be assured. [49 CFR 192.623(b)]

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§2725. Odorization of Gas [49 CFR 192.625]

A. No person engaged in the business of handling, storing, selling, or distributing natural and other toxic or combustible odorless gases, except liquefied petroleum gases, shall operate a gathering, distribution or transmission pipeline, unless the gas is malodorized in accordance with this regulation.

B. Natural gas or any toxic or combustible odorless gas, in a distribution line must contain a natural odorant or be odorized so that at a concentration in air of one-fifth of the lower explosive limit, the gas is readily detectable by a person with a normal sense of smell at any point in the line where odorization is required. [49 CFR 192.625(a)]

C. Natural gas, or any toxic or combustible odorless gas, in a gathering or transmission line in a Class 3 or Class 4 location must contain a natural odorant or be odorized so that at a concentration in air of one-fifth of the lower explosive limit, the gas is readily detectable by a person with a normal sense of smell at any point in the line where odorization is required, unless: [49 CFR 192.625(b)]

1. at least 50 percent of the length of the line downstream from that location is in a Class 1 or Class 2 location; [49 CFR 192.625(b)(1)]

2. the line transports gas to any of the following facilities: [49 CFR 192.625(b)(2)]

a. an underground storage field; [49 CFR 192.625(b)(2)(i)]

b. a gas processing plant; [49 CFR 192.625(b)(2)(ii)]

c. a gas dehydration plant; or [49 CFR 192.625(b)(2)(iii)]

d. an industrial plant using gas in a process where the presence of an odorant: [49 CFR 192.625(b)(2)(iv)]

i. makes the end product unfit for the purpose for which it is intended; [49 CFR 192.625(b)(2)(iv)(A)]

ii. reduces the activity of a catalyst; or [49 CFR 192.625(b)(2)(iv)(B)]

iii. reduces the percentage completion of a chemical reaction; [49 CFR 192.625(b)(2)(iv)(C)]

3. in the case of a lateral line which transports gas to a distribution center or industrial complex, at least 50 percent of the length of that line is in a Class 1 or Class 2 location; or [49 CFR 192.625(b)(3)]

4. the combustible gas is hydrogen intended for use as a feedstock in a manufacturing process. [49 CFR 192.625(b)(4)]

D. In the case of a farm tap location on a gathering, transmission or distribution system, it shall be the responsibility of the person(s) selling natural gas to the end user through such farm tap to odorize the natural gas in accordance with this regulation.

E. If gas is delivered into facilities which would be exempt by Subsection C, and this exempt gas is also being used in one of the facilities for space heating, refrigeration, water heating, cooking and other domestic uses, or if such gas is used for furnishing heat, or air conditioning for office or living quarters, the end user of such gas shall malodorize it in accordance with these regulations.

F. In the concentrations in which it is used, the malodorant in combustible gases must comply with the following. [49 CFR 192.625(c)]

1. The malodorant may not be deleterious to persons, materials, or pipe. [49 CFR 192.625(c)(1)]

2. The products of combustion from the malodorant may not be toxic when breathed nor may they be corrosive or harmful to those materials to which the products of combustion will be exposed. [49 CFR 192.625(c)(2)]

G. The malodorant may not be soluble in water to an extent greater than 2.5 parts to 100 parts by weight. [49 CFR 192.625(d)]

H. Equipment for malodorization must introduce the malodorant without wide variations in the level of malodorant. The method of using malodorant and the containers and equipment used are subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Conservation and must meet the following requirements. [49 CFR 192.625(e)]

1. Malodorant must be detectable as specified in Subsection B at the most remote locations in the system.

2. Odorizing equipment may be of the wick type for systems handling 10,000 MCF/year or less. For systems handling over 10,000 MCF/year, absorption by-pass or liquid injection type must be used.

3. By-pass type odorizers must be equipped with a differential valve or orifice to create a differential sufficient to cause a flow of gas across the odorizer at minimum flow.

4. The flow through the odorizer is to be controlled by means of a flow control or metering valve located on the inlet side of the odorizer. The size of the valve shall be large enough to deliver sufficient by-passed gas across the odorizer during maximum flow periods to assure adequate odorization.

5. At the request of any gas company or affected person or upon the request of the Commissioner of Conservation, the Office of Conservation shall determine, after examination of any gas having a natural malodorant, the necessary rate of injection of additional malodorant, if any, which shall be necessary to meet the requirements of Subsection B.

6. The person subject to these rules must provide sufficient test points within each distribution system for use by the commissioner's staff to check the adequacy of odorization within the system. The test points must be of 1/4 inch threaded tap with pressure not to exceed 5 psi and located at remote locations approved by the commissioner.

I. Quarterly Reports

1. To assure the proper concentration of odorant in accordance with this Section, each operator must conduct quarterly sampling of combustible gases using an instrument capable of determining the percentage of gas in air at which the odor becomes readily detectable. Operators of master meter systems may comply with this requirement by: [49 CFR 192.625(f)]

a. receiving written verification from their gas source that the gas has the proper concentration of odorant; and [49 CFR 192.625(f)(1)]

b. conducting periodic "sniff" tests at the extremities of the system to confirm that the gas contains odorant. [49 CFR 192.625(f)(2)]

2. Each person subject to these rules (excluding "master meter systems") shall record and retain on file for review by the Office of Conservation the following information:

a. the kind or kinds of malodorant agents introduced into such gas during the calendar quarter;

b. the quantity of each kind of malodorant agent used during each quarter. Reports on usage of odorant shall be made annually for farm taps; and

c. the quantity of gas odorized by each malodorant agent used during each quarter. Farm taps are exempt from this requirement.

3. In the event a person subject to these regulations shall fail to record and retain on file an odorization report or an odorization report which on its face shows non-compliance, the person may be put on remedial status after written notice of such status and be required to report odorization monthly within 30 days after the close of each month or for such other interval and for such period of time as shall be necessary to remedy the deficiencies in his odorization report or reports.

J. Persons who fail to comply with the provisions of this Part after January 1, 1983, shall be subject to the penalty provision contained in Act 754 in Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 33:4525 or Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 40:1896. The penalty specified in the cited provisions is \$1,000 for each day of non-compliance therewith.

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§2727. Tapping Pipelines under Pressure [49 CFR 192.627]

A. Each tap made on a pipeline under pressure must be performed by a crew qualified to make hot taps. [49 CFR 192.627]

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§2729. Purging of Pipelines [49 CFR 192.629]

A. When a pipeline is being purged of air by use of gas, the gas must be released into one end of the line in a moderately rapid and continuous flow. If gas cannot be supplied in sufficient quantity to prevent the formation of a hazardous mixture of gas and air, a slug of inert gas must be released into the line before the gas. [49 CFR 192.629(a)]

B. When a pipeline is being purged of gas by use of air, the air must be released into one end of the line in a moderately rapid and continuous flow. If air cannot be supplied in sufficient quantity to prevent the formation of a hazardous mixture of gas and air, a slug of inert gas must be released into the line before the air. [49 CFR 192.629(b)]

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Chapter 29. Maintenance
[Subpart M]

§2901. Scope [49 CFR 192.701]

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum requirements for maintenance of pipeline facilities. [49 CFR 192.701]

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§2903. General [49 CFR 192.703]

A. No person may operate a segment of pipeline, unless it is maintained in accordance with this Chapter. [49 CFR 192.703(a)]

B. Each segment of pipeline that becomes unsafe must be replaced, repaired, or removed from service. [49 CFR 192.703(b)]

C. Hazardous leaks must be repaired promptly. [49 CFR 192.703(c)]

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§2905. Transmission Lines: Patrolling [49 CFR 192.705]

A. Each operator shall have a patrol program to observe surface conditions on and adjacent to the transmission line right-of-way for indications of leaks, construction activity, and other factors affecting safety and operation. [49 CFR 192.705(a)]

B. The frequency of patrols is determined by the size of the line, the operating pressures, the class location, terrain, weather, and other relevant factors, but intervals between patrols may not be longer than prescribed in the following table. [49 CFR 192.705(b)]

Maximum Interval between Patrols		
Class Location of Line	At Highway and Railroad Crossings	At All Other Locations
1, 2	7-1/2 months; but at least twice each calendar year.	15 months; but at least once each calendar year.
3	4-1/2 months; but at least four times each calendar year.	7-1/2 months; but at least twice each calendar year.
4	4-1/2 months; but at least four times each calendar year.	4-1/2 months; but at least four times each calendar year.

C. Methods of patrolling include walking, driving, flying or other appropriate means of traversing the right-of-way. [49 CFR 192.705(c)]

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§2906. Transmission Lines: Leakage Surveys [49 CFR 192.706]

A. Leakage surveys of a transmission line must be conducted at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year. However, in the case of a transmission line which transports gas in conformity with §2725 without an odor or odorant, leakage surveys using leak detector equipment must be conducted. [49 CFR 192.706]

1. in Class 3 locations, at intervals not exceeding seven and one-half months, but at least twice each calendar year; and [49 CFR 192.706(a)]

2. in Class 4 locations, at intervals not exceeding four and one-half months, but at least four times each calendar year. [49 CFR 192.706(b)]

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§2907. Line Markers for Mains and Transmission Lines [49 CFR 192.707]

A. Buried Pipelines. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, a line marker must be placed and maintained as close as practical over each buried main and transmission line: [49 CFR 192.707(a)]

1. at each crossing of a public road and railroad; and [49 CFR 192.707(a)(1)]

2. wherever necessary to identify the location of the transmission line or main to reduce the possibility of damage or interference. [49 CFR 192.707(a)(2)]

B. Exceptions for Buried Pipelines. Line markers are not required for the following pipelines: [49 CFR 192.707(b)]

1. mains and transmission lines located offshore, or at crossings of or under waterways and other bodies of water; [49 CFR 192.707(b)(1)]

2. mains in Class 3 or Class 4 locations where a damage prevention program is in effect under §2714; [49 CFR 192.707(b)(2)]

3. transmission lines in Class 3 or 4 locations until March 20, 1996; or [49 CFR 192.707(b)(3)]

4. transmission lines in Class 3 or 4 locations where placement of a line marker is impractical. [49 CFR 192.707(b)(4)]

C. Pipelines Aboveground. Line markers must be placed and maintained along each section of a main and transmission line that is located above-ground in an area accessible to the public. [49 CFR 192.707(c)]

D. Marker Warning. The following must be written legibly on a background of sharply contrasting color on each line marker: [49 CFR 192.707(d)]

1. the word "Warning," "Caution," or "Danger" followed by the words "Gas (or name of gas transported) Pipeline" all of which, except for markers in heavily developed urban areas, must be in letters at least 1 inch (25 millimeters) high with 1/4 inch (6.4 millimeters) stroke; [49 CFR 192.707(d)(1)]

2. the name of the operator and telephone number (including area code) where the operator can be reached at all times. [49 CFR 192.707(d)(2)]

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§2909. Transmission Lines: Record Keeping [49 CFR 192.709]

A. Each operator shall maintain the following records for transmission lines for the periods specified. [49 CFR 192.709]

1. The date, location, and description of each repair made to pipe (including pipe-to-pipe connections) must be retained for as long as the pipe remains in service. [49 CFR 192.709(a)]

2. The date, location, and description of each repair made to parts of the pipeline system other than pipe must be retained for at least five years. However, repairs generated by patrols, surveys, inspections, or tests required by Chapters 27 and 29 of this Subpart must be retained in accordance with Paragraph A.3 of this Section. [49 CFR 192.709(b)]

3. A record of each patrol, survey, inspection, and test required by Chapters 27 and 29 of this Subpart must be retained for at least five years or until the next patrol, survey, inspection, or test is completed, whichever is longer. [49 CFR 192.709(c)]

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§2911. Transmission Lines: General Requirements for Repair Procedures [49 CFR 192.711]

A. Each operator shall take immediate temporary measures to protect the public whenever: [49 CFR 192.711(a)]

1. a leak, imperfection, or damage that impairs its serviceability is found in a segment of steel transmission line operating at or above 40 percent of the SMYS; and [49 CFR 192.711(a)(1)]

2. it is not feasible to make a permanent repair at the time of discovery. As soon as feasible the operator shall make permanent repairs. [49 CFR 192.711(a)(2)]

B. Except as provided in §2917.A.2.c, no operator may use a welded patch as a means of repair. [49 CFR 192.711(b)]

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§2913. Transmission Lines: Permanent Field Repair of Imperfections and Damages [49 CFR 192.713]

A. Each imperfection or damage that impairs the serviceability of pipe in a steel transmission line operating at or above 40 percent of SMYS must be: [49 CFR 192.713(a)]

1. removed by cutting out and replacing a cylindrical piece of pipe; or [49 CFR 192.713(a)(1)]

2. repaired by a method that reliable engineering tests and analyses show can permanently restore the serviceability of the pipe. [49 CFR 192.713(a)(2)]

B. Operating pressure must be at a safe level during repair operations. [49 CFR 192.713(b)]

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§2915. Transmission Lines: Permanent Field Repair of Welds [49 CFR 192.715]

A. Each weld that is unacceptable under §1321(c) must be repaired as follows. [49 CFR 192.715]

1. If it is feasible to take the segment of transmission line out of service, the weld must be repaired in accordance with the applicable requirements of §1325. [49 CFR 192.715(a)]

2. A weld may be repaired in accordance with §1325 while the segment of transmission line is in service if: [49 CFR 192.715(b)]

a. the weld is not leaking; [49 CFR 192.715(b)(1)]

b. the pressure in the segment is reduced so that it does not produce a stress that is more than 20 percent of the SMYS of the pipe; and [49 CFR 192.715(b)(2)]

c. grinding of the defective area can be limited so that at least 1/8 inch (3.2 millimeters) thickness in the pipe weld remains. [49 CFR 192.715(b)(3)]

3. A defective weld which cannot be repaired in accordance with Paragraph 1 or 2 of this Section must be repaired by installing a full encirclement welded split sleeve of appropriate design. [49 CFR 192.715(c)]

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§2917. Transmission Lines: Permanent Field Repair of Leaks [49 CFR 192.717]

A. Each permanent field repair of a leak on a transmission line must be made by: [49 CFR 192.717]

1. removing the leak by cutting out and replacing a cylindrical piece of pipe; or [49 CFR 192.717(a)]

2. repairing the leak by one of the following methods: [49 CFR 192.717(b)]

a. install a full encirclement welded split sleeve of appropriate design, unless the transmission line is joined by mechanical couplings and operates at less than 40 percent of SMYS; [49 CFR 192.717(b)(1)]

b. if the leak is due to a corrosion pit, install a properly designed bolt-on-leak clamp; [49 CFR 192.717(b)(2)]

c. if the leak is due to a corrosion pit and on pipe of not more than 40,000 psi (276 Mpa) SMYS, fillet weld over the pitted area a steel plate patch with rounded corners, of the same or greater thickness than the pipe, and not more than one-half of the diameter of the pipe in size; [49 CFR 192.717(b)(3)]

d. if the leak is on a submerged offshore pipeline or submerged pipeline in inland navigable waters, mechanically apply a full encirclement split sleeve of appropriate design; [49 CFR 192.717(b)(4)]

e. apply a method that reliable engineering tests and analyses show can permanently restore the serviceability of the pipe. [49 CFR 192.717(b)(5)]

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§2919. Transmission Lines: Testing of Repairs [49 CFR 192.719]

A. Testing of Replacement Pipe. If a segment of transmission line is repaired by cutting out the damaged portion of the pipe as a cylinder, the replacement pipe must be tested to the pressure required for a new line installed in the same location. This test may be made on the pipe before it is installed. [49 CFR 192.719(a)]

B. Testing of Repairs Made by Welding. Each repair made by welding in accordance with §§2913, 2915, and 2917 must be examined in accordance with §1321. [49 CFR 192.719(b)]

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§2921. Distribution Systems: Patrolling [49 CFR 192.721]

A. The frequency of patrolling mains must be determined by the severity of the conditions which could cause failure or leakage, and the consequent hazards to public safety. [49 CFR 192.721(a)]

B. Mains in places or on structures where anticipated physical movement or external loading could cause failure or leakage must be patrolled: [49 CFR 192.721(b)]

1. in business districts, at intervals not exceeding 4 1/2 months, but at least four times each calendar year; and [49 CFR 192.721(b)(1)]

2. outside business districts, at intervals not exceeding seven and one-half months, but at least twice each calendar year. [49 CFR 192.721(b)(2)]

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§2923. Distribution Systems: Leakage Surveys [49 CFR 192.723]

A. Each operator of a distribution system shall conduct periodic leakage surveys in accordance with this Section. [49 CFR 192.723(a)]

B. The type and scope of the leakage control program must be determined by the nature of the operations and the local conditions, but it must meet the following minimum requirements. [49 CFR 192.723(b)]

1. A leakage survey with leak detector equipment must be conducted in business districts, including tests of the atmosphere in gas, electric, telephone, sewer, and water system manholes, at cracks in pavement and sidewalks, and at other locations providing an opportunity for finding gas leaks, at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year. [49 CFR 192.723(b)(1)]

2. A leakage survey with leak detector equipment must be conducted outside business districts as frequently as necessary, but at intervals not exceeding five years. However, for cathodically unprotected distribution lines subject to §2117.E on which electrical surveys for corrosion are impractical, survey intervals may not exceed three years. [49 CFR 192.723(b)(2)]

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§2925. Test Requirements for Reinstating Service Lines
[49 CFR 192.725]

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, each disconnected service line must be tested in the same manner as a new service line, before being reinstated. [49 CFR 192.725(a)]

B. Each service line temporarily disconnected from the main must be tested from the point of disconnection to the service line valve in the same manner as a new service line, before reconnecting. However, if provisions are made to maintain continuous service, such as by installation of a bypass, any part of the original service line used to maintain continuous service need not be tested. [49 CFR 192.725(b)]

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§2927. Abandonment or Deactivation of Facilities
[49 CFR 192.727]

A. Each operator shall conduct abandonment or deactivation of pipelines in accordance with the requirements of this Section. [49 CFR 192.727(a)]

B. Each pipeline abandoned in place must be disconnected from all sources and supplies of gas; purged of gas; in the case of offshore pipelines, filled with water or inert materials; and sealed at the ends. However, the pipeline need not be purged when the volume of gas is so small that there is no potential hazard. [49 CFR 192.727(b)]

C. Except for service lines, each inactive pipeline that is not being maintained under this Subpart must be disconnected from all sources and supplies of gas; purged of gas; in the case of offshore pipelines, filled with water or inert materials; and sealed at the ends. However, the pipeline need not be purged when the volume of gas is so small that there is no potential hazard. [49 CFR 192.727(c)]

D. Whenever service to a customer is discontinued, one of the following must be complied with. [49 CFR 192.727(d)]

1. The valve that is closed to prevent the flow of gas to the customer must be provided with a locking device or other means designed to prevent the opening of the valve by persons other than those authorized by the operator. [49 CFR 192.727(d)(1)]

2. A mechanical device or fitting that will prevent the flow of gas must be installed in the service line or in the meter assembly. [49 CFR 192.727(d)(2)]

3. The customer's piping must be physically disconnected from the gas supply and the open pipe ends sealed. [49 CFR 192.727(d)(3)]

E. If air is used for purging, the operator shall insure that a combustible mixture is not present after purging. [49 CFR 192.727(e)]

F. Each abandoned vault must be filled with a suitable compacted material. [49 CFR 192.727(f)]

G. For each abandoned offshore pipeline facility or each abandoned onshore pipeline facility that crosses over, under or through a commercially navigable waterway, the last operator of that facility must file a report upon abandonment of that facility. [49 CFR 192.727(g)]

1. The preferred method to submit data on pipeline facilities abandoned after October 10, 2000 is to the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) in accordance with the NPMS "Standards for Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas Operator Submissions." To obtain a copy of the NPMS Standards, please refer to the NPMS homepage at www.npms.rspa.dot.gov or contact the NPMS National Repository at 703-317-3073. A digital data format is preferred, but hard copy submissions are acceptable if they comply with the NPMS standards. In addition to the NPMS-required attributes, operators must submit the date of abandonment, diameter, method of abandonment, and certification that, to the best of the operator's knowledge, all of the reasonably available information requested was provided and, to the best of the operator's knowledge, the abandonment was completed in accordance with applicable laws. Refer to the NPMS Standards for details in preparing your data for submission. The NPMS Standards also include details of how to submit data. Alternatively, operators may submit reports by mail, fax or e-mail to the Information Officer, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, Room 7128, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington DC 20590; fax (202) 366-4566; e-mail, roger.little@rspa.dot.gov. The information in the report must contain all reasonably available information related to the facility, including information in the possession of a third party. The report must contain the location, size, date, method of abandonment, and a certification that the facility has been abandoned in accordance with all applicable laws. [49 CFR 192.727(g)(1)]

2. Data on pipeline facilities abandoned before October 10, 2000 must be filed by before April 10, 2001. Operators may submit reports by mail, fax or e-mail to the Information Officer, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, Room 7128, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington DC 20590; fax (202) 366-4566; e-mail, roger.little@rspa.dot.gov. The information in the report must contain all reasonably available information related to the facility, including information in the possession of a third party. The report must contain the location, size, date, method of abandonment, and a certification that the facility has been abandoned in accordance with all applicable laws. [49 CFR 192.727(g)(2)]

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§2931. Compressor Stations: Inspection and Testing of Relief Devices [49 CFR 192.731]

A. Except for rupture discs, each pressure relieving device in a compressor station must be inspected and tested in accordance with §§2939 and 2943, and must be operated periodically to determine that it opens at the correct set pressure. [49 CFR 192.731(a)]

B. Any defective or inadequate equipment found must be promptly repaired or replaced. [49 CFR 192.731(b)]

C. Each remote control shutdown device must be inspected and tested at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year, to determine that it functions properly. [49 CFR 192.731(c)]

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§2935. Compressor Stations: Storage of Combustible Materials [49 CFR 192.735]

A. Flammable or combustible materials in quantities beyond those required for everyday use, or other than those normally used in compressor buildings, must be stored a safe distance from the compressor building. [49 CFR 192.735(a)]

B. Aboveground oil or gasoline storage tanks must be protected in accordance with National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 30. [49 CFR 192.735(b)]

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§2936. Compressor Stations: Gas Detection [49 CFR 192.736]

A. Not later than September 16, 1996, each compressor building in a compressor station must have a fixed gas detection and alarm system, unless the building is: [49 CFR 192.736(a)]

1. constructed so that at least 50 percent of its upright side area is permanently open; or [49 CFR 192.736(a)(1)]

2. located in an unattended field compressor station of 1,000 horsepower (746 kW) or less. [49 CFR 192.736(a)(2)]

B. Except when shutdown of the system is necessary for maintenance under Subsection C of this Section, each gas detection and alarm system required by this Section must: [49 CFR 192.736(b)]

1. continuously monitor the compressor building for a concentration of gas in air of not more than 25 percent of the lower explosive limit; and [49 CFR 192.736(b)(1)]

2. if that concentration of gas is detected, warn persons about to enter the building and persons inside the building of the danger. [49 CFR 192.736(b)(2)]

C. Each gas detection and alarm system required by this Section must be maintained to function properly. The maintenance must include performance tests. [49 CFR 192.736(c)]

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§2939. Pressure Limiting and Regulating Stations: Inspection and Testing [49 CFR 192.739]

A. Each pressure limiting station, relief device (except rupture discs), and pressure regulating station and its equipment must be subjected at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year, to inspections and tests to determine that it is: [49 CFR 192.739]

1. in good mechanical condition; [49 CFR 192.739(a)]

2. adequate from the standpoint of capacity and reliability of operation for the service in which it is employed; [49 CFR 192.739(b)]

3. set to control or relieve at the correct pressure consistent with the pressure limits of §1161.A; and [49 CFR 192.739(c)]

4. properly installed and protected from dirt, liquids, or other conditions that might prevent proper operation. [49 CFR 192.739(d)]

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§2941. Pressure Limiting and Regulating Stations: Telemetry or Recording Gages [49 CFR 192.741]

A. Each distribution system supplied by more than one district pressure regulating station must be equipped with telemetry or recording pressure gages to indicate the gas pressure in the district. [49 CFR 192.741(a)]

B. On distribution systems supplied by a single district pressure regulating station, the operator shall determine the necessity of installing telemetry or recording gages in the district, taking into consideration the number of customers supplied, the operating pressures, the capacity of the installation, and other operating conditions. [49 CFR 192.741(b)]

C. If there are indications of abnormally high- or low-pressure, the regulator and the auxiliary equipment must be inspected and the necessary measures employed to correct any unsatisfactory operating conditions. [49 CFR 192.741(c)]

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**§2943. Pressure Limiting and Regulating Stations:
Testing of Relief Devices [49 CFR 192.743]**

A. Pressure relief devices at pressure limiting stations and pressure regulating stations must have sufficient capacity to protect the facilities to which they are connected consistent with the pressure limits of §1161.A. This capacity must be determined at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year, by testing the devices in place or by review and calculations. [49 CFR 192.743(a)]

B. If review and calculations are used to determine if a device has sufficient capacity, the calculated capacity must be compared with the rated or experimentally determined relieving capacity of the device for the conditions under which it operates. After the initial calculations, subsequent calculations need not be made if the annual review documents that parameters have not changed to cause the rated or experimentally determined relieving capacity to be insufficient. [49 CFR 192.743(b)]

C. If a relief device is of insufficient capacity, a new or additional device must be installed to provide the capacity required by Subsection A of this Section. [49 CFR 192.743(c)]

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**§2945. Valve Maintenance: Transmission Lines
[49 CFR 192.745]**

A. Each transmission line valve that might be required during any emergency must be inspected and partially operated at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year. [49 CFR 192.745(a)]

B. Each operator must take prompt remedial action to correct any valve found inoperable, unless the operator designates an alternative valve. [49 CFR 192.745(b)]

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**§2947. Valve Maintenance: Distribution Systems
[49 CFR 192.747]**

A. Each valve, the use of which may be necessary for the safe operation of a distribution system, must be checked and serviced at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year. [49 CFR 192.747(a)]

B. Each operator must take prompt remedial action to correct any valve found inoperable, unless the operator designates an alternative valve. [49 CFR 192.747(b)]

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§2949. Vault Maintenance [49 CFR 192.749]

A. Each vault housing pressure regulating and pressure limiting equipment, and having a volumetric internal content of 200 cubic feet (5.66 cubic meters) or more, must be inspected at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year, to determine that it is in good physical condition and adequately ventilated. [49 CFR 192.749(a)]

B. If gas is found in the vault, the equipment in the vault must be inspected for leaks, and any leaks found must be repaired. [49 CFR 192.749(b)]

C. The ventilating equipment must also be inspected to determine that it is functioning properly. [49 CFR 192.749(c)]

D. Each vault cover must be inspected to assure that it does not present a hazard to public safety. [49 CFR 192.749(d)]

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**§2951. Prevention of Accidental Ignition
[49 CFR 192.751]**

A. Each operator shall take steps to minimize the danger of accidental ignition of gas in any structure or area where the presence of gas constitutes a hazard of fire or explosion, including the following: [49 CFR 192.751]

1. when a hazardous amount of gas is being vented into open air, each potential source of ignition must be removed from the area and a fire extinguisher must be provided; [49 CFR 192.751(a)]

2. gas or electric welding or cutting may not be performed on pipe or on pipe components that contain a combustible mixture of gas and air in the area of work; [49 CFR 192.751(b)]

3. post warning signs, where appropriate. [49 CFR 192.751(c)]

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**§2953. Caulked Bell and Spigot Joints
[49 CFR 192.753]**

A. Each cast-iron caulked bell and spigot joint that is subject to pressures of more than 25 psi (172 kPa) gage must be sealed with: [49 CFR 192.753(a)]

1. a mechanical leak clamp; or [49 CFR 192.753(a)(1)]

2. a material or device which: [49 CFR 192.753(a)(2)]

a. does not reduce the flexibility of the joint; [49 CFR 192.753(a)(2)(i)]

b. permanently bonds, either chemically or mechanically, or both, with the bell and spigot metal surfaces or adjacent pipe metal surfaces; and [49 CFR 192.753(a)(2)(ii)]

c. seals and bonds in a manner that meets the strength, environmental, and chemical compatibility requirements of §703.A.1 and A.2 and §1103. [49 CFR 192.753(a)(2)(iii)]

B. Each cast iron caulked bell and spigot joint that is subject to pressures of 25 psi (172 kPa) gage or less and is exposed for any reason, must be sealed by a means other than caulking. [49 CFR 192.753(b)]

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§2955. Protecting Cast-Iron Pipelines [49 CFR 192.755]

A. When an operator has knowledge that the support for a segment of a buried cast-iron pipeline is disturbed: [49 CFR 192.755]

1. that segment of the pipeline must be protected, as necessary, against damage during the disturbance by: [49 CFR 192.755(a)]

a. vibrations from heavy construction equipment, trains, trucks, buses, or blasting; [49 CFR 192.755(a)(1)]

b. impact forces by vehicles; [49 CFR 192.755(a)(2)]

c. earth movement; [49 CFR 192.755(a)(3)]

d. apparent future excavations near the pipeline; or [49 CFR 192.755(a)(4)]

e. other foreseeable outside forces which may subject that segment of the pipeline to bending stress; [49 CFR 192.755(a)(5)]

2. as soon as feasible, appropriate steps must be taken to provide permanent protection for the disturbed segment from damage that might result from external loads, including compliance with applicable requirements of §§1717.A, 1719, and 1911.B through D. [49 CFR 192.755(b)]

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Chapter 31. Operator Qualification [Subpart N]

§3101. Scope [49 CFR 192.801]

A. This Chapter prescribes the minimum requirements for operator qualification of individuals performing covered tasks on a pipeline facility. [49 CFR 192.801(a)]

B. For the purpose of this Chapter, a covered task is an activity, identified by the operator, that: [49 CFR 192.801(b)]

1. is performed on a pipeline facility; [49 CFR 192.801(b)(1)]

2. is an operations or maintenance task; [49 CFR 192.801(b)(2)]

3. is performed as a requirement of this Part; and [49 CFR 192.801(b)(3)]

4. affects the operation or integrity of the pipeline. [49 CFR 192.801(b)(4)]

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§3103. Definitions [49 CFR 192.803]

Abnormal Operating Condition a condition identified by the operator that may indicate a malfunction of a component or deviation from normal operations that may:

1. indicate a condition exceeding design limits; or

2. result in a hazard(s) to persons, property, or the environment.

Evaluation a process, established and documented by the operator, to determine an individual's ability to perform a covered task by any of the following:

1. written examination;

2. oral examination;

3. work performance history review;

4. observation during:

a. performance on the job;

b. on the job training; or

c. simulations; or

5. other forms of assessment.

Qualified that an individual has been evaluated and can:

1. perform assigned covered tasks; and

2. recognize and react to abnormal operating conditions.

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§3105. Qualification Program [49 CFR 192.805]

A. Each operator shall have and follow a written qualification program. The program shall include provisions to: [49 CFR 192.805]

1. identify covered tasks; [49 CFR 192.805(a)]
2. ensure through evaluation that individuals performing covered tasks are qualified; [49 CFR 192.805(b)]
3. allow individuals that are not qualified pursuant to this Subpart to perform a covered task if directed and observed by an individual that is qualified; [49 CFR 192.805(c)]
4. evaluate an individual if the operator has reason to believe that the individual's performance of a covered task contributed to an incident as defined in Chapter 3 of this Part; [49 CFR 192.805(c)]
5. evaluate an individual if the operator has reason to believe that the individual is no longer qualified to perform a covered task; [49 CFR 192.805(e)]
6. communicate changes that affect covered tasks to individuals performing those covered tasks; and [49 CFR 192.805(f)]
7. identify those covered tasks and the intervals at which evaluation of the individual's qualifications is needed. [49 CFR 192.805(g)]

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§3107. Recordkeeping [49 CFR 192.807]

A. Each operator shall maintain records that demonstrate compliance with this Subpart. [49 CFR 192.807]

1. Qualification records shall include: [49 CFR 192.807(a)]
 - a. identification of qualified individual(s); [49 CFR 192.807(a)(1)]
 - b. identification of the covered tasks the individual is qualified to perform; [49 CFR 192.807(a)(2)]
 - c. date(s) of current qualification; and [49 CFR 192.807(a)(3)]
 - d. qualification method(s). [49 CFR 192.807(a)(4)]
2. Records supporting an individual's current qualification shall be maintained while the individual is performing the covered task. Records of prior qualification and records of individuals no longer performing covered tasks shall be retained for a period of five years. [49 CFR 192.807(b)]

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§3109. General [49 CFR 192.809]

A. Operators must have a written qualification program by April 27, 2001. [49 CFR 192.809(a)]

B. Operators must complete the qualification of individuals performing covered tasks by October 28, 2002. [49 CFR 192.809(b)]

C. Work performance history review may be used as a sole evaluation method for individuals who were performing a covered task prior to October 26, 1999. [49 CFR 192.809(c)]

D. After October 28, 2002, work performance history may not be used as a sole evaluation method. [49 CFR 192.809(d)]

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Chapter 33. Pipeline Integrity Management [Subpart O]

§3301. What Do the Regulations in This Chapter Cover? [49 CFR 192.901]

A. This Chapter prescribes minimum requirements for an integrity management program on any gas transmission pipeline covered under this Part. For gas transmission pipelines constructed of plastic, only the requirements in §§3317, 3321, 3335 and 3337 apply. [49 CFR 192.901]

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§3303. What Definitions Apply to This Chapter? [49 CFR 192.903]

A. The following definitions apply to this Chapter.

Assessment The use of nondestructive testing techniques as allowed in this Chapter to ascertain the condition of a covered pipeline segment.

Confirmatory Direct Assessment An assessment method using more focused application of the principles and techniques of direct assessment to identify internal and external corrosion in a covered transmission pipeline segment.

Covered Segment or Covered Pipeline Segment A segment of gas transmission pipeline located in a high consequence area. The terms gas and transmission line are defined in §503.

Direct Assessment Can integrity assessment method that utilizes a process to evaluate certain threats (i.e., external corrosion, internal corrosion and stress corrosion cracking) to a covered pipeline segment's integrity. The process includes the gathering and integration of risk factor data, indirect examination or analysis to identify areas of suspected corrosion, direct examination of the pipeline in these areas, and post assessment evaluation.

High Consequence Area Can area established by one of the methods described in Subparagraphs a or b below.

- a. An area defined as:
 - i. a Class 3 location under §505; or
 - ii. a Class 4 location under §505; or
 - iii. any area outside a Class 3 or Class 4 location where the potential impact radius is greater than 660 feet (200 meters), and the area within a potential impact circle contains 20 or more buildings intended for human occupancy; or
 - iv. the area within a potential impact circle containing an identified site.
- b. The area within a potential impact circle containing:
 - i. 20 or more buildings intended for human occupancy, unless the exception in Subparagraph d applies; or
 - ii. an identified site.
- c. Where a potential impact circle is calculated under either Subparagraph a or b to establish a high consequence area, the length of the high consequence area extends axially along the length of the pipeline from the outermost edge of the first potential impact circle that contains either an identified site or 20 or more buildings intended for human occupancy to the outermost edge of the last contiguous potential impact circle that contains either an identified site or 20 or more buildings intended for human occupancy. (See Figure E.I.A. in §5109, Appendix E.)

d. If in identifying a high consequence area under Clause a.iii or Clause b.i, the radius of the potential impact circle is greater than 660 feet (200 meters), the operator may identify a high consequence area based on a prorated number of buildings intended for human occupancy within a distance 660 feet (200 meters) from the centerline of the pipeline until December 17, 2006. If an operator chooses this approach, the operator must prorate the number of buildings intended for human occupancy based on the ratio of an area with a radius of 660 feet (200 meters) to the area of the potential impact circle (i.e., the prorated number of buildings intended for human occupancy is equal to $[20 \times (660 \text{ feet (or 200 meters)/potential impact radius in feet (or meters)}^2)]$).

Identified Site Each of the following areas:

- a. an outside area or open structure that is occupied by 20 or more persons on at least 50 days in any 12 month period. (The days need not be consecutive.) Examples

include but are not limited to, beaches, playgrounds, recreational facilities, camping grounds, outdoor theaters, stadiums, recreational areas near a body of water, or areas outside a rural building such as a religious facility); or

b. a building that is occupied by 20 or more persons on at least five days a week for 10 weeks in any 12 month period. (The days and weeks need not be consecutive). Examples include, but are not limited to, religious facilities, office buildings, community centers, general stores, 4-H facilities, or roller skating rinks); or

c. a facility occupied by persons who are confined, are of impaired mobility, or would be difficult to evacuate. Examples include but are not limited to hospitals, prisons, schools, day-care facilities, retirement facilities or assisted-living facilities.

Potential Impact Circle Ca circle of radius equal to the potential impact radius (PIR).

Potential Impact Radius (PIR) The radius of a circle within which the potential failure of a pipeline could have significant impact on people or property. PIR is determined by the formula $r = 0.69 * [\text{square root of } (p*d^2)]$, where 'r' is the radius of a circular area in feet surrounding the point of failure, 'p' is the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) in the pipeline segment in pounds per square inch and 'd' is the nominal diameter of the pipeline in inches.

NOTE: 0.69 is the factor for natural gas. This number will vary for other gases depending upon their heat of combustion. An operator transporting gas other than natural gas must use Section 3.2 of ASME/ANSI B31.8S-2001 (Supplement to ASME B31.8; ibr, see §507) to calculate the impact radius formula.

Remediation Ca repair or mitigation activity an operator takes on a covered segment to limit or reduce the probability of an undesired event occurring or the expected consequences from the event.

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§3305. How Does an Operator Identify a High Consequence Area? [49 CFR 192.905]

A. General. To determine which segments of an operator's transmission pipeline system are covered by this Chapter, an operator must identify the high consequence areas. An operator must use Method a. or b. from the definition in §3303 to identify a *high consequence area*. An operator may apply one method to its entire pipeline system, or an operator may apply one method to individual portions of the pipeline system. An operator must describe in its integrity management program which method it is applying to each portion of the operator's pipeline system. The description must include the potential impact radius when utilized to establish a high consequence area. (See §5109, Appendix E.I for guidance on identifying high consequence areas.) [49 CFR 192.905(a)]

B. Identified Sites. An operator must identify an identified site, for purposes of this Chapter, from information the operator has obtained from routine operation and maintenance activities and from public officials with safety or emergency response or planning responsibilities who indicate to the operator that they know of locations that meet the identified site criteria. These public officials could include officials on a local emergency planning commission or relevant Native American tribal officials. If a public official with safety or emergency response or planning responsibilities informs an operator that it does not have the information to identify an identified site, the operator must use one of the following sources, as appropriate, to identify these sites: [49 CFR 192.905(b)]

1. visible marking (e.g., a sign); or [49 CFR 192.905(b)(1)]

2. the site is licensed or registered by a federal, state, or local government agency; or [49 CFR 192.905(b)(2)]

3. the site is on a list (including a list on an internet web site) or map maintained by or available from a federal, state, or local government agency and available to the general public. [49 CFR 192.905(b)(3)]

C. Newly-Identified Areas. When an operator has information that the area around a pipeline segment not previously identified as a high consequence area could satisfy any of the definitions in §3303, the operator must complete the evaluation using method (a) or (b). If the segment is determined to meet the definition as a high consequence area, it must be incorporated into the operator's baseline assessment plan as a high consequence area within one year from the date the area is identified. [49 CFR 192.905(c)]

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§3307. What Must an Operator Do to Implement This Chapter? [49 CFR 192.907]

A. General. No later than December 17, 2004, an operator of a covered pipeline segment must develop and follow a written integrity management program that contains all the elements described in §3311 and that addresses the risks on each covered transmission pipeline segment. The initial integrity management program must consist, at a minimum, of a framework that describes the process for implementing each program element, how relevant decisions will be made and by whom, a time line for completing the work to implement the program element, and how information gained from experience will be continuously incorporated into the program. The framework will evolve into a more detailed and comprehensive program. An operator must make continual improvements to the program. [49 CFR 192.907(a)]

B. Implementation Standards. In carrying out this Chapter, an operator must follow the requirements of this Chapter and of ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §507) and its

appendices, where specified. An operator may follow an equivalent standard or practice only when the operator demonstrates the alternative standard or practice provides an equivalent level of safety to the public and property. In the event of a conflict between this Chapter and ASME/ANSI B31.8S, the requirements in this Chapter control. [49 CFR 192.907(b)]

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§3309. How Can an Operator Change Its Integrity Management Program? [49 CFR 192.909]

A. General. An operator must document any change to its program and the reasons for the change before implementing the change. [49 CFR 192.909(a)]

B. Notification. An operator must notify OPS, in accordance with Section §3349, of any change to the program that may substantially affect the program's implementation or may significantly modify the program or schedule for carrying out the program elements. An operator must also notify a state or local pipeline safety authority when a covered segment is located in a state where OPS has an interstate agent agreement, and a state or local pipeline safety authority that regulates a covered pipeline segment within that state. An operator must provide the notification within 30 days after adopting this type of change into its program. [49 CFR 192.909(b)]

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§3311. What are the Elements of an Integrity Management Program? [49 CFR 192.911]

A. An operator's initial integrity management program begins with a framework (see §3307) and evolves into a more detailed and comprehensive integrity management program, as information is gained and incorporated into the program. An operator must make continual improvements to its program. The initial program framework and subsequent program must, at minimum, contain the following elements: [(When indicated, refer to ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §507) for more detailed information on the listed element.) [49 CFR 192.911]

1. an identification of all high consequence areas, in accordance with §3305; [49 CFR 192.911(a)]

2. a baseline assessment plan meeting the requirements of §§3319 and 3321; [49 CFR 192.911(b)]

3. an identification of threats to each covered pipeline segment, which must include data integration and a risk assessment. An operator must use the threat identification and risk assessment to prioritize covered segments for assessment (§3317) and to evaluate the merits of additional preventive and mitigative measures (§3335) for each covered segment; [49 CFR 192.911(c)]

4. a direct assessment plan, if applicable, meeting the requirements of §3323, and depending on the threat assessed, of §§3325, 3327, or 3329; [49 CFR 192.911(d)]

5. provisions meeting the requirements of §3333 for remediating conditions found during an integrity assessment; [49 CFR 192.911(e)]

6. a process for continual evaluation and assessment meeting the requirements of §3337; [49 CFR 192.911(f)]

7. if applicable, a plan for confirmatory direct assessment meeting the requirements of §3331; [49 CFR 192.911(g)].

8. provisions meeting the requirements of §3335 for adding preventive and mitigative measures to protect the high consequence area; [49 CFR 192.911(h)]

9. a performance plan as outlined in ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Section 9 that includes performance measures meeting the requirements of §3343; [49 CFR 192.911(i)]

10. record keeping provisions meeting the requirements of §3347; [49 CFR 192.911(j)]

11. a management of change process as outlined in ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Section 11; [49 CFR 192.911(k)]

12. a quality assurance process as outlined in ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Section 12; [49 CFR 192.911(l)]

13. a communication plan that includes the elements of ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Section 10, and that includes procedures for addressing safety concerns raised by: [49 CFR 192.911(m)]

a. OPS; and [49 CFR 192.911(m)(1)]

b. a state or local pipeline safety authority when a covered segment is located in a state where OPS has an interstate agent agreement; [49 CFR 192.911(m)(2)]

14. procedures for providing (when requested), by electronic or other means, a copy of the operator's risk analysis or integrity management program to: [49 CFR 192.911(n)]

a. OPS; and [49 CFR 192.911(n)(1)]

b. a state or local pipeline safety authority when a covered segment is located in a state where OPS has an interstate agent agreement; [49 CFR 192.911(n)(2)]

15. procedures for ensuring that each integrity assessment is being conducted in a manner that minimizes environmental and safety risks; [49 CFR 192.911(o)]

16. a process for identification and assessment of newly-identified high consequence areas. (See §§3305 and 3321) [49 CFR 192.911(p)]

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§3313. When May an Operator Deviate Its Program from Certain Requirements of This Chapter? [49 CFR 192.913]

A. General. ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §507) provides the essential features of a performance-based or a prescriptive integrity management program. An operator that uses a performance-based approach that satisfies the requirements for exceptional performance in Subsection B of this Section may deviate from certain requirements in this Chapter, as provided in Subsection C of this Section. [49 CFR 192.913(a)]

B. Exceptional Performance. An operator must be able to demonstrate the exceptional performance of its integrity management program through the following actions. [49 CFR 192.913(b)]

1. To deviate from any of the requirements set forth in Subsection C of this Section, an operator must have a performance-based integrity management program that meets or exceed the performance-based requirements of ASME/ANSI B31.8S and includes, at a minimum, the following elements: [49 CFR 192.913(b)(1)]

a. a comprehensive process for risk analysis; [49 CFR 192.913(b)(1)(i)]

b. all risk factor data used to support the program; [49 CFR 192.913(b)(1)(ii)]

c. a comprehensive data integration process; [49 CFR 192.913(b)(1)(iii)]

d. a procedure for applying lessons learned from assessment of covered pipeline segments to pipeline segments not covered by this Chapter; [49 CFR 192.913(b)(1)(iv)]

e. a procedure for evaluating every incident, including its cause, within the operator's sector of the pipeline industry for implications both to the operator's pipeline system and to the operator's integrity management program; [49 CFR 192.913(b)(1)(v)]

f. a performance matrix that demonstrates the program has been effective in ensuring the integrity of the covered segments by controlling the identified threats to the covered segments; [49 CFR 192.913(b)(1)(vi)]

g. semi-annual performance measures beyond those required in §3343 that are part of the operator's performance plan [see §3311(9)]. An operator must submit these measures, by electronic or other means, on a semi-annual frequency to OPS in accordance with §3351; and [49 CFR 192.913(b)(1)(vii)]

h. an analysis that supports the desired integrity reassessment interval and the remediation methods to be used for all covered segments. [49 CFR 192.913(b)(1)(viii)]

2. In addition to the requirements for the performance-based plan, an operator must: [49 CFR 192.913(b)(2)]

a. have completed at least two integrity assessments of all covered pipeline segments, and be able to demonstrate that each assessment effectively addressed the identified threats on the covered segments; [49 CFR 192.913(b)(2)(i)]

b. remediate all anomalies identified in the more recent assessment according to the requirements in §3333, and incorporate the results and lessons learned from the more recent assessment into the operator's data integration and risk assessment. [49 CFR 192.913(b)(2)(ii)]

C. Deviation. Once an operator has demonstrated that it has satisfied the requirements of Subsection B of this Section, the operator may deviate from the prescriptive requirements of ASME/ANSI B31.8S and of this Chapter only in the following instances. [49 CFR 192.913(c)]

1. The time frame for reassessment as provided in §3339 except that reassessment by some method allowed under this Chapter (e.g., confirmatory direct assessment) must be carried out at intervals no longer than seven years. [49 CFR 192.913(c)(1)]

2. The time frame for remediation as provided in §3333 if the operator demonstrates the time frame will not jeopardize the safety of the covered segment. [49 CFR 192.913(c)(2)]

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§3315. What Knowledge and Training Must Personnel Have to Carry Out an Integrity Management Program? [49 CFR 192.915]

A. Supervisory Personnel. The integrity management program must provide that each supervisor whose responsibilities relate to the integrity management program possesses and maintains a thorough knowledge of the integrity management program and of the elements for which the supervisor is responsible. The program must provide that any person who qualifies as a supervisor for the integrity management program has appropriate training or experience in the area for which the person is responsible. [49 CFR 192.915(a)]

B. Persons Who Carry Out Assessments and Evaluate Assessment Results. The integrity management program must provide criteria for the qualification of any person: [49 CFR 192.915(b)]

1. who conducts an integrity assessment allowed under this Chapter; or [49 CFR 192.915(b)(1)]

2. who reviews and analyzes the results from an integrity assessment and evaluation; or [49 CFR 192.915(b)(2)]

3. who makes decisions on actions to be taken based on these assessments. [49 CFR 192.915(b)(3)]

C. Persons Responsible for Preventive and Mitigative Measures. The integrity management program must provide criteria for the qualification of any person: [49 CFR 192.915(c)]

1. who implements preventive and mitigative measures to carry out this Chapter, including the marking and locating of buried structures; or [49 CFR 192.915(c)(1)]

2. who directly supervises excavation work carried out in conjunction with an integrity assessment. [49 CFR 192.915(c)(2)]

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§3317. How Does an Operator Identify Potential Threats to Pipeline Integrity and Use the Threat Identification in Its Integrity Program? [49 CFR 192.917]

A. Threat Identification. An operator must identify and evaluate all potential threats to each covered pipeline segment. Potential threats that an operator must consider include, but are not limited to, the threats listed in ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §3507), Section 2 and the following: [49 CFR 192.917(a)]

1. time dependent threats such as internal corrosion, external corrosion, and stress corrosion cracking; [49 CFR 192.917(a)(1)]

2. static or resident threats, such as fabrication or construction defects; [49 CFR 192.917(a)(2)]

3. time independent threats such as third party damage and outside force damage; and [49 CFR 192.917(a)(3)]

4. human error. [49 CFR 192.917(a)(4)]

B. Data Gathering and Integration. To identify and evaluate the potential threats to a covered pipeline segment, an operator must gather and integrate data and information on the entire pipeline that could be relevant to the covered segment. In performing this data gathering and integration, an operator must follow the requirements in ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Section 4. At a minimum, an operator must gather and evaluate the set of data specified in Appendix A to ASME/ANSI B31.8S, and consider both on the covered segment and similar non-covered segments, past incident history, corrosion control records, continuing surveillance records, patrolling records, maintenance history, internal inspection records and all other conditions specific to each pipeline. [49 CFR 192.917(b)]

C. Risk Assessment. An operator must conduct a risk assessment that follows ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Section 5, and considers the identified threats for each covered segment. An operator must use the risk assessment to prioritize the covered segments for the baseline and continual reassessments (§§3319, 3321, 3337), and to determine what additional preventive and mitigative measures are needed (§3335) for the covered segment. [49 CFR 192.917(c)]

D. Plastic Transmission Pipeline. An operator of a plastic transmission pipeline must assess the threats to each covered segment using the information in Sections 4 and 5 of ASME B31.8S, and consider any threats unique to the integrity of plastic pipe. [49 CFR 192.917(d)]

E. Actions to Address Particular Threats. If an operator identifies any of the following threats, the operator must take the following actions to address the threat. [49 CFR 192.917(e)]

1. Third Party Damage. An operator must utilize the data integration required in Subsection B of this Section and ASME/ ANSI B31.8S, Appendix A7 to determine the susceptibility of each covered segment to the threat of third party damage. If an operator identifies the threat of third party damage, the operator must implement comprehensive additional preventive measures in accordance with §3335 and monitor the effectiveness of the preventive measures. If, in conducting a baseline assessment under §3321, or a reassessment under §3337, an operator uses an internal inspection tool, such as a caliper, geometry or magnetic flux leakage tool, to address other identified threats on the covered segment, the operator must integrate data from these tool runs with data related to any encroachment or foreign line crossing on the covered segment, to define where potential indications of third party damage may exist in the covered segment. An operator must also have procedures in its integrity management program addressing actions it will take to respond to findings from this data integration. [49 CFR 192.917(e)(1)]

2. Cyclic Fatigue. An operator must evaluate whether cyclic fatigue or other loading condition (including ground movement, suspension bridge condition) could lead to a failure of a deformation, including a dent or gouge, or other defect in the covered segment. An evaluation must assume the presence of threats in the covered segment that could be exacerbated by cyclic fatigue. An operator must use the results from the evaluation together with the criteria used to evaluate the significance of this threat to the covered segment to prioritize the integrity baseline assessment or reassessment. [49 CFR 192.917(e)(2)]

3. Manufacturing and Construction Defects. If an operator identifies the threat of manufacturing and construction defects (including seam defects) in the covered segment, an operator must analyze the covered segment to determine the risk of failure from these defects. An operator may consider manufacturing and construction related defects to be stable defects if the operating conditions on the covered segment have not significantly changed since December 17, 1998. If any of the following changes occur in the covered segment, an operator must prioritize the covered segment as a high risk segment for the baseline assessment or a subsequent reassessment: [49 CFR 192.917(e)(3)]

a. operating pressure increases above the historic operating pressure (i.e. the highest pressure recorded since December 17, 1998); [49 CFR 192.917(e)(3)(i)]

b. MAOP increases; or [49 CFR 192.917(e)(3)(ii)]

c. the stresses leading to cyclic fatigue increase. [49 CFR 192.917(e)(3)(iii)]

4. ERW Pipe. If a covered pipeline segment contains low frequency electric resistance welded pipe (ERW) or lap welded pipe that satisfies the conditions specified in ASME/ANSI B31.8 S, Appendix A4.3 and A4.4, an operator must select an assessment technology or technologies with a proven application capable of assessing seam integrity and of detecting seam corrosion anomalies. The operator must prioritize the covered segment as a high risk segment for the baseline assessment or a subsequent reassessment. [49 CFR 192.917(e)(4)]

5. Corrosion. If an operator identifies corrosion on a covered pipeline segment that could adversely affect the integrity of the line (conditions specified in §3331), the operator must evaluate and remediate, as necessary, all pipeline segments (both covered and non-covered) with similar material coating and environmental characteristics. An operator must establish a schedule for evaluating and remediating, as necessary, the similar segments that is consistent with the operator's established operating and maintenance procedures under Subpart 3 for testing and repair. [49 CFR 192.917(e)(5)]

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§3319. What Must Be in the Baseline Assessment Plan?
[49 CFR 192.919]

A. An operator must include each of the following elements in its written baseline assessment plan: [49 CFR 192.919]

1. identification of the potential threats to each covered pipeline segment and the information supporting the threat identification (see §3317); [49 CFR 192.919(a)]

2. the methods selected to assess the integrity of the line pipe, including an explanation of why the assessment method was selected to address the identified threats to each covered segment. The integrity assessment method an operator uses must be based on the threats identified to the covered segment (see §3317). More than one method may be required to address all the threats to the covered pipeline segment; [49 CFR 192.919(b)]

3. a schedule for completing the integrity assessment of all covered segments, including, risk factors considered in establishing the assessment schedule; [49 CFR 192.919(c)]

4. if applicable, a direct assessment plan that meets the requirements of §3323, and depending on the threat to be addressed, of §§3325, 3327, or 3329; and [49 CFR 192.919(d)]

5. a procedure to ensure that the baseline assessment is being conducted in a manner that minimizes environmental and safety risks. [49 CFR 192.919(e)]

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§3321. How Is the Baseline Assessment to be Conducted? [49 CFR 192.921]

A. **Assessment Methods.** An operator must assess the integrity of the line pipe in each covered segment by applying one or more of the following methods depending on the threats to which the covered segment is susceptible. An operator must select the method or methods best suited to address the threats identified to the covered segment (see §3317): [49 CFR 192.921(a)]

1. internal inspection tool or tools capable of detecting corrosion, and any other threats to which the covered segment is susceptible. An operator must follow ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §507), Section 6.2 in selecting the appropriate internal inspection tools for the covered segment; [49 CFR 192.921(a)(1)]

2. pressure test conducted in accordance with Chapter 23 of this Part; [49 CFR 192.921(a)(2)]

3. direct assessment to address threats of external corrosion, internal corrosion, and stress corrosion cracking. An operator must conduct the direct assessment in accordance with the requirements listed in §3323 and with, as applicable, the requirements specified in §§3325, 3327 or 3329; [49 CFR 192.921(a)(3)]

4. other technology that an operator demonstrates can provide an equivalent understanding of the condition of the line pipe. An operator choosing this option must notify the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) 180 days before conducting the assessment, in accordance with §3349. [49 CFR 192.921(a)(4)]

B. **Prioritizing Segments.** An operator must prioritize the covered pipeline segments for the baseline assessment according to a risk analysis that considers the potential threats to each covered segment. The risk analysis must comply with the requirements in §3317. [49 CFR 192.921(b)]

C. **Assessment for Particular Threats.** In choosing an assessment method for the baseline assessment of each covered segment, an operator must take the actions required in §3317.D to address particular threats that it has identified. [49 CFR 192.921(c)]

D. **Time Period.** An operator must prioritize all the covered segments for assessment in accordance with §3317.C and Subsection B of this Section. An operator must assess at least 50 percent of the covered segments beginning with the highest risk segments, by December 17, 2007. An operator must complete the baseline assessment of all covered segments by December 17, 2012. [49 CFR 192.921(d)]

E. **Prior Assessment.** An operator may use a prior integrity assessment conducted before December 17, 2002 as a baseline assessment for the covered segment, if the integrity assessment meets the baseline requirements in this Chapter and subsequent remedial actions to address the conditions listed in §3333 have been carried out. In addition, if an operator uses this prior assessment as its baseline

assessment, the operator must reassess the line pipe in the covered segment according to the requirements of §3337 and §3339. [49 CFR 192.921(e)]

F. **Newly-Identified Areas.** When an operator identifies a new high consequence area (see §3305), an operator must complete the baseline assessment of the line pipe in the newly-identified high consequence area within 10 years from the date the area is identified. [49 CFR 192.921(f)]

G. **Newly-Installed Pipe.** An operator must complete the baseline assessment of a newly-installed segment of pipe covered by this Chapter within 10 years from the date the pipe is installed. An operator may conduct a post-installation pressure test, in accordance with Chapter 23 of this Part, to satisfy the requirement for a baseline assessment. [49 CFR 192.921(g)]

H. **Plastic Transmission Pipeline.** If the threat analysis required in §3317.D on a plastic transmission pipeline indicates that a covered segment is susceptible to failure from causes other than third-party damage, an operator must conduct a baseline assessment of the segment in accordance with the requirements of this Section and of §3317. The operator must justify the use of an alternative assessment method that will address the identified threats to the covered segment. [49 CFR 192.921(h)]

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§3323. How Is Direct Assessment Used and for What Threats? [49 CFR 192.923]

A. **General.** An operator may use direct assessment either as a primary assessment method or as a supplement to the other assessment methods allowed under this Chapter. An operator may only use direct assessment as the primary assessment method to address the identified threats of external corrosion (ECDA), internal corrosion (ICDA), and stress corrosion cracking (SCCDA). [49 CFR 192.923(a)]

B. **Primary Method.** An operator using direct assessment as a primary assessment method must have a plan that complies with the requirements in: [49 CFR 192.923(b)]

1. ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §507), Section 6.4; NACE RP0502-2002 (ibr, see §507); and §3325 if addressing external corrosion (ECDA); [49 CFR 192.923(b)(1)]

2. ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Section 6.4 and Appendix B2, and §3327 if addressing internal corrosion (ICDA); [49 CFR 192.923(b)(2)]

3. ASME/ANSI B31.8S Appendix A3, and §3329 if addressing stress corrosion cracking (SCCDA). [49 CFR 192.923(b)(3)]

C. **Supplemental Method.** An operator using direct assessment as a supplemental assessment method for any applicable threat must have a plan that follows the requirements for confirmatory direct assessment in §3331. [49 CFR 192.923(c)]

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§3325. What Are the Requirements for Using External Corrosion Direct Assessment (ECDA)?
[49 CFR 192.925]

A. Definition. ECDA is a four-step process that combines preassessment, indirect inspection, direct examination, and post assessment to evaluate the threat of external corrosion to the integrity of a pipeline. [49 CFR 192.925(a)]

B. General Requirements. An operator that uses direct assessment to assess the threat of external corrosion must follow the requirements in this Section, in ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §507), Section 6.4, and NACE RP 0502-2002 (ibr, see §507). An operator must develop and implement a direct assessment plan that has procedures addressing preassessment, indirect inspections, direct examination, and post-assessment. [49 CFR 192.925(b)]

1. Preassessment. In addition to the requirements in ASME/ANSI B31.8S Section 6.4 and NACE RP 0502-2002, Section 3, the plan's procedures for preassessment must include: [49 CFR 192.925(b)(1)]

a. provisions for applying more restrictive criteria when conducting ECDA for the first time on a covered segment; and [49 CFR 192.925(b)(1)(i)]

b. the basis on which an operator selects at least two different, but complementary indirect assessment tools to assess each ECDA Region. If an operator utilizes an indirect inspection method that is not discussed in Appendix A of NACE RP0502-2002, the operator must demonstrate the applicability, validation basis, equipment used, application procedure, and utilization of data for the inspection method. [49 CFR 192.925(b)(1)(ii)]

2. Indirect Examination. In addition to the requirements in ASME/ANSI B31.8S Section 6.4 and NACE RP 0502-2002, Section 4, the plan's procedures for indirect examination of the ECDA regions must include: [49 CFR 192.925(b)(2)]

a. provisions for applying more restrictive criteria when conducting ECDA for the first time on a covered segment; [49 CFR 192.925(b)(2)(i)]

b. criteria for identifying and documenting those indications that must be considered for excavation and direct examination. Minimum identification criteria include the known sensitivities of assessment tools, the procedures for using each tool, and the approach to be used for decreasing the physical spacing of indirect assessment tool readings when the presence of a defect is suspected; [49 CFR 192.925(b)(2)(ii)]

c. criteria for defining the urgency of excavation and direct examination of each indication identified during the indirect examination. These criteria must specify how an

operator will define the urgency of excavating the indication as immediate, scheduled or monitored; and [49 CFR 192.925(b)(2)(iii)]

d. criteria for scheduling excavation of indications for each urgency level. [49 CFR 192.925(b)(2)(iv)]

3. Direct Examination. In addition to the requirements in ASME/ANSI B31.8S Section 6.4 and NACE RP 0502-2002, Section 5, the plan's procedures for direct examination of indications from the indirect examination must include: [49 CFR 192.925(b)(3)]

a. provisions for applying more restrictive criteria when conducting ECDA for the first time on a covered segment; [49 CFR 192.925(b)(3)(i)]

b. criteria for deciding what action should be taken if either (a) corrosion defects are discovered that exceed allowable limits (Section 5.5.2.2 of NACE RP0502-2002), or (b) root cause analysis reveals conditions for which ECDA is not suitable (Section 5.6.2 of NACE RP0502-2002); [49 CFR 192.925(b)(3)(ii)]

c. criteria and notification procedures for any changes in the ECDA Plan, including changes that affect the severity classification, the priority of direct examination, and the time frame for direct examination of indications; and [49 CFR 192.925(b)(3)(iii)]

d. criteria that describe how and on what basis an operator will reclassify and reprioritize any of the provisions that are specified in Section 5.9 of NACE RP0502-2002. [49 CFR 192.925(b)(3)(iv)]

4. Post Assessment and Continuing Evaluation. In addition to the requirements in ASME/ANSI B31.8S Section 6.4 and NACE RP 0502-2002, Section 6, the plan's procedures for post assessment of the effectiveness of the ECDA process must include: [49 CFR 192.925(b)(4)]

a. measures for evaluating the long-term effectiveness of ECDA in addressing external corrosion in covered segments; and [49 CFR 192.925(b)(4)(i)]

b. criteria for evaluating whether conditions discovered by direct examination of indications in each ECDA region indicate a need for reassessment of the covered segment at an interval less than that specified in §3339. (See Appendix D of NACE RP0502-2002.) [49 CFR 192.925(b)(4)(ii)]

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§3327. What Are the Requirements for Using Internal Corrosion Direct Assessment (ICDA)?
[49 CFR 192.927]

A. Definition. Internal Corrosion Direct Assessment (ICDA) is a process an operator uses to identify areas along the pipeline where fluid or other electrolyte introduced during normal operation or by an upset condition may

reside, and then focuses direct examination on the locations in covered segments where internal corrosion is most likely to exist. The process identifies the potential for internal corrosion caused by microorganisms, or fluid with CO₂, O₂, hydrogen sulfide or other contaminants present in the gas. [49 CFR 192.927(a)]

B. General Requirements. An operator using direct assessment as an assessment method to address internal corrosion in a covered pipeline segment must follow the requirements in this Section and in ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §507), Section 6.4 and Appendix B2. The ICDA process described in this Section applies only for a segment of pipe transporting nominally dry natural gas, and not for a segment with electrolyte nominally present in the gas stream. If an operator uses ICDA to assess a covered segment operating with electrolyte present in the gas stream, the operator must develop a plan that demonstrates how it will conduct ICDA in the segment to effectively address internal corrosion. [49 CFR 192.927(b)]

C. The ICDA Plan. An operator must develop and follow an ICDA plan that provides for preassessment, identification of ICDA regions and excavation locations, detailed examination of pipe at excavation locations, and post-assessment evaluation and monitoring. [49 CFR 192.927(c)]

1. Preassessment. In the preassessment stage, an operator must gather and integrate data and information needed to evaluate the feasibility of ICDA for the covered segment, and to support use of a model to identify the locations along the pipe segment where electrolyte may accumulate, to identify ICDA regions, and to identify areas within the covered segment where liquids may potentially be entrained. This data and information includes, but is not limited to: [49 CFR 192.927(c)(1)]

a. all data elements listed in Appendix A2 of ASME/ANSI B31.8S; [49 CFR 192.927(a)(1)(i)]

b. information needed to support use of a model that an operator must use to identify areas along the pipeline where internal corrosion is most likely to occur (see Subsection A of this Section). This information, includes, but is not limited to, location of all gas input and withdrawal points on the line; location of all low points on covered segments such as sags, drips, inclines, valves, manifolds, dead-legs, and traps; the elevation profile of the pipeline in sufficient detail that angles of inclination can be calculated for all pipe segments; and the diameter of the pipeline, and the range of expected gas velocities in the pipeline; [49 CFR 192.927(c)(1)(ii)]

c. operating experience data that would indicate historic upsets in gas conditions, locations where these upsets have occurred, and potential damage resulting from these upset conditions; and [49 CFR 192.927(c)(1)(iii)]

d. information on covered segments where cleaning pigs may not have been used or where cleaning pigs may deposit electrolytes. [49 CFR 192.927(c)(1)(iv)]

2. ICDA Region Identification. An operator's plan must identify where all ICDA Regions are located in the transmission system, in which covered segments are located.

An ICDA Region extends from the location where liquid may first enter the pipeline and encompasses the entire area along the pipeline where internal corrosion may occur and where further evaluation is needed. An ICDA Region may encompass one or more covered segments. In the identification process, an operator must use the model in GRI 02-0057, "Internal Corrosion Direct Assessment of Gas Transmission Pipelines—Methodology," (ibr, see §507). An operator may use another model if the operator demonstrates it is equivalent to the one shown in GRI 02-0057. A model must consider changes in pipe diameter, locations where gas enters a line (potential to introduce liquid) and locations down stream of gas draw-offs (where gas velocity is reduced) to define the critical pipe angle of inclination above which water film cannot be transported by the gas. [49 CFR 192.927(c)(2)]

3. Identification of Locations for Excavation and Direct Examination. An operator's plan must identify the locations where internal corrosion is most likely in each ICDA region. In the location identification process, an operator must identify a minimum of two locations for excavation within each ICDA Region within a covered segment and must perform a direct examination for internal corrosion at each location, using ultrasonic thickness measurements, radiography, or other generally accepted measurement technique. One location must be the low point (e.g., sags, drips, valves, manifolds, dead-legs, traps) within the covered segment nearest to the beginning of the ICDA Region. The second location must be at the upstream end of the pipe containing a covered segment, having a slope not exceeding the critical angle of inclination nearest the end of the ICDA Region. If corrosion exists at either location, the operator must: [49 CFR 192.927(c)(3)]

a. evaluate the severity of the defect (remaining strength) and remediate the defect in accordance with §3333; [49 CFR 192.927(c)(3)(i)]

b. as part of the operator's current integrity assessment either perform additional excavations in each covered segment within the ICDA region, or use an alternative assessment method allowed by this Subpart to assess the line pipe in each covered segment within the ICDA region for internal corrosion; and [49 CFR 192.927(c)(3)(ii)]

c. evaluate the potential for internal corrosion in all pipeline segments (both covered and non-covered) in the operator's pipeline system with similar characteristics to the ICDA region containing the covered segment in which the corrosion was found, and as appropriate, remediate the conditions the operator finds in accordance with §3333. [49 CFR 192.927(c)(3)(iii)]

4. Post-Assessment Evaluation and Monitoring. An operator's plan must provide for evaluating the effectiveness of the ICDA process and continued monitoring of covered segments where internal corrosion has been identified. The evaluation and monitoring process includes: [49 CFR 192.927(c)(4)]

a. evaluating the effectiveness of ICDA as an assessment method for addressing internal corrosion and determining whether a covered segment should be reassessed at more frequent intervals than those specified in §3339. This evaluation must be carried out in the same year in which ICDA is used; and [49 CFR 192.927(c)(4)(i)]

b. continually monitoring each covered segment where internal corrosion has been identified using techniques such as coupons, UT sensors or electronic probes, periodically drawing off liquids at low points and chemically analyzing the liquids for the presence of corrosion products. An operator must base the frequency of the monitoring and liquid analysis on results from all integrity assessments that have been conducted in accordance with the requirements of this Chapter, and risk factors specific to the covered segment. If an operator finds any evidence of corrosion products in the covered segment, the operator must take prompt action in accordance with one of the two following required actions and remediate the conditions the operator finds in accordance with §3333: [49 CFR 192.927(c)(4)(ii)]

i. conduct excavations of covered segments at locations downstream from where the electrolyte might have entered the pipe; or [49 CFR 192.927(c)(4)(ii)(A)]

ii. assess the covered segment using another integrity assessment method allowed by this Chapter. [49 CFR 192.927(c)(4)(ii)(B)]

5. Other Requirements. The ICDA plan must also include: [49 CFR 192.927(c)(5)]

a. criteria an operator will apply in making key decisions (e.g., ICDA feasibility, definition of ICDA Regions, conditions requiring excavation) in implementing each stage of the ICDA process; [49 CFR 192.927(c)(5)(i)]

b. provisions for applying more restrictive criteria when conducting ICDA for the first time on a covered segment and that become less stringent as the operator gains experience; and [49 CFR 192.927(c)(5)(ii)]

c. provisions that analysis be carried out on the entire pipeline in which covered segments are present, except that application of the remediation criteria of §3333 may be limited to covered segments. [49 CFR 192.927(c)(5)(iii)]

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§3329. What Are the Requirements for Using Direct Assessment for Stress Corrosion Cracking (SCCDA)? [49 CFR 192.929]

A. Definition. Stress Corrosion Direct Assessment (SCCDA) is a process to assess a covered pipe segment for the presence of SCC primarily by systematically gathering and analyzing excavation data for pipe having similar operational characteristics and residing in a similar physical environment. [49 CFR 192.929(a)]

B. General Requirements. An operator using direct assessment as an integrity assessment method to address stress corrosion cracking in a covered pipeline segment must have a plan that provides, at minimum, for: [49 CFR 192.929(b)]

1. Data Gathering and Integration. An operator's plan must provide for a systematic process to collect and evaluate data for all covered segments to identify whether the conditions for SCC are present and to prioritize the covered segments for assessment. This process must include gathering and evaluating data related to SCC at all sites an operator excavates during the conduct of its pipeline operations where the criteria in ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §507), Appendix A3.3 indicate the potential for SCC. This data includes at minimum, the data specified in ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Appendix A3; [49 CFR 192.929(b)(1)]

2. Assessment Method. The plan must provide that if conditions for SCC are identified in a covered segment, an operator must assess the covered segment using an integrity assessment method specified in ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Appendix A3, and remediate the threat in accordance with ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Appendix A3, Section A3.4. [49 CFR 192.929(b)(2)]

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§3331. How May Confirmatory Direct Assessment (CDA) Be Used? [49 CFR 192.931]

A. An operator using the confirmatory direct assessment (CDA) method as allowed in §3337 must have a plan that meets the requirements of this Section and of §3325 (ECDA) and §3327 (ICDA). [49 CFR 192.931]

1. Threats. An operator may only use CDA on a covered segment to identify damage resulting from external corrosion or internal corrosion. [49 CFR 192.931(a)]

2. External Corrosion Plan. An operator's CDA plan for identifying external corrosion must comply with §3325 with the following exceptions. [49 CFR 192.931(b)]

a. The procedures for indirect examination may allow use of only one indirect examination tool suitable for the application. [49 CFR 192.931(b)(1)]

b. The procedures for direct examination and remediation must provide that: [49 CFR 192.931(b)(2)]

(i) all immediate action indications must be excavated for each ECDA region; and [49 CFR 192.931(b)(2)(i)]

(ii) at least one high risk indication that meets the criteria of scheduled action must be excavated in each ECDA region. [49 CFR 192.931(b)(2)(ii)]

3. Internal Corrosion Plan. An operator's CDA plan for identifying internal corrosion must comply with §3327 except that the plan's procedures for identifying locations for

excavation may require excavation of only one high risk location in each ICDA region. [49 CFR 192.931(c)]

4. Defects Requiring Near-Term Remediation. If an assessment carried out under Paragraph 2 or 3 of this Section reveals any defect requiring remediation prior to the next scheduled assessment, the operator must schedule the next assessment in accordance with NACE RP 0502-2002 (ibr, see §507), Section 6.2 and 6.3. If the defect requires immediate remediation, then the operator must reduce pressure consistent with §3333 until the operator has completed reassessment using one of the assessment techniques allowed in §3337. [49 CFR 192.931(d)]

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§3333. What Actions Must Be Taken to Address Integrity Issues? [49 CFR 192.933]

A. General Requirements. An operator must take prompt action to address all anomalous conditions that the operator discovers through the integrity assessment. In addressing all conditions, an operator must evaluate all anomalous conditions and remediate those that could reduce a pipeline's integrity. An operator must be able to demonstrate that the remediation of the condition will ensure that the condition is unlikely to pose a threat to the integrity of the pipeline until the next reassessment of the covered segment. If an operator is unable to respond within the time limits for certain conditions specified in this Section, the operator must temporarily reduce the operating pressure of the pipeline or take other action that ensures the safety of the covered segment. If pressure is reduced, an operator must determine the temporary reduction in operating pressure using ASME/ANSI B31G (ibr, see §507) or AGA Pipeline Research Committee Project PR-3-805 [(RSTRENG); ibr, see §507] or reduce the operating pressure to a level not exceeding 80 percent of the level at the time the condition was discovered. (See §5101, Appendix A to this Part for information on availability of incorporation by reference information). A reduction in operating pressure cannot exceed 365 days without an operator providing a technical justification that the continued pressure restriction will not jeopardize the integrity of the pipeline. [49 CFR 192.933(a)]

B. Discovery of Condition. Discovery of a condition occurs when an operator has adequate information about the condition to determine that the condition presents a potential threat to the integrity of the pipeline. An operator must promptly, but no later than 180 days after conducting an integrity assessment, obtain sufficient information about a condition to make that determination, unless the operator demonstrates that the 180-day period is impracticable. [49 CFR 192.933(b)]

C. Schedule for Evaluation and Remediation. An operator must complete remediation of a condition according to a schedule that prioritizes the conditions for evaluation

and remediation. Unless a special requirement for remediating certain conditions applies, as provided in Subsection D of this Section, an operator must follow the schedule in ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §507), Section 7, Figure 4. If an operator cannot meet the schedule for any condition, the operator must justify the reasons why it cannot meet the schedule and that the changed schedule will not jeopardize public safety. An operator must notify OPS in accordance with §3349 if it cannot meet the schedule and cannot provide safety through a temporary reduction in operating pressure or other action. An operator must also notify a state or local pipeline safety authority when a covered segment is located in a state where OPS has an interstate agent agreement, and a state or local pipeline safety authority that regulates a covered pipeline segment within that state. [49 CFR 192.933(c)]

D. Special Requirements for Scheduling Remediation. [49 CFR 192.933(d)]

1. Immediate Repair Conditions. An operator's evaluation and remediation schedule must follow ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Section 7 in providing for immediate repair conditions. To maintain safety, an operator must temporarily reduce operating pressure in accordance with Subsection A of this Section or shut down the pipeline until the operator completes the repair of these conditions. An operator must treat the following conditions as immediate repair conditions: [49 CFR 192.933(d)(1)]

a. a calculation of the remaining strength of the pipe shows a predicted failure pressure less than or equal to 1.1 times the maximum allowable operating pressure at the location of the anomaly. Suitable remaining strength calculation methods include, ASME/ANSI B31G; RSTRENG; or an alternative equivalent method of remaining strength calculation. These documents are incorporated by reference and available at the addresses listed in §5101, Appendix A to this Part; [49 CFR 192.933(d)(1)(i)]

b. a dent that has any indication of metal loss, cracking or a stress riser; [49 CFR 192.933(d)(1)(ii)]

c. an anomaly that in the judgment of the person designated by the operator to evaluate the assessment results requires immediate action. [49 CFR 192.933(d)(1)(iii)]

2. One-Year Conditions. Except for conditions listed in Paragraphs D.1 and D.3 of this Section, an operator must remediate any of the following within one year of discovery of the condition: [49 CFR 192.933(d)(2)]

a. a smooth dent located between the 8 o'clock and 4 o'clock positions (upper 2/3 of the pipe) with a depth greater than 6 percent of the pipeline diameter (greater than 0.50 inches in depth for a pipeline diameter less than Nominal Pipe Size (NPS) 12); [49 CFR 192.933(d)(2)(i)]

b. a dent with a depth greater than 2 percent of the pipeline's diameter (0.250 inches in depth for a pipeline diameter less than NPS 12) that affects pipe curvature at a girth weld or at a longitudinal seam weld. [49 CFR 192.933(d)(2)(ii)]

3. Monitored Conditions. An operator does not have to schedule the following conditions for remediation, but must record and monitor the conditions during subsequent risk assessments and integrity assessments for any change that may require remediation: [49 CFR 192.933(d)(3)]

a. a dent with a depth greater than 6 percent of the pipeline diameter (greater than 0.50 inches in depth for a pipeline diameter less than NPS 12) located between the 4 o'clock position and the 8 o'clock position (bottom 1/3 of the pipe); [49 CFR 192.933(d)(3)(i)]

b. a dent located between the 8 o'clock and 4 o'clock positions (upper 2/3 of the pipe) with a depth greater than 6 percent of the pipeline diameter (greater than 0.50 inches in depth for a pipeline diameter less than Nominal Pipe Size (NPS) 12), and engineering analyses of the dent demonstrate critical strain levels are not exceeded; [49 CFR 192.933(d)(3)(ii)]

c. a dent with a depth greater than 2 percent of the pipeline's diameter (0.250 inches in depth for a pipeline diameter less than NPS 12) that affects pipe curvature at a girth weld or a longitudinal seam weld, and engineering analyses of the dent and girth or seam weld demonstrate critical strain levels are not exceeded. These analyses must consider weld properties. [49 CFR 192.933(d)(3)(iii)]

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§3335. What Additional Preventive and Mitigative Measures Must an Operator Take to Protect the High Consequence Area? [49 CFR 192.935]

A. General Requirements. An operator must take additional measures beyond those already required by this Subpart to prevent a pipeline failure and to mitigate the consequences of a pipeline failure in a high consequence area. An operator must base the additional measures on the threats the operator has identified to each pipeline segment (see §3317). An operator must conduct, in accordance with one of the risk assessment approaches in ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §507), Section 5, a risk analysis of its pipeline to identify additional measures to protect the high consequence area and enhance public safety. Such additional measures include, but are not limited to, installing automatic shut-off valves or remote control valves, installing computerized monitoring and leak detection systems, replacing pipe segments with pipe of heavier wall thickness, providing additional training to personnel on response procedures, conducting drills with local emergency responders and implementing additional inspection and maintenance programs. [49 CFR 192.935(a)]

B. Third Party Damage and Outside Force Damage [49 CFR 192.935(b)]

1. Third Party Damage. An operator must enhance its damage prevention program, as required under §2714 of this Subpart, with respect to a covered segment to prevent and

minimize the consequences of a release due to third party or outside force damage. Enhanced measures to an existing damage prevention program include, at a minimum: [49 CFR 192.935(b)(1)]

a. using qualified personnel (see §3315) for work an operator is conducting that could adversely affect the integrity of a covered segment, such as marking, locating, and direct supervision of known excavation work; [49 CFR 192.935(b)(1)(i)]

b. collecting in a central database information that is location specific on excavation damage that occurs in on covered and non covered segments in the transmission system and the root cause analysis to support identification of targeted additional preventative and mitigative measures in the high consequence areas. This information must include recognized damage that is not required to be reported as an incident under Subpart 2 of this Part; [49 CFR 192.935(b)(1)(ii)]

c. participating in one-call systems in locations where covered segments are present; [49 CFR 192.935(b)(1)(iii)]

d. monitoring of excavations conducted on covered pipeline segments by pipeline personnel. When there is physical evidence of encroachment involving excavation near a covered segment, an operator must either excavate the area near the encroachment or conduct an above ground survey using methods defined in NACE RP-0502-2002 (ibr, see §507). An operator must excavate, and remediate, in accordance with ANSI/ASME B318.S and §3333 any indication of coating holidays or discontinuity warranting direct examination. [49 CFR 192.935(b)(1)(iv)]

2. Outside Force Damage. If an operator determines that outside force (e.g., earth movement, floods, unstable suspension bridge) is a threat to the integrity of a covered segment, the operator must take measures to minimize the consequences to the covered segment from outside force damage. These measures include, but are not limited to, increasing the frequency of aerial, foot or other methods of patrols, adding external protection, reducing external stress, and relocating the line. [49 CFR 192.935(b)(2)]

C. Automatic Shut-Off Valves (ASV) or Remote Control Valves (RCV). If an operator determines, based on a risk analysis, that an ASV or RCV would be an efficient means of adding protection to a high consequence area in the event of a gas release, an operator must install the ASV or RCV. In making that determination, an operator must, at least, consider the following factors: swiftness of leak detection and pipe shutdown capabilities, the type of gas being transported, operating pressure, the rate of potential release, pipeline profile, the potential for ignition, and location of nearest response personnel. [49 CFR 192.935(c)]

D. Pipelines Operating below 30 Percent SMYS. With respect to a transmission pipeline operating below 30 percent SMYS located in a Class 3 or 4 area but not in a high consequence area, an operator must: [49 CFR 192.935(d)]

1. apply the requirements in Subparagraphs B.1.a and B.1.c of this Section to the pipeline; and [49 CFR 192.935(d)(1)]

2. either monitor excavations near the pipeline, or conduct patrols as required by §2905 of the pipeline at bi-monthly intervals. If an operator finds any indication of unreported construction activity, the operator must conduct a follow up investigation to determine if mechanical damage has occurred. [49 CFR 192.935(d)(2)]

E. Plastic Transmission Pipeline. An operator of a plastic transmission pipeline must apply the requirements in Subparagraphs B.1.a, B.1.c and B.1.d of this Section to the covered segments of the pipeline. [49 CFR 192.935(e)]

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§3337. What Is a Continual Process of Evaluation and Assessment to Maintain a Pipeline's Integrity?
[49 CFR 192.937]

A. General. After completing the baseline integrity assessment of a covered segment, an operator must continue to assess the line pipe of that segment at the intervals specified in §3339 and periodically evaluate the integrity of each covered pipeline segment as provided in Subsection B of this Section. An operator must reassess a covered segment on which a prior assessment is credited as a baseline under §3321.E by no later than December 17, 2009. An operator must reassess a covered segment on which a baseline assessment is conducted during the baseline period specified in §3321.D by no later than seven years after the baseline assessment of that covered segment unless the evaluation under Subsection B of this Section indicates earlier reassessment. [49 CFR 192.937(a)]

B. Evaluation. An operator must conduct a periodic evaluation as frequently as needed to assure the integrity of each covered segment. The periodic evaluation must be based on a data integration and risk assessment of the entire pipeline as specified in §3317. For plastic transmission pipelines, the periodic evaluation is based on the threat analysis specified in §3317.D. For all other transmission pipelines, the evaluation must consider the past and present integrity assessment results, data integration and risk assessment information (§3317), and decisions about remediation (§3333) and additional preventive and mitigative actions (§3335). An operator must use the results from this evaluation to identify the threats specific to each covered segment and the risk represented by these threats. [49 CFR 192.935(b)]

C. Assessment Methods. In conducting the integrity reassessment, an operator must assess the integrity of the line pipe in the covered segment by any of the following methods as appropriate for the threats to which the covered segment is susceptible (see §3317), or by confirmatory direct assessment under the conditions specified in §3331: [49 CFR 192.935(c)]

1. internal inspection tool or tools capable of detecting corrosion, and any other threats to which the covered segment is susceptible. An operator must follow ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §507), Section 6.2 in selecting the appropriate internal inspection tools for the covered segment; [49 CFR 192.935(c)(1)]

2. pressure test conducted in accordance with Chapter 23 of this Subpart; [49 CFR 192.935(c)(2)]

3. direct assessment to address threats of external corrosion, internal corrosion, or stress corrosion cracking. An operator must conduct the direct assessment in accordance with the requirements listed in §3323 and with as applicable, the requirements specified in §§3325, 3327 or 3329; [49 CFR 192.935(c)(3)]

4. other technology that an operator demonstrates can provide an equivalent understanding of the condition of the line pipe. An operator choosing this option must notify the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) 180 days before conducting the assessment, in accordance with §3349; [49 CFR 192.935(c)(4)]

5. confirmatory direct assessment when used on a covered segment that is scheduled for reassessment at a period longer than seven years. An operator using this reassessment method must comply with §3331. [49 CFR 192.935(c)(5)]

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§3339. What Are the Required Reassessment Intervals?
[49 CFR 192.939]

A. An operator must comply with the following requirements in establishing the reassessment interval for the operator's covered pipeline segments. [49 CFR 192.939]

1. Pipelines Operating at or above 30 Percent SMYS. An operator must establish a reassessment interval for each covered segment operating at or above 30 percent SMYS in accordance with the requirements of this Section. The minimum reassessment interval by an allowable reassessment method is seven years. If an operator establishes a reassessment interval that is greater than seven years, the operator must, within the seven-year period, conduct a confirmatory direct assessment on the covered segment, and then conduct the follow-up reassessment at the interval the operator has established. A reassessment carried out using confirmatory direct assessment must be done in accordance with §3331. (For ease of reference, the table that follows this Section sets forth the required reassessment intervals.) [49 CFR 192.939(a)]

a. Pressure Test or Internal Inspection or Other Equivalent Technology. An operator that uses pressure testing or internal inspection as an assessment method must establish the reassessment interval for a covered pipeline segment by: [49 CFR 192.939(a)(1)]

i. basing the interval on the identified threats for the segment as listed in §3317 of this Section and in ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §507), Section 9, Tables 6 and 7, and on the analysis of the results from the last integrity assessment and from the data integration and risk assessment required by §3311; or [49 CFR 192.939(a)(1)(i)]

ii. using the intervals specified for different stress levels of pipeline (operating at or above 30 percent SMYS) listed in ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Section 5, Table 3. [49 CFR 192.939(a)(1)(ii)]

b. External Corrosion Direct Assessment. An operator that uses ECDA that meets the requirements of this Chapter must determine the reassessment interval according to the requirements in Paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 of NACE RP0502-2002 (ibr, see §507). [49 CFR 192.939(a)(2)]

c. Internal Corrosion or SCC Direct Assessment. An operator that uses ICDA or SCCDA in accordance with the requirements of this Chapter must determine the reassessment interval according to the following calculation. However, the reassessment interval cannot exceed those specified for direct assessment in ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Section 5, Table 3: [49 CFR 192.939(a)(3)]

i. determine the largest defect most likely to remain in the covered segment and the corrosion rate appropriate for the pipe, soil and protection conditions; [49 CFR 192.939(a)(3)(i)]

ii. use the largest remaining defect as the size of the largest defect discovered in the SCC or ICDA segment; and [49 CFR 192.939(a)(3)(ii)]

iii. estimate the reassessment interval as half the time required for the largest defect to grow to a critical size. [49 CFR 192.939(a)(3)(iii)]

2. Pipelines Operating below 30 Percent SMYS. An operator must establish a reassessment interval for each covered segment operating below 30 percent SMYS in accordance with the requirements of this Section. The minimum reassessment interval by an allowable reassessment method is seven years. An operator must establish reassessment by at least one of the following: [49 CFR 192.939(b)]

a. reassessment by pressure test, internal inspection or other equivalent technology following the requirements in Subparagraph 1.a of this Section except that the stress level referenced in Clause 1.a.ii would be adjusted to reflect the lower operating stress level. If an established interval is more than seven years, the operator must conduct by the seventh year of the interval either a confirmatory direct assessment in accordance with §3331, or a low stress reassessment in accordance with §3341; [49 CFR 192.939(b)(1)]

b. reassessment by ECDA following the requirements in Subparagraph 1.b of this Section; [49 CFR 192.939(b)(2)]

c. reassessment by ICDA or SCCDA following the requirements in Subparagraph 1.c of this Section; [49 CFR 192.939(b)(3)]

d. reassessment by confirmatory direct assessment at 7-year intervals in accordance with §3331, with reassessment by one of the methods listed in Subparagraphs A.2.a-c of this Section by year 20 of the interval; [49 CFR 192.939(b)(4)]

e. reassessment by the low stress assessment method at seven-year intervals in accordance with §3341 with reassessment by one of the methods listed in Subparagraphs 2.a-c of this Section by Year 20 of the interval. [49 CFR 192.939(b)(5)]

B. For ease of reference, the following table sets forth the required reassessment intervals. Also refer to §5101, Appendix E.II for guidance on Assessment Methods and Assessment schedule for Transmission Pipelines Operating Below 30 percent SMYS. In case of conflict between the rule and the guidance in the Appendix, the requirements of the rule control. An operator must comply with the following requirements in establishing a reassessment interval for a covered segment maximum reassessment interval.

Maximum Reassessment Interval			
Assessment Method	Pipeline Operating at or above 50% SMYS	Pipeline Operating at or above 30% SMYS, up to 50% SMYS	Pipeline Operating below 30% SMYS
Internal Inspection Tool, Pressure Test or Direct Assessment	10 years (*)	15 years (*)	20 years (**)
Confirmatory Direct Assessment	7 years	7 years	7 years
Low Stress Reassessment	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	7 years + Ongoing Actions Specified in §3341

(*) A confirmatory direct assessment as described in §3331 must be conducted by year 7 in a 10-year interval and years 7 and 14 of a 15-year interval.

(**) A low stress reassessment or confirmatory direct assessment must be conducted by years 7 and 14 of the interval.

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§3341. What Is a Low Stress Reassessment?
[49 CFR 192.941]

A. General. An operator of a transmission line that operates below 30 percent SMYS may use the following method to reassess a covered segment in accordance with §3339. This method of reassessment addresses the threats of external and internal corrosion. The operator must have conducted a baseline assessment of the covered segment in accordance with the requirements of §§3319 and 3321. [49 CFR 192.941(a)]

B. External Corrosion. An operator must take one of the following actions to address external corrosion on the low stress covered segment. [49 CFR 192.941(b)]

1. Cathodically Protected Pipe. To address the threat of external corrosion on cathodically protected pipe in a covered segment, an operator must perform an electrical survey (i.e. indirect examination tool/method) at least every seven years on the covered segment. An operator must use the results of each survey as part of an overall evaluation of the cathodic protection and corrosion threat for the covered segment. This evaluation must consider, at minimum, the leak repair and inspection records, corrosion monitoring records, exposed pipe inspection records, and the pipeline environment. [49 CFR 192.941(b)(1)]

2. Unprotected Pipe or Cathodically Protected Pipe Where Electrical Surveys Are Impractical. If an electrical survey is impractical on the covered segment an operator must: [49 CFR 192.941(b)(2)]

a. conduct leakage surveys as required by §2906 at 4-month intervals; and [49 CFR 192.941(b)(2)(i)]

b. every 1 1/2 years, identify and remediate areas of active corrosion by evaluating leak repair and inspection records, corrosion monitoring records, exposed pipe inspection records, and the pipeline environment. [49 CFR 192.941(b)(2)(ii)]

C. Internal Corrosion. To address the threat of internal corrosion on a covered segment, an operator must: [49 CFR 192.941(c)]

1. conduct a gas analysis for corrosive agents at least once each calendar year; [49 CFR 192.941(c)(1)]

2. conduct periodic testing of fluids removed from the segment. At least once each calendar year test the fluids removed from each storage field that may affect a covered segment; and [49 CFR 192.941(c)(2)]

3. at least every seven years, integrate data from the analysis and testing required by Paragraphs C.1. and 2 with applicable internal corrosion leak records, incident reports, safety-related condition reports, repair records, patrol records, exposed pipe reports, and test records, and define and implement appropriate remediation actions. [49 CFR 192.941(c)(3)]

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§3343. When Can an Operator Deviate from These Reassessment Intervals? [49 CFR 192.943]

A. Waiver from Reassessment Interval in Limited Situations. In the following limited instances, OPS may allow a waiver from a reassessment interval required by §3339 if OPS finds a waiver would not be inconsistent with pipeline safety. [49 CFR 192.943(a)]

1. Lack of Internal Inspection Tools. An operator who uses internal inspection as an assessment method may be able to justify a longer assessment period for a covered segment if internal inspection tools are not available to assess the line pipe. To justify this, the operator must demonstrate that it cannot obtain the internal inspection tools within the required assessment period and that the actions the operator is taking in the interim ensure the integrity of the covered segment. [49 CFR 192.943(a)(1)]

2. Maintain Product Supply. An operator may be able to justify a longer reassessment period for a covered segment if the operator demonstrates that it cannot maintain local product supply if it conducts the reassessment within the required interval. [49 CFR 192.943(a)(2)]

B. How to Apply. If one of the conditions specified in Paragraph A.1 or 2 of this Section applies, an operator may seek a waiver of the required reassessment interval. An operator must apply for a waiver in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 60118(c), at least 180 days before the end of the required reassessment interval, unless local product supply issues make the period impractical. If local product supply issues make the period impractical, an operator must apply for the waiver as soon as the need for the waiver becomes known. [49 CFR 192.943(b)]

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§3345. What Methods Must an Operator Use to Measure Program Effectiveness? [49 CFR 192.945]

A. General. An operator must include in its integrity management program methods to measure, on a semi-annual basis, whether the program is effective in assessing and evaluating the integrity of each covered pipeline segment and in protecting the high consequence areas. These measures must include the four overall performance measures specified in ASME/ANSI B31.8S (ibr, see §507), Section 9.4, and the specific measures for each identified threat specified in ASME/ANSI B31.8S, Appendix A. An operator must submit these measures, by electronic or other means, on a semi-annual frequency to OPS in accordance with §3351. [49 CFR 192.945(a)]

B. External Corrosion Direct Assessment. In addition to the general requirements for performance measures in Subsection A of this Section, an operator using direct assessment to assess the external corrosion threat must define and monitor measures to determine the effectiveness of the ECDA process. These measures must meet the requirements of §3325. An operator must submit these measures, by electronic or other means, on a semi-annual frequency to OPS in accordance with §3351. [49 CFR 192.945 (b)]

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§3347. What Records Must an Operator Keep?
[49 CFR 192.947]

A. An operator must maintain, for the useful life of the pipeline, records that demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this Chapter. At minimum, an operator must maintain the following records for review during an inspection: [49 CFR 192.947]

1. a written integrity management program in accordance with §3307; [49 CFR 192.947(a)]

2. documents supporting the threat identification and risk assessment in accordance with §3317; [49 CFR 192.947(b)]

3. a written baseline assessment plan in accordance with §3319; [49 CFR 192.947(c)]

4. documents to support any decision, analysis and process developed and used to implement and evaluate each element of the baseline assessment plan and integrity management program. Documents include those developed and used in support of any identification, calculation, amendment, modification, justification, deviation and determination made, and any action taken to implement and evaluate any of the program elements; [49 CFR 192.947(d)]

5. documents that demonstrate personnel have the required training, including a description of the training program, in accordance with §3315; [49 CFR 192.947(e)]

6. schedule required by §3333 that prioritizes the conditions found during an assessment for evaluation and remediation, including technical justifications for the schedule; [49 CFR 192.947(f)]

7. documents to carry out the requirements in §3323 through §3329 for a direct assessment plan; [49 CFR 192.947(g)]

8. documents to carry out the requirements in §3331 for confirmatory direct assessment; [49 CFR 192.947(h)]

9. verification that an operator has provided any documentation or notification required by this Chapter to be provided to OPS, and when applicable, a state authority with which OPS has an interstate agent agreement, and a state or local pipeline safety authority that regulates a covered pipeline segment within that state. [49 CFR 192.947(i)]

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§3349. How Does an Operator Notify OPS and the Louisiana Commissioner of Conservation?
[49 CFR 192.949]

A. An operator must provide any notification required by this Chapter to OPS by: [49 CFR 192.949]

1. sending the notification to the Information Resources Manager, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room 7128, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington DC 20590; [49 CFR 192.949(a)(1)]

2. sending the notification to the Information Resources Manager by facsimile to (202) 366-7128; or [49 CFR 192.949(a)(2)]

3. entering the information directly on the Integrity Management Database (IMDB) web site at <http://primis.rspa.dot.gov/gasimp/>. [49 CFR 192.949(a)(3)]

B. Any notification required by §3349.A must be sent concurrently to the Commissioner of Conservation, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Safety Section, P.O. Box 94279 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275.

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§3351. Where Does an Operator File a Report?
[49 CFR 192.951]

A. An operator must send any performance report required by this Chapter to the Information Resources Manager: [49 CFR 192.951]

1. by mail to the Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room 7128, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590; [49 CFR 192.951(1)]

2. via facsimile to (202) 366-7128; or [49 CFR 192.951(2)]

3. through the online reporting system provided by OPS for electronic reporting available at the OPS Home Page at <http://ops.dot.gov>. [49 CFR 192.951(3)]

B. Any report required by §3351.A must be sent concurrently to the Commissioner of Conservation, Office of Conservation, Pipeline Safety Section, P.O. Box 94279 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275.

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Chapter 51. Appendices

§5101. Appendix A Incorporated by Reference

I. List of Organizations and Addresses

A. American Gas Association (AGA), 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209.

B. American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 11 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036.

C. American Petroleum Institute (API), 1220 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

D. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), United Engineering Center, 345 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017.

E. The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428.

F. Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry, Inc. (MSS), 127 Park Street, NW., Vienna, VA 22180.

G. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy MA 02269-9101.

II. Documents Incorporated by Reference.

(Numbers in parentheses indicate applicable editions.)

A. American Gas Association (AGA)

1. AGA Pipeline Research Committee, Project PR-3-805, "A Modified Criterion for Evaluating the Remaining Strength of Corroded Pipe" (December 22, 1989).

B. American Petroleum Institute (API)

1. API Specification 5L "Specification for Line Pipe" (41st edition, 1995).

2. API Recommended Practice 5L1 "Recommended Practice for Railroad Transportation of Line Pipe" (4th edition, 1990).

3. API Specification 6D "Specification for Pipeline Valves (Gate, Plug, Ball and Check Valves)" (21st edition, 1994).

4. API Standard 1104 "Welding of Pipelines and Related Facilities" (18th edition, 1994).

C. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

1. ASTM Designation: A 53 "Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless" (A 53-96)

2. ASTM Designation: A106 "Standard Specification for Seamless Carbon Steel Pipe for High-Temperature Service" (A106-95).

3. ASTM Designation: A333/A333M "Standard Specification for Seamless and Welded Steel Pipe for Low-Temperature Service" (A333/A 333M-94).

4. ASTM Designation: A372/A372M "Standard Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Forgings for Thin-Walled Pressure Vessels" (A372/A 372M-95).

5. ASTM Designation: A381 "Standard Specification for Metal-Arc-Welded Steel Pipe for Use With High-Pressure Transmission Systems" (A381-93).

6. ASTM Designation: A671 "Standard Specification for Electric-Fusion-Welded Steel Pipe for Atmospheric and Lower Temperatures" (A671-94).

7. ASTM Designation: A672 "Standard Specification for Electric-Fusion-Welded Steel Pipe for High-Pressure Service at Moderate Temperatures" (A672-94).

8. ASTM Designation: A691 "Standard Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Pipe, Electric-Fusion-Welded for High-Pressure Service at High Temperatures" (A691-93).

9. ASTM Designation: D638 "Standard Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics" (D638-96).

10. ASTM Designation: D2513 "Standard Specification for Thermoplastic Gas Pressure Pipe, Tubing and Fittings" (D2513-87 edition for 713.A.1, otherwise D2513-96a).

11. ASTM Designation: D2517 "Standard Specification for Reinforced Epoxy Resin Gas Pressure Pipe and Fittings" (D2517-94)

12. ASTM Designation: F1055 "Standard Specification for Electro Fusion Type Polyethylene Fittings for Outside Diameter Controlled Polyethylene Pipe and Tubing" (F1055-95)

D. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

1. ASME/ANSI B16.1 "Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings" (1989).

2. ASME/ANSI B16.5 "Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings" (1988 with October 1988 Errata and ASME/ANSI B16.5a-1992 Addenda).

3. ASME/ANSI B31G "Manual for Determining the Remaining Strength of Corroded Pipelines" (1991).

4. ASME/ANSI B31.8 "Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems" (1995).

5. ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section I "Power Boilers" (1995 edition with 1995 Addenda).

6. ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII, Division 1 "Pressure Vessels" (1995 edition with 1995 Addenda).

7. ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII, Division 2 "Pressure Vessels: Alternative Rules" (1995 edition with 1995 Addenda).

8. ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section IX "Welding and Brazing Qualification" (1995 edition with 1995 Addenda).

9. ASME/ANSI B31.8S-2001 (Supplement to B31.8), "Managing Systems Integrity of Gas Pipelines," July 19, 2002.

E. Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry, Inc. (MSS)

1. MSS SP-44-96 "Steel Pipe Line Flanges" (includes 1996 errata)(1996).

2. [Reserved].

F. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

1. NFPA 30 "Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code" (1996).

2. ANSI/NFPA 58 "Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases"(1995).

3. ANSI/NFPA 59 "Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases at Utility Gas Plants" (1995).

4. ANSI/NFPA 70 "National Electrical Code" (1996).

G. NACE International

1. NACE RP-0502-2002 "Pipeline External Corrosion Direct Assessment Methodology," 2002.

H. Gas Research Institute

1. GRI 02-0057, "Internal Corrosion Direct Assessment of Gas Transmission Pipeline-Methodology," April 1, 2002.

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§5103. Appendix B Qualification of Pipe

I. Listed Pipe Specifications

(Numbers in parentheses indicate applicable editions.)

- API 5L Steel pipe (1995)
- ASTM A53 Steel pipe (1995a)
- ASTM A106 Steel pipe (1994a)
- ASTM A333/A 333M Steel pipe (1994)
- ASTM A381 Steel pipe (1993)
- ASTM A671 Steel pipe (1994)
- ASTM A672 Steel pipe (1994)
- ASTM A691 Steel pipe (1993)
- ASTM D2513 Thermoplastic pipe and tubing (1995(c))
- ASTM D2517 Thermosetting plastic pipe and tubing (1994)

II. Steel Pipe of Unknown or Unlisted Specification

A. Bending properties. For pipe 2 inches (51 millimeters) or less in diameter, a length of pipe must be cold bent through at least 90 degrees around a cylindrical mandrel that has a diameter 12 times the diameter of the pipe, without developing cracks at any portion and without opening the longitudinal weld.

For pipe more than 2 inches (51 millimeters) in diameter, the pipe must meet the requirements of the flattening tests set forth in ASTM A53, except that the number of tests must be at least equal to the minimum required in Paragraph II.D of this appendix to determine yield strength.

B. Weldability. A girth weld must be made in the pipe by a welder who is qualified under Chapter 13 of this Part. The weld must be made under the most severe conditions under which welding will be allowed in the field and by means of the same procedure that will be used in the field. On pipe more than 4 inches (102 millimeters) in diameter at least one test weld must be made for each 100 lengths of pipe. On pipe 4 inches (102 millimeters) or less in diameter, at least one test weld must be made for each 400 lengths of pipe. The weld must be tested in accordance with API Standard 1104. If the requirements of API Standard 1104 cannot be met, weldability may be established by making chemical tests for carbon and manganese, and proceeding in accordance with Section IX of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessels Code. The same number of chemical tests must be made as are required for testing a girth weld.

C. Inspection. The pipe must be cleaned enough to permit adequate inspection. It must be visually inspected to ensure that it is reasonably round and straight and there are no defects which might impair the strength or tightness of the pipe.

D. Tensile Properties. If the tensile properties of the pipe are not known, the minimum yield strength may be taken as 24,000 psi (165 MPa) or less, or the tensile properties may be established by performing tensile tests as set forth in API Specification 5L. All test specimens shall be selected at random and the following number of tests must be performed.

Number of Tensile Tests-All Sizes	
10 lengths or less	1 set of tests for each length.
11 to 100 lengths	1 set of tests for each 5 lengths, but not less than 10 tests.
Over 100 lengths	1 set of tests for each 10 lengths, but not less than 20 tests.

If the yield-tensile ratio, based on the properties determined by those tests, exceeds 0.85, the pipe may be used only as provided in §705.C5(c).

III. Steel Pipe Manufactured before November 12, 1970, to Earlier Editions of Listed Specifications

Steel pipe manufactured before November 12, 1970, in accordance with a specification of which a later edition is listed in Section I of this Appendix, is qualified for use under this Part if the following requirements are met.

A. Inspection. The pipe must be clean enough to permit adequate inspection. It must be visually inspected to ensure that it is reasonably round and straight and that there are no defects which might impair the strength or tightness of the pipe.

B. Similarity of Specification Requirements. The edition of the listed specification under which the pipe was manufactured must have substantially the same requirements with respect to the following properties as a later edition of that specification listed in Section I of this Appendix:

1. physical (mechanical) properties of pipe, including yield and tensile strength, elongation, and yield to tensile ratio, and testing requirements to verify those properties;
2. chemical properties of pipe and testing requirements to verify those properties.

C. Inspection or Test of Welded Pipe. On pipe with welded seams, one of the following requirements must be met.

1. The edition of the listed specification to which the pipe was manufactured must have substantially the same requirements with respect to nondestructive inspection of welded seams and the standards of acceptance or rejection and repair as a later edition of the specification listed in Section I of this Appendix.

2. The pipe must be tested in accordance with Chapter 23 of this Part to at least 1.25 times the maximum allowable operating pressure if it is to be installed in a Class I location and to at least 1.5 times the maximum allowable operating pressure if it is to be installed in a Class 2, 3, or 4 location. Notwithstanding any shorter time period permitted under Chapter 23 of this Part, the test pressure must be maintained for at least eight hours.

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§5105. Appendix C Qualification of Welders for Low Stress Level Pipe

I. Basic Test

The test is made on pipe 12 inches (305 millimeters) or less in diameter. The test weld must be made with the pipe in a horizontal fixed position so that the test weld includes at least one section of overhead position welding. The beveling, root opening, and other details must conform to the specifications of the procedure under which the welder is being qualified. Upon completion, the test weld is cut into four coupons and subjected to a root bend test. If, as a result of this test, two or more of the four coupons develop a crack in the weld material, or between the weld material and base metal, that is more than 1/8-inch (3.2 millimeters) long in any direction, the weld is unacceptable. Cracks that occur on the corner of the specimen during testing are not considered.

II. Additional Tests for Welders of Service Line Connections to Mains

A service line connection fitting is welded to a pipe section with the same diameter as a typical main. The weld is made in the same position as it is made in the field. The weld is

unacceptable if it shows a serious undercutting or if it has rolled edges. The weld is tested by attempting to break the fitting off the run pipe. The weld is unacceptable if it breaks and shows incomplete fusion, overlap, or poor penetration at the junction of the fitting and run pipe.

III. Periodic Tests for Welders of Small Service Lines

Two samples of the welder's work, each about 8 inches (203 millimeters) long with the weld located approximately in the center, are cut from steel service line and tested as follows.

1. One sample is centered in a guided bend testing machine and bent to the contour of the die for a distance of 2 inches (51 millimeters) on each side of the weld. If the sample shows any breaks or cracks after removal from the bending machine, it is unacceptable.

2. The ends of the second sample are flattened and the entire joint subjected to a tensile strength test. If failure occurs adjacent to or in the weld metal, the weld is unacceptable. If a tensile strength testing machine is not available, this sample must also pass the bending test prescribed in Subparagraph 1, of this Paragraph.

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§5107. Appendix D Criteria for Cathodic Protection and Determination of Measurements

I. Criteria for Cathodic Protection

A. Steel, Cast Iron, and Ductile Iron Structures

1. A negative (cathodic) voltage of at least 0.85 volt, with reference to a saturated copper-coppersulfate half cell. Determination of this voltage must be made with the protective current applied, and in accordance with Sections II and IV of this Appendix.

2. A negative (cathodic) voltage shift of at least 300 millivolts. Determination of this voltage shift must be made with the protective current applied, and in accordance with Sections II and IV of this Appendix. This criterion of voltage shift applies to structures not in contact with metals of different anodic potentials.

3. A minimum negative (cathodic) polarization voltage shift of 100 millivolts. This polarization voltage shift must be determined in accordance with Sections III and IV of this Appendix.

4. A voltage at least as negative (cathodic) as that originally established at the beginning of the Tafel segment of the E-log-I curve. This voltage must be measured in accordance with Section IV of this Appendix.

5. A net protective current from the electrolyte into the structure surface as measured by the earth current technique applied at predetermined current discharge (anodic) points of the structure.

B. Aluminum Structures

1. Except as provided in Paragraphs 3 and 4. of this Paragraph, a minimum negative (cathodic) voltage shift of 150 millivolts, produced by the application of protective current. The voltage shift must be determined in accordance with Sections II and IV of this Appendix.

2. Except as provided in Paragraphs 3 and 4. of this Paragraph, a minimum negative (cathodic) polarization voltage shift of 100 millivolts. This polarization voltage shift must be determined in accordance with Sections III and IV of this Appendix.

3. Notwithstanding the alternative minimum criteria in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Paragraph, aluminum, if cathodically protected at voltages in excess of 1.20 volts as measured with reference to a copper-copper sulfate half cell, in accordance with Section IV of this Appendix, and compensated for the voltage (IR) drops other than those across the structure-electrolyte boundary may suffer corrosion resulting from the build-up of alkali on the metal surface. A voltage in excess of 1.20 volts may not be used unless previous test results indicate no appreciable corrosion will occur in the particular environment.

4. Since aluminum may suffer from corrosion under high pH conditions, and since application of cathodic protection tends to increase the pH at the metal surface, careful investigation or testing must be made before applying cathodic protection to stop pitting attack on aluminum structures in environments with a natural pH in excess of 8.

C. Copper Structures. A minimum negative (cathodic) polarization voltage shift of 100 millivolts. This polarization voltage shift must be determined in accordance with Sections III and IV. of this Appendix.

D. Metals of Different Anodic Potentials. A negative (cathodic) voltage, measured in accordance with Section IV. of this Appendix, equal to that required for the most anodic metal in the system must be maintained. If amphoteric structures are involved that could be damaged by high alkalinity covered by Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Paragraph B of this Section, they must be electrically isolated with insulating flanges, or the equivalent.

II. Interpretation of Voltage Measurement

Voltage (IR) drops other than those across the structure electrolyte boundary must be considered for valid interpretation of the voltage measurement in Paragraphs A.1 and 2 and Paragraph B.1 of this Section I of this Appendix.

III. Determination of Polarization Voltage Shift

The polarization voltage shift must be determined by interrupting the protective current and measuring the polarization decay. When the current is initially interrupted, an immediate voltage shift occurs. The voltage reading after the immediate shift must be used as the base reading from which to measure polarization decay in Paragraphs A.3 and B.2 and C of Section I of this Appendix.

IV. Reference Half Cells

A. Except as provided in Paragraphs B and C of this Section, negative (cathodic) voltage must be measured between the structure surface and a saturated copper-copper sulfate half cell contacting the electrolyte.

B. Other standard reference half cells may be substituted for the saturated copper-copper sulfate half cell. Two commonly used reference half cells are listed below along with their voltage equivalent to -0.85 volt as referred to a saturated copper-copper sulfate half cell.

1. Saturated KCl calomel half cell: -0.78 volt
2. Silver-silver chloride half cell used in sea water: -0.80 volt

C. In addition to the standard reference half cells, an alternate metallic material or structure may be used in place of the saturated copper-copper sulfate half cell if its potential stability is assured and if its voltage equivalent referred to a saturated copper-copper sulfate half cell is established.

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§5109. Appendix E Guidance on Determining High Consequence Areas and on Carrying out Requirements in the Integrity Management Rule

I. Guidance on Determining a High Consequence Area

To determine which segments of an operator's transmission pipeline system are covered for purposes of the integrity management program requirements, an operator must identify the high consequence areas. An operator must use Method a. or b. from the definition in §3303 to identify a *high consequence area*. An operator may apply one method to its entire pipeline system, or an operator may apply one method to individual portions of the pipeline system (refer to figure E.I.A for a diagram of a high consequence area).

(a) If an operator selects method (a), then:

(1) all pipeline in Class 3 and Class 4 locations is considered to be in a high consequence area;

(2) the operator is to calculate potential impact circles, as defined in §3303, centered on the centerline of the pipeline for:

(i) any areas of its pipeline system that are not in Class 3 or Class 4 locations which could include an identified site as defined in §3303; and

(ii) any pipeline in Class 3 and Class 4 locations for which the potential impact radius would be greater than 660 feet (200 meters) and for which an identified site may exist in the area more than 660 feet (200 meters) but less than the potential impact radius from the pipeline;

(3) the operator is to evaluate the potential impact circles to determine if they contain identified sites, as defined in §3303, in accordance with Paragraph (c) of the same Section;

(4) the operator is to complete identification of high consequence areas by December 17, 2004.

(b) If an operator selects method (b) then:

(1) the operator is to calculate potential impact circles, as defined in §3303, centered on the centerline of the pipeline for all areas of its pipeline where the circles could contain 20 buildings intended for human occupancy or an identified site;

(2) the operator is to evaluate the potential impact circles to determine if they contain 20 buildings intended for human occupancy. Each separate dwelling unit in a multiple dwelling unit building is counted as a separate building intended for human occupancy:

(i) if the radius of the potential impact circle is greater than 660 feet (200 meters), the operator may identify a high consequence area based on a prorated number of buildings intended for human occupancy until December 17, 2006. If an operator chooses this approach, the operator must prorate the number of buildings intended for human occupancy based on the ratio of an area with a radius of 660 feet (200 meters) to the area of the potential impact circle (i.e., the prorated number of buildings intended for human occupancy is equal to $\{20 \times [660 \text{ feet (or 200 meters)} / \text{potential impact radius in feet (or meters)}]^2\}$);

(3) the operator is to evaluate the potential impact circles to determine if they contain identified sites, as defined in §3303, in accordance with Paragraph (c) of this Section;

(4) the operator is to complete identification of high consequence areas by December 17, 2004.

(c) Operators are to identify sites meeting the criteria of identified sites, as defined in §3303. The process for identification is in §3305. Further guidance was provided in (68 FR 42456; July 17, 2003) titled issuance of advisory bulletin. Operators must document, and retain for review during inspections, their rationale for selecting the source(s) used, including why it/they are appropriate for use.

(d) Requirements for incorporating newly-identified high consequence areas into an integrity management program are in §3305.

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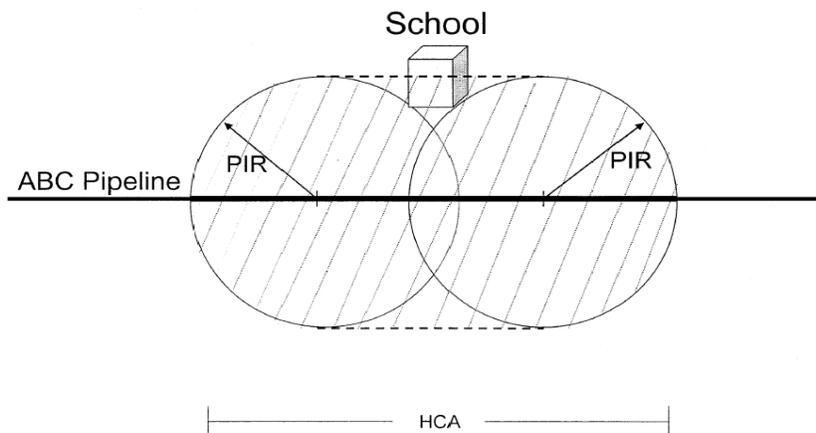


Figure E.I.A

II. Guidance on Assessment Methods for Transmission Pipelines Operating below 30 Percent SMYS

1. Table E.II.1 gives guidance to help an operator implement requirements on assessment methods for addressing time dependent and independent threats, for transmission pipelines operating below 30 percent SMYS not in HCAs (i.e., outside of potential impact circle) but located within Class 3 and 4 Locations.

2. Table E.II.2 gives guidance to help an operator implement requirements on assessment methods for addressing time dependent and independent threats, for transmission pipelines operating below 30 percent SMYS in HCAs.

3. Table E.II.3 gives guidance on preventative and mitigative measures addressing time dependent and independent threats for transmission pipelines that operate below 30 percent SMYS, in HCAs.

Table E.II.1: Assessment Methods for Transmission Pipelines Operating below 30 percent SMYS Not in HCAs but in Class 3 and 4 Locations			
(Column 1) Threat	Existing Subpart 3 Requirements		(Column 4) Additional (to Subpart 3 Requirements) Assessments
	(Column 2) Primary	(Column 3) Secondary	
External Corrosion	2107 (Gen. Post 1971), 2109 (Gen. Pre-1971) 2111 (Examination), 2113 (Ext. Coating) 2115 (CP), 2117 (Monitoring) 2119 (Elect isolation), 2121 (Test Stations) 2123 (Test leads), 2125 (Interference) 2131 (Atmospheric), 2133 (Atmospheric) 2137 (Remedial), 2905 (Patrol) 2906 (Leak Survey), 2911 (Repair Gen.) 2917 (Repair Perm.)	2703-(Gen Operation) 2713-(Surveillance)	For Cathodically Protected Transmission Pipeline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform semi-annual leak surveys. For Unprotected Transmission Pipelines or for Cathodically Protected Pipe where Electrical Surveys are Impractical: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform quarterly leak surveys
Internal Corrosion	2127 (Gen IC), 2129 (IC monitoring) 2137 (Remedial), 2905 (Patrol) 2906 (Leak Survey), 2911 (Repair Gen.) 2917 (Repair Perm.)	703(A)(1) (Materials) 2703 (Gen Operation) 2713 (Surveillance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform semi-annual leak surveys.
3rd Party Damage	903 (Gen. Design), 911 (Design Factor) 1717 (Hazard Prot), 1727 (Cover) 2714 (Dam. Prevent), 2716 (Public Education) 2905 (Patrol), 2907 (Line Markers) 2911 (Repair - Gen.), 2917 (Repair - Perm.)	2715 (Emergency Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in state one-call system: Use of qualified operator employees and contractors to perform marking and locating of buried structures and in direct supervision of excavation work, AND Either monitoring of excavations near operator's transmission pipelines, or bi-monthly patrol of transmission pipelines in Class 3 and 4 locations. Any indications of unreported construction activity would require a follow up investigation to determine if mechanical damage occurred.

Table E.II.2 Assessment Requirements for Transmission Pipelines in HCAs (Reassessment intervals are maximum allowed.)						
	Reassessment Requirements (see Note 3)					
	At or above 50 percent SMYS		At or above 30 percent SMYS up to 50 percent SMYS		Below 30 percent SMYS	
Baseline Assessment Method (see Note 3)	Max Re-Assessment Interval	Assessment Method	Max Re-Assessment Interval	Assessment Method	Max Re-Assessment Interval	Assessment Method
Pressure Testing	7	CDA	7	CDA	Ongoing	Preventative and Mitigative (P&M) Measures (see Table E.II.3), (see Note 2)
	10	Pressure Test or ILI or DA	15 (see Note 1)	Pressure Test or ILI or DA (see Note 1)		
		Repeat inspection cycle every 10 years		Repeat inspection cycle every 15 years	20	Pressure Test or ILI or DA
					Repeat inspection cycle every 20 years	
In-Line Inspection	7	CDA	7	CDA	Ongoing	Preventative and Mitigative (P&M) Measures (see Table E.II.3), (see Note 2)
	10	Pressure Test or ILI or DA	15 (see Note 1)	ILI or DA or Pressure Test (see Note 1)		
		Repeat inspection cycle every 10 years		Repeat inspection cycle every 15 years	20	ILI or DA or Pressure Test
					Repeat inspection cycle every 20 years	

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Direct Assessment	7	CDA	7	CDA	Ongoing	Preventative and Mitigative (P&M) Measures (see Table E.II.3), (see Note 2)
	10	DA or ILI or Pressure Test				
		Repeat inspection cycle every 10 years	15 (see Note 1)	DA or ILI or Pressure Test (see Note 1)	20	DA or ILI or Pressure Test
				Repeat inspection cycle every 15 years		Repeat inspection cycle every 20 years

Note 1: Operator may choose to utilize CDA at year 14, then utilize ILI, Pressure Test, or DA at year 15 as allowed under ASME B31.8S

Note 2: Operator may choose to utilize CDA at year 7 and 14 in lieu of P&M

Note 3: Operator may utilize "other technology that an operator demonstrates can provide an equivalent understanding of the condition of line pipe"

Table E.II.3 Preventative and Mitigative Measures Addressing Time Dependent and Independent Threats for Transmission Pipelines That Operate below 30 percent SMYS, in HCAs			
Threat	Existing Subpart 3 Requirements		Additional (to Subpart 3 Requirements) Preventive & Mitigative Measures
	Primary	Secondary	
External Corrosion	2107☐(Gen. Post 1971) 2109☐(Gen. Pre-1971) 2111☐(Examination) 2113☐(Ext. Coating) 2115☐(CP) 2117☐(Monitoring) 2119☐(Elect Isolation) 2121☐(Test Stations) 2123☐(Test Leads) 2125☐(Interference) 2131☐(Atmospheric) 2133☐(Atmospheric) 2137☐(Remedial) 2905☐(Patrol) 2906☐(Leak Survey) 2911☐(Repair☐Gen.) 2917☐(Repair☐Perm.)	2703☐(Gen Oper) 2713☐(Surveil)	For Cathodically Protected Trmn. Pipelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform an electrical survey (i.e. indirect examination tool/method) at least every 7 years. Results are to be utilized as part of an overall evaluation of the CP system and corrosion threat for the covered segment. Evaluation shall include consideration of leak repair and inspection records, corrosion monitoring records, exposed pipe inspection records, and the pipeline environment. For Unprotected Trmn. Pipelines or for Cathodically Protected Pipe Where Electrical Surveys are Impracticable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct quarterly leak surveys AND Every 1-1/2 years, determine areas of active corrosion by evaluation of leak repair and inspection records, corrosion monitoring records, exposed pipe inspection records, and the pipeline environment.
Internal Corrosion	2127☐(Gen IC) 2129☐(IC Monitoring) 2137☐(Remedial) 2905☐(Patrol) 2906☐(Leak Survey) 2911☐(Repair☐Gen.) 2917☐(Repair☐Perm.)	703(A)(1)☐(Materials) 2703☐(Gen Oper) 2713☐(Surveil)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain and review gas analysis data each calendar year for corrosive agents from transmission pipelines in HCAs, Periodic testing of fluid removed from pipelines. Specifically, once each calendar year from each storage field that may affect transmission pipelines in HCAs, AND At least every 7 years, integrate data obtained with applicable internal corrosion leak records, incident reports, safety related condition reports, repair records, patrol records, exposed pipe reports, and test records.
Third Party Damage	903☐(Gen. Design) 911☐(Design Factor) 1717☐(Hazard Prot) 1727☐(Cover) 2714☐(Dam. Prevent) 2716☐(Public Educat) 2905☐(Patrol) 2907☐(Line Markers) 2911☐(Repair☐Gen.) 2917☐(Repair☐Perm.)	2715☐(Emergency Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in state one-call system, Use of qualified operator employees and contractors to perform marking and locating of buried structures and in direct supervision of excavation work, AND Either monitoring of excavations near operator's transmission pipelines, or bi-monthly patrol of transmission pipelines in HCAs or Class 3 and 4 locations. Any indications of unreported construction activity would require a follow up investigation to determine if mechanical damage occurred.

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Subpart 4. Drug and Alcohol Testing

Chapter 61. General [Part 199☐Subpart A]

§6101. Scope [49 CFR 199.1]

A. This Subpart requires operators of pipeline facilities subject to LAC 43:XIII or LAC 33:V.Subpart 3 (49 CFR Part 192 and 195) to test covered employees for the presence of prohibited drugs and alcohol. [49 CFR 199.1]

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§6102. Applicability [49 CFR 199.2]

A. This Subpart applies to pipeline operators' only with respect to employees located within the territory of the United States, including those employees located within the limits of the *Outer Continental Shelf* as that term is defined in the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331). [49 CFR 199.2(a)]

B. This Subpart does not apply to any person for whom compliance with LAC 43:XIII or LAC 33:V.Subpart 3 (49 CFR Part 192 and 195) domestic laws or policies of another country. [49 CFR 199.2(b)]

C. This Subpart does not apply to covered functions performed on: [49 CFR 199.2(c)]

1. master meter systems, as defined in §303 of this Part; or [49 CFR 199.2(c)(1)]

2. pipeline systems that transport only petroleum gas or petroleum gas/air mixtures. [49 CFR 199.2(c)(2)]

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§6103. Definitions [49 CFR 199.3]

A. As used in this Chapter:

Accident Can an incident reportable under 49 CFR Part 191 involving gas pipeline facilities or LNG facilities, or an accident reportable under CFR Part 195 involving hazardous liquid pipeline facilities.

Administrator The Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration or his or her delegate.

Covered Employee, Employee, or Individual to be Tested A person who performs a covered function, including persons employed by operators, contractors engaged by operators, and persons employed by such contractors.

Covered Function An operations, maintenance, or emergency-response function regulated by 49 CFR Part 192, 193, or 195 that is performed on a pipeline or on an LNG facility.

DOT Procedures The "Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs" published by the Office of the Secretary of Transportation in CFR Part 40.

Fail a Drug Test The confirmation test result shows positive evidence of the presence under DOT procedures of a prohibited drug in an employee's system.

Operator A person who owns or operates pipeline facilities subject to CFR Part 192, 193, or 195.

Pass a Drug Test Initial testing or confirmation testing under DOT procedures does not show evidence of the presence of a prohibited drug in a person's system.

Performs a Covered Function Includes actually performing, ready to perform, or immediately available to perform a covered function.

Positive Rate for Random Drug Testing The number of verified positive results for random drug tests conducted under this Subpart plus the number of refusals of random drug tests required by this Subpart, divided by the total number of random drug tests results (i.e., positives, negatives, and refusals) under this Subpart.

Prohibited Drug Any of the following substances specified in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Controlled Substances Act, (21 U.S.C. §812) marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines, and phencyclidine (PCP).

Refuse to Submit, Refuse, or Refuse to Take Behavior consistent with DOT procedures concerning refusal to take a drug test of refusal to take an alcohol test.

State Agency An agency of any of the several states, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico that participates under the pipeline safety laws. (49 U.S.C. 60101 et seq.)

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§6105. DOT Procedures [49 CFR 199.5]

A. The anti-drug and alcohol programs required by this Subpart must be conducted according to the requirements of this Subpart and the DOT procedures. Terms and concepts used in this Subpart have the same meaning as in the DOT procedures. Violations of DOT procedures with respect to anti-drug and alcohol programs required by this Subpart are violations of this Subpart. [49 CFR 199.5]

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§6107. Stand-Down Waivers [49 CFR 199.7]

A. Each operator who seeks a waiver under 49 CFR §40.21 from the stand-down restriction must submit an application for waiver in duplicate to the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590. [49 CFR 199.7(a)]

B. Each applicant must: [49 CFR 199.7(b)]

1. identify 49 CFR 40.21 as the rule from which the waiver is sought; [49 CFR 199.7(b)(1)]

2. explain why the waiver is requested and describe the employees to be covered by the waiver; [49 CFR 199.7(b)(2)]

3. contain the information required by 49 CFR §40.21 and any other information or arguments to support the waiver requested; and [49 CFR 199.7(b)(3)]

4. unless good cause is shown in the application, be submitted at least 60 days before the proposed effective date of the waiver. [49 CFR 199.7(b)(4)]

C. No public hearing or other proceeding is held directly on an application before its disposition under this Section. If the associate administrator determines that the application contains adequate justification, he or she grants the waiver. If the associate administrator determines that the application does not justify granting the waiver, he or she denies the application. The associate administrator notifies each applicant of the decision to grant or deny an application. [49 CFR 199.7(c)]

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§6109. Preemption of State and Local Laws [49 CFR 199.9]

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, this Subpart preempts any state or local law, rule, regulation, or order to the extent that: [49 CFR 199.9(a)]

1. compliance with both the state or local requirement and this Subpart is not possible; [49 CFR 199.9(a)(1)]

2. compliance with the state or local requirement is an obstacle to the accomplishment and execution of any requirement in this Subpart; or [49 CFR 199.9(a)(2)]

3. the state or local requirement is a pipeline safety standard applicable to interstate pipeline facilities. [49 CFR 199.9(a)(3)]

B. This Chapter shall not be construed to preempt provisions of state criminal law that impose sanctions for reckless conduct leading to actual loss of life, injury, or damage to property, whether the provisions apply specifically to transportation employees or employers or to the general public. [49 CFR 199.9(b)]

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Chapter 63. Drug Testing [Subpart B]

§6300. Purpose [49 CFR 199.100]

A. The purpose of this Chapter is to establish programs designed to help prevent accidents and injuries resulting from the use of prohibited drugs by employees who perform covered functions for operators of certain pipeline facilities subject to 49 CFR Part 192, 193, or 195. [49 CFR 199.100]

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§6301. Anti-Drug Plan [49 CFR 199.101]

A. Each operator shall maintain and follow a written anti-drug plan that conforms to the requirements of this Chapter and the DOT procedures. The plan must contain: [49 CFR 199.101(a)]

1. methods and procedures for compliance with all the requirements of this Chapter, including the employee assistance program; [49 CFR 199.101(a)(1)]

2. the name and address of each laboratory that analyzes the specimens collected for drug testing; and [49 CFR 199.101(a)(2)]

3. the name and address of the operator's medical review officer and, substance abuse professional; and [49 CFR 199.101(a)(3)]

4. procedures for notifying employees of the coverage and provisions of the plan. [49 CFR 199.101(a)(4)]

B. The administrator or the state agency that has submitted a current certification under the pipeline safety laws (49 U.S.C. 60101 et seq.) With respect to the pipeline facility governed by an operator's plans and procedures may, after notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in 49 CFR 190.237 or the relevant state procedures, require the operator to amend its plans and procedures as necessary to provide a reasonable level of safety. [49 CFR 199.101(b)]

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§6303. Use of Persons Who Fail or Refuse a Drug Test [49 CFR 199.103]

A. An operator may not knowingly use as an employee any person who: [49 CFR 199.103(a)]

1. fails a drug test required by this Chapter and the medical review officer makes a determination under DOT procedures; or [49 CFR 199.103(a)(1)]

2. refuses to take a drug test required by this Chapter. [49 CFR 199.103(a)(2)]

B. Paragraph A.1 of this Section does not apply to a person who has: [49 CFR 199.103(b)]

1. passed a drug test under DOT procedures; [49 CFR 199.103(b)(1)]

2. been considered by the medical review officer in accordance with DOT procedures and been determined by a substance abuse professional to have successfully completed required education or treatment; and [49 CFR 199.103(b)(2)]

3. not failed a drug test required by this Chapter after returning to duty. [49 CFR 199.103(b)(3)]

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§6305. Drug Tests Required [49 CFR 199.105]

A. Each operator shall conduct the following drug tests for the presence of a prohibited drug. [49 CFR 199.105]

1. Pre-Employment Testing. No operator may hire or contract for the use of any person as an employee unless that person passes a drug test or is covered by an anti-drug program that conforms to the requirements of this Chapter. [49 CFR 199.105(a)]

2. Post-Accident Testing. As soon as possible but no later than 32 hours after an accident, an operator shall drug test each employee whose performance either contributed to the accident or cannot be completely discounted as a contributing factor to the accident. An operator may decide not to test under this Paragraph but such a decision must be based on the best information available immediately after the accident that the employee's performance could not have contributed to the accident or that, because of the time between that performance and the accident, it is not likely that a drug test would reveal whether the performance was affected by drug use. [49 CFR 199.105(b)].

3. Random Testing [49 CFR 199.105(c)].

a. Except as provided in Subparagraph 3.b through d of this Subsection, the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing shall be 50 percent of covered employees. [49 CFR 199.105(c)(1)]

b. The administrator's decision to increase or decrease the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing is based on the reported positive rate for the entire industry. All information used for this determination is drawn from the drug MIS reports required by this Chapter. In order to ensure reliability of the data, the administrator considers the quality and completeness of the reported data, may obtain additional information or reports from operators, and may make appropriate modifications in calculating the industry positive rate. Each year, the administrator will

publish in the *Federal Register* the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing of covered employees. The new minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing will be applicable starting January 1 of the calendar year following publication. [49 CFR 199.105(c)(2)]

c. When the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing is 50 percent, the administrator may lower this rate to 25 percent of all covered employees if the administrator determines that the data received under the reporting requirements of §6319 for two consecutive calendar years indicate that the reported positive rate is less than 1 percent. [49 CFR 199.105(c)(3)]

d. When the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing is 25 percent, and the data received under the reporting requirements of §6319 for any calendar year indicate that the reported positive rate is equal to or greater than 1 percent, the administrator will increase the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing to 50 percent of all covered employees. [49 CFR 199.105(c)(4)]

e. The selection of employees for random drug testing shall be made by a scientifically valid method, such as a random number table or a computer-based random number generator that is matched with employees' social security numbers, payroll identification numbers, or other comparable identifying numbers. Under the selection process used, each covered employee shall have an equal chance of being tested each time selections are made. [49 CFR 199.105(c)(5)]

f. The operator shall randomly select a sufficient number of covered employees for testing during each calendar year to equal an annual rate not less than the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing determined by the administrator. If the operator conducts random drug testing through a consortium, the number of employees to be tested may be calculated for each individual operator or may be based on the total number of covered employees covered by the consortium who are subject to random drug testing at the same minimum annual percentage rate under this Chapter or any DOT drug testing rule. [49 CFR 199.105(c)(6)]

g. Each operator shall ensure that random drug tests conducted under this Chapter are unannounced and that the dates for administering random tests are spread reasonably throughout the calendar year. [49 CFR 199.105(c)(7)]

h. If a given covered employee is subject to random drug testing under the drug testing rules of more than one DOT agency for the same operator, the employee shall be subject to random drug testing at the percentage rate established for the calendar year by the DOT agency regulating more than 50 percent of the employee's function. [49 CFR 199.105(c)(8)]

i. If an operator is required to conduct random drug testing under the drug testing rules of more than one DOT agency, the operator may: [49 CFR 199.105(c)(9)]

i. establish separate pools for random selection, with each pool containing the covered employees who are subject to testing at the same required rate; or [49 CFR 199.105(c)(9)(i)]

ii. randomly select such employees for testing at the highest percentage rate established for the calendar year by any DOT agency to which the operator is subject. [49 CFR 199.105(c)(9)(ii)]

4. **Testing Based on Reasonable Cause.** Each operator shall drug test each employee when there is reasonable cause to believe the employee is using a prohibited drug. The decision to test must be based on a reasonable and articulable belief that the employee is using a prohibited drug on the basis of specific, contemporaneous physical, behavioral, or performance indicators of probable drug use. At least two of the employee's supervisors, one of whom is trained in detection of the possible symptoms of drug use, shall substantiate and concur in the decision to test an employee. The concurrence between the two supervisors may be by telephone. However, in the case of operators with 50 or fewer employees subject to testing under this Chapter, only one supervisor of the employee trained in detecting possible drug use symptoms shall substantiate the decision to test. [49 CFR 199.105(d)]

5. **Return-to-Duty.** A covered employee who refuses to take or has a positive drug test may not return to duty in the covered function until the covered employee has complied with applicable provisions of DOT procedures concerning substance abuse professionals and the return-to-duty process. [49 CFR 199.105(e)]

6. **Follow-Up Testing.** A covered employee refuses to take or has a positive drug test shall be subject to unannounced follow-up drug tests administered by the operator following the covered employee's return to duty. The number and frequency of such follow-up testing shall be determined by a substance abuse professional, but shall consist of at least six tests in the first 12 months following the covered employee's return to duty. In addition, follow-up testing may include testing for alcohol as directed by the substance abuse professional, to be performed in accordance with 49 CFR Part 40. Follow-up testing shall not exceed 60 months from the date of the covered employee's return to duty. The substance abuse professional may terminate the requirement for follow-up testing at any time after the first six tests have been administered, if the substance abuse professional determines that such testing is no longer necessary. [49 CFR 199.105(f)]

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§6307. Drug Testing Laboratory [49 CFR 199.107]

A. Each operator shall use for the drug testing required by this Chapter only drug testing laboratories certified by the Department of Health and Human Services under the DOT procedures. [49 CFR 199.107(a)]

B. The drug testing laboratory must permit: [49 CFR 199.107(b)]

1. inspections by the operator before the laboratory is awarded a testing contract; and [49 CFR 199.107(b)(1)]

2. unannounced inspections, including examination of records, at any time, by the operator, the administrator, and if the operator is subject to state agency jurisdiction, a representative of that state agency. [49 CFR 199.107(b)(2)]

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§6309. Review of Drug Testing Results [49 CFR 199.109]

A. **MRO Appointment.** Each operator shall designate or appoint a medical review officer (MRO). If an operator does not have a qualified individual on staff to serve as MRO, the operator may contract for the provision of MRO services as part of its anti-drug program. [49 CFR 199.109(a)]

B. **MRO Qualifications.** Each MRO must be a licensed physician who has the qualifications required by DOT procedures. [49 CFR 199.109(b)]

C. **MRO Duties.** The MRO must perform functions for the operator as required by DOT procedures. [49 CFR 199.109(c)]

D. **MRO Reports.** The MRO must report all drug test results to the operator in accordance with DOT procedure. [49 CFR 199.109(d)]

E. **Evaluation and rehabilitation** may be provided by the operator, by a substance abuse professional under contract with the operator, or by a substance abuse professional not affiliated with the operator. The choice of substance abuse professional and assignment or costs shall be made in accordance with the operator/employee agreements and operator/employee policies. [49 CFR 199.109(e)]

F. The operator shall ensure that a substance abuse professional, who determines that a covered employee requires assistance in resolving problems with drug abuse, does not refer the covered employee to the substance abuse professional's private practice or to a person or organization from which the substance abuse professional receives remuneration or in which the substance abuse professional has a financial interest. This Subsection does not prohibit a substance abuse professional from referring a covered employee for assistance provided through: [49 CFR 199.109(f)]

1. a public agency, such as state, parish, or municipality; [49 CFR 199.109(f)(1)]

2. the operator or a person under contract to provide treatment for drug problems on behalf of the operator; [49 CFR 199.109(f)(2)]

3. the sole source or therapeutically appropriate treatment under the employee's health insurance program; or [49 CFR 199.109(f)(3)]

4. the sole source of therapeutically appropriate treatment reasonably accessible to the employee. [49 CFR 199.109(f)(4)]

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§6311. Retention of Samples and Additional Testing [49 CFR 199.111]

A. Samples that yield positive results on confirmation must be retained by the laboratory in properly secured, long-term, frozen storage for at least 365 days as required by the DOT procedures. Within this 365-day period, the employee or his representative, the operator, the administrator, or, if the operator is subject to the jurisdiction of a state agency, the state agency may request that the laboratory retain the sample for an additional period. If, within the 365-day period, the laboratory has not received a proper written request to retain the sample for a further reasonable period specified in the request, the sample may be discarded following the end of the 365-day period. [49 CFR 199.111(a)]

B. If the medical review officer (MRO) determines there is no legitimate medical explanation for a confirmed positive test result other than the unauthorized use of a prohibited drug, and if timely additional testing is requested by the employee according to DOT procedures, the split specimen must be tested. The employee may specify testing by the original laboratory that is certified by the Department of Health and Hospitals. The operator may require the employee to pay in advance the cost of shipment (if any) and reanalysis of the sample, but the employee must be reimbursed for such expense if the additional test is negative. [49 CFR 199.111(b)]

C. If the employee specifies testing by a second laboratory, the original laboratory must follow approved chain-of-custody procedures in transferring a portion of the sample. [49 CFR 199.111(c)]

D. Since some analytes may deteriorate during storage, detected levels of the drug below the detection limits established in the DOT procedures, but equal to or greater than the established sensitivity of the assay, must, as technically appropriate, be reported and considered corroborative of the original positive results. [49 CFR 199.111(d)]

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§6313. Employee Assistance Program [49 CFR 199.113]

A. Each operator shall provide an employee assistance program (EAP) for its employees and supervisory personnel who will determine whether an employee must be drug tested based on reasonable cause. The operator may establish the EAP as a part of its internal personnel services or the operator may contract with an entity that provides EAP services. Each EAP must include education and training on drug use. At the discretion of the operator, the EAP may include an opportunity for employee rehabilitation. [49 CFR 199.113(a)]

B. Education under each EAP must include at least the following elements: display and distribution of informational material; display and distribution of a community service hot-line telephone number for employee assistance; and display and distribution of the employer's policy regarding the use of prohibited drugs. [49 CFR 199.113(b)]

C. Training under each EAP for supervisory personnel who will determine whether an employee must be drug tested based on reasonable cause must include one 60-minute period of training on the specific, contemporaneous physical, behavioral, and performance indicators of probable drug use. [49 CFR 199.113(c)]

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§6315. Contractor Employees [49 CFR 199.115]

A. With respect to those employees who are contractors or employed by a contractor, an operator may provide by contract that the drug testing, education, and training required by this Chapter be carried out by the contractor provided: [49 CFR 199.115]

1. the operator remains responsible for ensuring that the requirements of this Chapter are complied with; and [49 CFR 199.115(a)]

2. the contractor allows access to property and records by the operator, the administrator, and if the operator is subject to the jurisdiction of a state agency, a representative of the state agency for the purpose of monitoring the operator's compliance with the requirements of this Chapter. [49 CFR 199.115(b)]

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§6317. Recordkeeping [49 CFR 199.117]

A. Each operator shall keep the following records for the periods specified and permit access to the records as provided by Subsection B of this Section. [49 CFR 199.117(a)]

1. Records that demonstrate the collection process conforms to this Chapter must be kept for at least three years. [49 CFR 199.117(a)(1)]

2. Records of employee drug test that indicate a verified positive result, records that demonstrate compliance with the recommendations of a substance abuse professional, and MIS annual report data shall be maintained for a minimum of five years: [49 CFR 199.117(a)(2)]

a. the function performed by each employee who had a positive drug test; [49 CFR 199.117(a)(2)(i)]

b. the prohibited drugs which were used by an employee who had a positive drug test; [49 CFR 199.117(a)(2)(ii)]

c. the disposition of each employee who had a positive drug test or refused a drug test (e.g., termination, rehabilitation, removed from covered function, other). [49 CFR 199.117(a)(2)(iii)]

3. Records of employee drug test results that show employees passed a drug test must be kept for at least one year. [49 CFR 199.117(a)(3)]

4. Records confirming that supervisors and employees have been trained as required by this Chapter must be kept for at least three years. [49 CFR 199.117(a)(4)]

B. Information regarding an individual's drug testing results or rehabilitation must be released upon written consent of the individual and as provided by DOT procedures. Statistical data related to drug testing and rehabilitation that is not name-specific and training records must be made available to the administrator or the representative of a state agency upon request. [49 CFR 199.117(b)]

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§6319. Reporting of Anti-Drug Testing Results [49 CFR 199.25]

A. Each large operator (having more than 50 covered employees) shall submit an annual MIS report to RSPA of its anti-drug testing using the Management Information System (MIS) form and instructions as required by 49 CFR Part 40 (at 40.25 and Appendix H to Part 40), not later than March 15 of each year for the prior calendar year (January 1-December 31). The administrator shall require by written notice that small operators (50 or fewer covered employees)

not otherwise required to submit annual MIS reports to prepare and submit such reports to RSPA. [49 CFR 199.119(a)]

B. Each report, required under this Section, shall be submitted to the Office of Pipeline Safety Compliance (OPS), Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, Room 2103, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. The operator may submit a paper report or data electronically using the version of the MIS form provided by DOT. This electronic version of the form can be accessed via the Internet at the following Office of Pipeline Safety web address: <http://ops.dot.gov/drug.htm>. [49 CFR 199.119(b)]

C. To calculate the total number of covered employees eligible for random testing throughout the year, as an operator, you must add the total number of covered employees eligible for testing during each random testing period for the year and divide that total by the number of random testing periods. Covered employees, and only covered employees, are to be in an employer's random testing pool, and all covered employees must be in the random pool. If you are an employer conducting random testing more often than once per month (e.g., you select daily, weekly, bi-weekly), you do not need to compute this total number of covered employees rate more than on a once per month basis. [49 CFR 199.119(c)]

D. As an employer, you may use a service agent (e.g., C/TPA) to perform random selections for you; and your covered employees may be part of a larger random testing pool of covered employees. However, you must ensure that the service agent you use is testing at the appropriate percentage established for your industry and that only covered employees are in the random testing pool. [49 CFR 199.119(d)]

E. Each operator that has a covered employee who performs multi-DOT agency functions (e.g., an employee performs pipeline maintenance duties and drives a commercial motor vehicle), count the employee only on the MIS report for the DOT agency under which he or she is randomly tested. Normally, this will be the DOT agency under which the employee performs more than 50 percent of his or her duties. Operators may have to explain the testing data for these employees in the event of a DOT agency inspection or audit. [49 CFR 199.119(e)]

F. A service agent (e.g., Consortia/Third Party Administrator as defined in 49 CFR Part 40) may prepare the MIS report on behalf of an operator. However, each report shall be certified by the operator's anti-drug manager or designated representative for accuracy and completeness. [49 CFR 199.119(f)]

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Chapter 65. Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program [Subpart C]

§6501. Purpose [49 CFR 199.200]

A. The purpose of this Chapter is to establish programs designed to help prevent accidents and injuries resulting from the misuse of alcohol by employees who perform covered functions for operators of certain pipeline facilities subject to LAC 43:XIII, and LAC 33:V Subpart 3 [Parts 192, 193, or 195]. [49 CFR 199.200]

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§6502. Alcohol Misuse Plan [49 CFR 199.202]

A. Each operator must maintain and follow a written alcohol misuse plan that conforms to the requirements of this part and DOT procedures concerning alcohol testing programs. The plan shall contain methods and procedures for compliance with all the requirements of this Chapter, including required testing, recordkeeping, reporting, education and training elements. [49 CFR 199.202]

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§6509. Other Requirements Imposed by Operators [49 CFR 199.209]

A. Except as expressly provided in this Chapter, nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to affect the authority of operators, or the rights of employees, with respect to the use or possession of alcohol, including authority and rights with respect to alcohol testing and rehabilitation. [49 CFR 199.209(a)]

B. Operators may, but are not required to, conduct pre-employment alcohol testing under this Subpart. Each operator that conducts pre-employment alcohol testing must: [49 CFR 199.209(b)]

1. conduct a pre-employment alcohol test before the first performance of covered functions by every covered employee (whether a new employee or someone who has transferred to a position involving the performance of covered functions); [49 CFR 199.209(b)(1)]

2. treat all covered employees the same for the purpose of pre-employment alcohol testing (i.e., you must not test some covered employees and not others); [49 CFR 199.209(b)(2)]

3. conduct the pre-employment tests after making a contingent offer of employment or transfer, subject to the employee passing the pre-employment alcohol test; [49 CFR 199.209(b)(3)]

4. conduct all pre-employment alcohol tests using the alcohol testing procedures in DOT procedures; and [49 CFR 199.209(b)(4)]

5. not allow any covered employee to begin performing covered functions unless the results of the employee's test indicates an alcohol concentration of less than 0.04. [49 CFR 199.209(b)(5)]

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§6511. Requirement for Notice [49 CFR 199.211]

A. Before performing an alcohol test under this Chapter, each operator shall notify a covered employee that the alcohol test is required by this Chapter. No operator shall falsely represent that a test is administered under this Chapter. [49 CFR 199.211]

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§6515. Alcohol Concentration [49 CFR 199.215]

A. Each operator shall prohibit a covered employee from reporting for duty or remaining on duty requiring the performance of covered functions while having an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater. No operator having actual knowledge that a covered employee has an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater shall permit the employee to perform or continue to perform covered functions. [49 CFR 199.215]

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§6517. On-Duty Use [49 CFR 199.217]

A. Each operator shall prohibit a covered employee from using alcohol while performing covered functions. No operator having actual knowledge that a covered employee is using alcohol while performing covered functions shall permit the employee to perform or continue to perform covered functions. [49 CFR 199.217]

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§6519. Pre-Duty Use [49 CFR 199.219]

A. Each operator shall prohibit a covered employee from using alcohol within four hours prior to performing covered functions, or, if an employee is called to duty to respond to

an emergency, within the time period after the employee has been notified to report for duty. No operator having actual knowledge that a covered employee has used alcohol within four hours prior to performing covered functions or within the time period after the employee has been notified to report for duty shall permit that covered employee to perform or continue to perform covered functions. [49 CFR 199.219]

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§6521. Use Following an Accident [49 CFR 199.221]

A. Each operator shall prohibit a covered employee who has actual knowledge of an accident in which his or her performance of covered functions has not been discounted by the operator as a contributing factor to the accident from using alcohol for eight hours following the accident, unless he or she has been given a post-accident test under §6525.A, or the operator has determined that the employee's performance could not have contributed to the accident. [49 CFR 199.221]

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§6523. Refusal to Submit to a Required Alcohol Test [49 CFR 199.223]

A. Each operator shall require a covered employee to submit to a post-accident alcohol test required under §6525.A.1, a reasonable suspicion alcohol test required under §6525.A.2, or a follow-up alcohol test required under §6525.A.4. No operator shall permit an employee who refuses to submit to such a test to perform or continue to perform covered functions. [49 CFR 199.223]

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§6525. Alcohol Tests Required [49 CFR 199.225]

A. Each operator shall conduct the following types of alcohol tests for the presence of alcohol. [49 CFR 199.225]

1. Post-Accident [49 CFR 199.225(a)]

a. As soon as practicable following an accident, each operator shall test each surviving covered employee for alcohol if that employee's performance of a covered function either contributed to the accident or cannot be completely discounted as a contributing factor to the accident. The decision not to administer a test under this Section shall be based on the operator's determination, using the best

available information at the time of the determination, that the covered employee's performance could not have contributed to the accident. [49 CFR 199.225(a)(1)]

b. If a test required by this Section is not administered within two hours following the accident, the operator shall prepare and maintain on file a record stating the reasons the test was not promptly administered. If a test required by Paragraph A.1 is not administered within eight hours following the accident, the operator shall cease attempts to administer an alcohol test and shall state in the record the reasons for not administering the test. [49 CFR 199.225(a)(2)(i)]

c. A covered employee who is subject to post-accident testing who fails to remain readily available for such testing, including notifying the operator or operator representative of his/her location if he/she leaves the scene of the accident prior to submission to such test, may be deemed by the operator to have refused to submit to testing. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require the delay of necessary medical attention for injured people following an accident or to prohibit a covered employee from leaving the scene of an accident for the period necessary to obtain assistance in responding to the accident or to obtain necessary emergency medical care. [49 CFR 199.225(a)(3)]

2. Reasonable Suspicion Testing [49 CFR 199.225(b)]

a. Each operator shall require a covered employee to submit to an alcohol test when the operator has reasonable suspicion to believe that the employee has violated the prohibitions in this Chapter. [49 CFR 199.225(b)(1)]

b. The operator's determination that reasonable suspicion exists to require the covered employee to undergo an alcohol test shall be based on specific, contemporaneous, articulable observations concerning the appearance, behavior, speech, or body odors of the employee. The required observations shall be made by a supervisor who is trained in detecting the symptoms of alcohol misuse. The supervisor who makes the determination that reasonable suspicion exists shall not conduct the breath alcohol test on that employee. [49 CFR 199.225(b)(2)]

c. Alcohol testing is authorized by this Section only if the observations required by Subparagraph 2.b of this Section are made during, just preceding, or just after the period of the work day that the employee is required to be in compliance with this Chapter. A covered employee may be directed by the operator to undergo reasonable suspicion testing for alcohol only while the employee is performing covered functions; just before the employee is to perform covered functions; or just after the employee has ceased performing covered functions. [49 CFR 199.225(b)(3)]

d.i. If a test required by this Section is not administered within two hours following the determination under Subparagraph 2.b of this Section, the operator shall prepare and maintain on file a record stating the reasons the test was not promptly administered. If a test required by this Section is not administered within eight hours following the

determination under Subparagraph 2.b of this Section, the operator shall cease attempts to administer an alcohol test and shall state in the record the reasons for not administering the test. Records shall be submitted to RSPA upon request of the administrator. [49 CFR 199.225(b)(4)(i)]

ii. Reserved.

iii. Notwithstanding the absence of a reasonable suspicion alcohol test under this Section, an operator shall not permit a covered employee to report for duty or remain on duty requiring the performance of covered functions while the employee is under the influence of or impaired by alcohol, as shown by the behavioral, speech, or performance indicators of alcohol misuse, nor shall an operator permit the covered employee to perform or continue to perform covered functions, until: [49 CFR 199.225(b)(4)(iii)]

(a). an alcohol test is administered and the employee's alcohol concentration measures less than 0.02; or [49 CFR 199.225(b)(4)(iii)(A)]

(b). the start of the employee's next regularly scheduled duty period, but not less than eight hours following the determination under Subparagraph 2.b of this Section that there is reasonable suspicion to believe that the employee has violated the prohibitions in this Chapter. [49 CFR 199.225(b)(4)(iii)(B)]

iv. Except as provided in Clause 2.d.ii, no operator shall take any action under this Chapter against a covered employee based solely on the employee's behavior and appearance in the absence of an alcohol test. This does not prohibit an operator with the authority independent of this Chapter from taking any action otherwise consistent with law. [49 CFR 199.225(b)(4)(iv)]

3. Return-to-Duty Testing. Each operator shall ensure that before a covered employee returns to duty requiring the performance of a covered function after engaging in conduct prohibited by §§6515-6523, the employee shall undergo a return-to-duty alcohol test with a result indicating an alcohol concentration of less than 0.02. [49 CFR 199.225(c)]

4. Follow-Up Testing [49 CFR 199.225(d)]

a. Following a determination under §6543 that a covered employee is in need of assistance in resolving problems associated with alcohol misuse, each operator shall ensure that the employee is subject to unannounced follow-up alcohol testing as directed by a substance abuse professional in accordance with the provisions of §6543.C.2.b. [49 CFR 199.225(d)(1)]

b. Follow-up testing shall be conducted when the covered employee is performing covered functions; just before the employee is to perform covered functions; or just after the employee has ceased performing such functions. [49 CFR 199.225(d)(2)]

5. Retesting of Covered Employees with an Alcohol Concentration of 0.02 or Greater but Less Than 0.04. Each operator shall retest a covered employee to ensure compliance with the provisions of §6537, if an operator chooses to permit the employee to perform a covered

function within eight hours following the administration of an alcohol test indicating an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater but less than 0.04. [49 CFR 199.225(e)]

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§6527. Retention of Records [49 CFR 199.227]

A. General Requirement. Each operator shall maintain records of its alcohol misuse prevention program as provided in this Section. The records shall be maintained in a secure location with controlled access. [49 CFR 199.227(a)]

B. Period of Retention. Each operator shall maintain the records in accordance with the following schedule. [49 CFR 199.227(b)]

1. Five Years. Records of employee alcohol test results with results indicating an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater, documentation of refusals to take required alcohol tests, calibration documentation, employee evaluation and referrals, and MIS annual report data shall be maintained for a minimum of five years. [49 CFR 199.227(b)(1)]

2. Two Years. Records related to the collection process (except calibration of evidential breath testing devices), and training shall be maintained for a minimum of two years. [49 CFR 199.227(b)(2)]

3. One Year. Records of all test results below 0.02 (as defined in 49 CFR Part 40) shall be maintained for a minimum of one year. [49 CFR 199.227(b)(3)]

C. Types of Records. The following specific records shall be maintained: [49 CFR 199.227(c)]

1. records related to the collection process: [49 CFR 199.227(c)(1)]

a. collection log books, if used; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(1)(i)]

b. calibration documentation for evidential breath testing devices; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(1)(ii)]

c. documentation of breath alcohol technician training; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(1)(iii)]

d. documents generated in connection with decisions to administer reasonable suspicion alcohol tests; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(1)(iv)]

e. documents generated in connection with decisions on post-accident tests; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(1)(v)]

f. documents verifying existence of a medical explanation of the inability of a covered employee to provide adequate breath for testing; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(1)(vi)]

2. records related to test results: [49 CFR 199.227(c)(2)]

a. the operator's copy of the alcohol test form, including the results of the test; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(2)(i)]

b. documents related to the refusal of any covered employee to submit to an alcohol test required by this Chapter; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(2)(ii)]

c. documents presented by a covered employee to dispute the result of an alcohol test administered under this Chapter; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(2)(iii)]

3. records related to other violations of this chapter; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(3)]

4. records related to evaluations: [49 CFR 199.227(c)(4)]

a. records pertaining to a determination by a substance abuse professional concerning a covered employee's need for assistance; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(4)(i)]

b. records concerning a covered employee's compliance with the recommendations of the substance abuse professional; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(4)(ii)]

5. records related to the operator's MIS annual testing data; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(5)]

6. records related to education and training: [49 CFR 199.227(c)(6)]

a. materials on alcohol misuse awareness, including a copy of the operator's policy on alcohol misuse; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(6)(i)]

b. documentation of compliance with the requirements of §3335; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(6)(ii)]

c. documentation of training provided to supervisors for the purpose of qualifying the supervisors to make a determination concerning the need for alcohol testing based on reasonable suspicion; [49 CFR 199.227(c)(6)(iii)]

d. certification that any training conducted under this Chapter complies with the requirements for such training. [49 CFR 199.227(c)(6)(iv)]

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§6529. Reporting of Alcohol Testing Results
[49 CFR 199.229]

A. Each large operator (having more than 50 covered employees) shall submit an annual (MIS) report to RSPA of its alcohol testing results using the Management Information System (MIS) form and instructions as required by 49 CFR Part 40 (at §40.25 and Appendix H to Part 40), not later than March 15 of each year for the previous calendar year (January 1-December 31). The administrator may require by written notice that small operators (50 or fewer covered employees), not otherwise required to submit annual MIS reports, submit such a report to RSPA. [49 CFR 199.229(a)]

B. Each operator that has a covered employee who performs multi-DOT agency functions (e.g., an employee performs pipeline maintenance duties and drives a commercial motor vehicle), count the employee only on the MIS report for the DOT agency under which he or she is tested. Normally, this will be the DOT agency under which the employee performs more than 50 percent of his or her duties. Operators may have to explain the testing data for these employees in the event of a DOT agency inspection or audit. [49 CFR 199.229(b)]

C. Each report, required under this Section, shall be submitted to the Office of Pipeline Safety Compliance (OPS), Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, Room 2335, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. The operator may report data electronically using the version of the MIS form provided by DOT. This form can be accessed via the Internet at the following Office of Pipeline Safety web address: <http://ops.dot.gov/drug.htm>. [49 CFR 199.229(c)]

D. A service agent (e.g., Consortia/Third Party Administrator as defined in Part 40) may prepare the MIS report on behalf of an operator. However, each report shall be certified by the operator's anti-drug manager or designated representative for accuracy and completeness. [49 CFR 199.229(d)]

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§6531. Access to Facilities and Records
[49 CFR 199.231]

A. Except as required by law or expressly authorized or required in this Chapter, no employer shall release covered employee information that is contained in records required to be maintained in §6527. [49 CFR 199.231(a)]

B. A covered employee is entitled, upon written request, to obtain copies of any records pertaining to the employee's use of alcohol, including any records pertaining to his or her alcohol tests. The operator shall promptly provide the records requested by the employee. Access to a employee's records shall not be contingent upon payment for records other than those specifically requested. [49 CFR 199.231(b)]

C. Each operator shall permit access to all facilities utilized in complying with the requirements of this Chapter to the secretary of transportation, any DOT agency, or a representative of a state agency with regulatory authority over the operator. [49 CFR 199.231(c)]

D. Each operator shall make available copies of all results for employer alcohol testing conducted under this Chapter and any other information pertaining to the operator's alcohol misuse prevention program, when requested by the secretary of transportation, any DOT agency with regulatory authority over the operator, or a representative of a state agency with regulatory authority

over the operator. The information shall include name-specific alcohol test results, records, and reports. [49 CFR 199.231(d)]

E. When requested by the National Transportation Safety Board as part of an accident investigation, an operator shall disclose information related to the operator's administration of any post-accident alcohol tests administered following the accident under investigation. [49 CFR 199.231(e)]

F. An operator shall make records available to a subsequent employer upon receipt of the written request from the covered employee. Disclosure by the subsequent employer is permitted only as expressly authorized by the terms of the employee's written request. [49 CFR 199.231(f)]

G. An operator may disclose information without employee consent as provided by DOT procedures concerning certain legal proceedings. [49 CFR 199.231(g)]

H. An operator shall release information regarding a covered employee's records as directed by the specific, written consent of the employee authorizing release of the information to an identified person. Release of such information by the person receiving the information is permitted only in accordance with the terms of the employee's consent. [49 CFR 199.231(h)]

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§6533. Removal from Covered Function **[49 CFR 199.233]**

A. Except as provided in §§6539-6543, no operator shall permit any covered employee to perform covered functions if the employee has engaged in conduct prohibited by §§6515 through 6523 or an alcohol misuse rule of another DOT agency. [49 CFR 199.233]

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§6535. Required Evaluation and Testing **[49 CFR 199.235]**

A. No operator shall permit a covered employee who has engaged in conduct prohibited by §§6515-6523 to perform covered functions unless the employee has met the requirements of §6543. [49 CFR 199.235]

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§6537. Other Alcohol-Related Conduct **[49 CFR 199.237]**

A. No operator shall permit a covered employee tested under the provisions of §6525, who is found to have an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater but less than 0.04, to perform or continue to perform covered functions, until: [49 CFR 199.237(a)]

1. the employee's alcohol concentration measures less than 0.02 in accordance with a test administered under §6525.A.5; or [49 CFR 199.237(a)(1)]

2. the start of the employee's next regularly scheduled duty period, but not less than eight hours following administration of the test. [49 CFR 199.237(a)(2)]

B. Except as provided in Subsection A of this Section, no operator shall take any action under this Chapter against an employee based solely on test results showing an alcohol concentration less than 0.04. This does not prohibit an operator with authority independent of this Chapter from taking any action otherwise consistent with law. [49 CFR 199.237(b)]

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§6539. Operator Obligation to Promulgate a Policy on the Misuse of Alcohol **[49 CFR 199.239]**

A. General Requirements. Each operator shall provide educational materials that explain these alcohol misuse requirements and the operator's policies and procedures with respect to meeting those requirements. [49 CFR 199.239(a)]

1. The operator shall ensure that a copy of these materials is distributed to each covered employee prior to start of alcohol testing under this Chapter, and to each person subsequently hired for or transferred to a covered position. [49 CFR 199.239(a)(1)]

2. Each operator shall provide written notice to representatives of employee organizations of the availability of this information. [49 CFR 199.239(a)(2)]

B. Required Content. The materials to be made available to covered employees shall include detailed discussion of at least the following: [49 CFR 199.239(b)]

1. the identity of the person designated by the operator to answer covered employee questions about the materials; [49 CFR 199.239(b)(1)]

2. the categories of employees who are subject to the provisions of this Chapter; [49 CFR 199.239(b)(2)]

3. sufficient information about the covered functions performed by those employees to make clear what period of the work day the covered employee is required to be in compliance with this Chapter; [49 CFR 199.239(b)(3)]

4. specific information concerning covered employee conduct that is prohibited by this Chapter; [49 CFR 199.239(b)(4)]

5. the circumstances under which a covered employee will be tested for alcohol under this Chapter; [49 CFR 199.239(b)(5)]

6. the procedures that will be used to test for the presence of alcohol, protect the covered employee and the integrity of the breath testing process, safeguard the validity of the test results, and ensure that those results are attributed to the correct employee; [49 CFR 199.239(b)(6)]

7. the requirement that a covered employee submit to alcohol tests administered in accordance with this Chapter; [49 CFR 199.239(b)(7)]

8. an explanation of what constitutes a refusal to submit to an alcohol test and the attendant consequences; [49 CFR 199.239(b)(8)]

9. the consequences for covered employees found to have violated the prohibitions under this Chapter, including the requirement that the employee be removed immediately from covered functions, and the procedures under §6543; [49 CFR 199.239(b)(9)]

10. the consequences for covered employees found to have an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater but less than 0.04; [49 CFR 199.239(b)(10)]

11. information concerning the effects of alcohol misuse on an individual's health, work, and personal life; signs and symptoms of an alcohol problem (the employee's or a coworker's); and including intervening evaluating and resolving problems associated with the misuse of alcohol including intervening when an alcohol problem is suspected, confrontation, referral to any available EAP, and/or referral to management. [49 CFR 199.239(b)(11)]

C. Optional Provisions. The materials supplied to covered employees may also include information on additional operator policies with respect to the use or possession of alcohol, including any consequences for an employee found to have a specified alcohol level, that are based on the operator's authority independent of this Chapter. Any such additional policies or consequences shall be clearly described as being based on independent authority. [49 CFR 199.239(c)]

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§6541. Training for Supervisors [49 CFR 199.241]

A. Each operator shall ensure that persons designated to determine whether reasonable suspicion exists to require a covered employee to undergo alcohol testing under §6525.A.2 receive at least 60 minutes of training on the physical, behavioral, speech, and performance indicators of probable alcohol misuse. [49 CFR 199.241]

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§6543. Referral, Evaluation, and Treatment [49 CFR 199.243]

A. Each covered employee who has engaged in conduct prohibited by §§6515-6523 of this Chapter shall be advised of the resources available to the covered employee in evaluating and resolving problems associated with the misuse of alcohol, including the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of substance abuse professionals and counseling and treatment programs. [49 CFR 199.243(a)]

B. Each covered employee who engages in conduct prohibited under §§6515-6523 shall be evaluated by a substance abuse professional who shall determine what assistance, if any, the employee needs in resolving problems associated with alcohol misuse. [49 CFR 199.243(b)]

C.1. Before a covered employee returns to duty requiring the performance of a covered function after engaging in conduct prohibited by §§6515-6523 of this Chapter, the employee shall undergo a return-to-duty alcohol test with a result indicating an alcohol concentration of less than 0.02. [49 CFR 199.243(c)(1)]

2. In addition, each covered employee identified as needing assistance in resolving problems associated with alcohol misuse: [49 CFR 199.243(c)(2)]

a. shall be evaluated by a substance abuse professional to determine that the employee has properly followed any rehabilitation program prescribed under Subsection B of this Section, and [49 CFR 199.243(c)(2)(i)]

b. shall be subject to unannounced follow-up alcohol tests administered by the operator following the employee's return to duty. The number and frequency of such follow-up testing shall be determined by a substance abuse professional, but shall consist of at least six tests in the first 12 months following the employee's return to duty. In addition, follow-up testing may include testing for drugs, as directed by the substance abuse professional, to be performed in accordance with 49 CFR Part 40. Follow-up testing shall not exceed 60 months from the date of the employee's return to duty. The substance abuse professional may terminate the requirement for follow-up testing at any time after the first six tests have been administered, if the substance abuse professional determines that such testing is no longer necessary. [49 CFR 199.243(c)(2)(ii)]

D. Evaluation and rehabilitation may be provided by the operator, by a substance abuse professional under contract with the operator, or by a substance abuse professional not affiliated with the operator. The choice of substance abuse professional and assignment of costs shall be made in accordance with the operator/employee agreements and operator/employee policies. [49 CFR 199.243(d)]

E. The operator shall ensure that a substance abuse professional who determines that a covered employee requires assistance in resolving problems with alcohol misuse does not refer the employee to the substance abuse professional's private practice or to a person or organization from which the substance abuse professional receives remuneration or in which the substance abuse professional has a financial interest. This Subsection does not prohibit a substance abuse professional from referring an employee for assistance provided through: [49 CFR 199.243(e)]

1. a public agency, such as a state, county, or municipality; [49 CFR 199.243(e)(1)]

2. the operator or a person under contract to provide treatment for alcohol problems on behalf of the operator; [49 CFR 199.243(e)(2)]

3. the sole source of therapeutically appropriate treatment under the employee's health insurance program; or [49 CFR 199.243(e)(3)]

4. the sole source of therapeutically appropriate treatment reasonably accessible to the employee. [49 CFR 199.243(e)(4)]

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§6545. Contractor Employees [49 CFR 199.245]

A. With respect to those covered employees who are contractors or employed by a contractor, an operator may provide by contract that the alcohol testing, training and education required by this Chapter be carried out by the contractor provided: [49 CFR 199.245(a)]

1. the operator remains responsible for ensuring that the requirements of this Chapter and 49 CFR Part 40 are complied with; and [49 CFR 199.245(b)]

2. the contractor allows access to property and records by the operator, the administrator, any DOT agency with regulatory authority over the operator or covered employee, and, if the operator is subject to the jurisdiction of a state agency, a representative of the state agency for the purposes of monitoring the operator's compliance with the requirements of this Chapter and 49 CFR Part 40. [49 CFR 199.245(c)]

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