

CASE 4945: MOTION OF THE OCC TO  
AMEND RULE 116 OF THE COMMISSION  
RULES AND REGULATIONS.

CASE No.

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BEFORE THE  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

April 18, 1973

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

The hearing called by the Oil  
Conservation Commission on its own  
motion to consider the amendment  
of Rule 116 of the Commission Rules  
and Regulations to strengthen the  
requirements for notification to  
the Commission of fire, breaks,  
leaks, spills, and blowouts of  
crude oil, condensate, or natural  
or casinghead gas.

Case No. 4945

BEFORE: State Geologist, A. L. Porter, Jr.,  
Secretary-Director

Land Commissioner, Alex Armijo,  
Member.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

1 MR. PORTER: We will move now to Case 4945.

2 MR. CARR: Case 4945: In the matter of the hearing  
3 called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion  
4 to consider the amendment of Rule 116 of the Commission Rules  
5 and Regulations to strengthen the requirements for notification  
6 to the Commission of fire, breaks, leaks, spills, and  
7 blowouts of crude oil, condensate, or natural or casinghead  
8 gas.

9 MR. PORTER: I would like to ask for appearances  
10 in this case. At the present time, the Commission staff, as  
11 I understand it, will be making an appearance, and testimony  
12 will be presented by Mr. Nutter. Does anyone else plan to  
13 present testimony in Case 4945?

14 MR. HANAGAN: Peter Hanagan, appearing on behalf  
15 of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association.

16 MR. MORRIS: Richard Morris, of Montgomery, Federici,  
17 Andrews, Hannahs and Morris, Santa Fe, appearing on behalf  
18 of El Paso Natural Gas Company and Southern Union Gas Company.  
19 We do not intend to present evidence, Mr. Porter.

20 MR. ELLIOTT: John A. Elliott, Director of the  
21 Pipeline Division, and we appear as an Intervenor. We do  
22 not intend to present evidence, but we would like to ask  
23 your counsel and your engineer a couple of questions.

24 MR. PORTER: Fine. Anyone else?

25 (No response)

1 MR. PORTER: You may proceed, Mr. Carr.

2 MR. CARR: We will call Mr. Nutter.

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4 DANIEL NUTTER,

5 was called as a witness, and after being duly sworn according  
6 to law, testified as follows:

7 DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. CARR:

9 Q Would you state your name and occupation?

10 A Dan Nutter, Chief Engineer for the New Mexico Oil  
11 Conservation Commission.

12 Q Are you familiar with the proposed change in Rule 116?

13 A Yes, I am.

14 Q Will you state briefly what your proposal is?

15 A We at present do have a Rule 116, which is a requirement  
16 for notification of fire, breaks, leaks, spills and  
17 blowouts. We have a new term in our nomenclature these  
18 days that we hear quite frequently, and that is "spill".

19 So we have added the word "spill" to the title of  
20 the rule, and we have attempted in the rule, very  
21 briefly, to classify breaks, leaks, and spills in either  
22 a minor or major category, and according to whether they  
23 are minor or major, this will determine whether  
24 immediate notification is required or subsequent  
25 notification.

1 And that, briefly, is the intent of the rule.

2 The State has had a rule regarding notification of  
3 fires, breaks, or leaks for many years prior to the  
4 creation of the Oil Conservation Commission itself.  
5 The State Geologist, in November, 1931, issued some  
6 Rules and Regulations governing the production and  
7 conservation of oil on State and patented land in New  
8 Mexico.

9 Mr. J. F. Hinkle was the Commissioner then, and  
10 Dr. Wells was the State Geologist. In my research of  
11 the rule, this was as far back as I could find any  
12 requirements, but at that time, the State Geologist said:  
13 "All drillers, operators, and pipeline companies shall  
14 notify the State Geologist of fires which occur in oil  
15 and gas wells or tanks owned, operated, or controlled  
16 by them; tanks struck by lightning and other fires  
17 which destroy oil and gas, breaks or leaks in tanks or  
18 pipelines from which oil or gas can escape, and other  
19 serious accidents. Notification shall be by telephone  
20 or telegraph, giving briefly the particulars, and by  
21 letter giving more detailed accounts. Reports of  
22 fires, breaks, or leaks in tanks or pipes or other  
23 accidents shall specify the location of the well, tank,  
24 or pipeline break giving the quarter section, township,  
25 and range."

1           You will notice there is no limit as far as  
2 requirements for the notification. Presumably, if there  
3 was a little gas leak that you could just barely smell,  
4 or if you dropped a teacup of oil, it would require  
5 notification by telephone or telegraph. That was in 1931.

6           After the creation of the Commission in 1935, certain  
7 rules were adopted on August 12th of that year, and they  
8 pretty much adopted the same rule the State Geologist  
9 had adopted back in 1931, except they did put minimum  
10 requirements for the reporting of oil being lost at  
11 100 barrels, and that rule has endured through the years.

12           The present rule is pretty much the same as was  
13 originally adopted in 1935.

14           Now, the entire picture as far as oil leaks and  
15 spills and pipeline breaks has changed, and a lot more  
16 people seem to be interested in spills and leaks now  
17 than were interested in 1935. There is some concern  
18 that maybe 100 barrels is too great an amount-- or 99  
19 barrels would be too great an amount to be lost without  
20 being reported.

21           So we are trying to simply up-date this rule and  
22 classify these things according to major and minor and  
23 required notification.

24           We have had some spills in the last year or so  
25 that have attracted considerable attention, in which

1 the amount was less than 100 barrels, and there has  
2 been a great deal of criticism directed toward the  
3 Commission for not having a rule that requires that  
4 these be reported to us so that something can be done,  
5 or action taken, before this spill obtains so much  
6 publicity.

7 So I think that one thing we are trying to do here,  
8 I will go through the thing very briefly, I don't want  
9 to read it all, but first of all, we do require that  
10 all persons operating or controlling any oil or gas  
11 well, or any drilling well, or any pipeline through which  
12 crude oil, condensate, or casinghead or natural gas  
13 is gathered, piped, or transported.

14 Now, we have included field flow-lines and lead-  
15 lines, but we are not including natural gas distribution  
16 systems. We feel the Commission does not have jurisdiction  
17 at all over natural gas distribution systems. I believe  
18 the Public Service Commission or the Pipeline Division  
19 of the Corporation Commission has some jurisdiction  
20 over those. But we do have jurisdiction over receiving  
21 tanks, holding tanks, storage tanks, or receiving and  
22 storage receptacles into which crude oil, condensate,  
23 or casinghead or natural gas is produced, received, or  
24 stored.

25 The persons operating these systems shall notify



1 the Commission of any fire, break, leak, spill, or  
2 blowout in accordance with the certain provisions.

3 The first provision in notifying the Commission  
4 shall be made immediately in all well blowouts and/or  
5 fires shall be "immediate notification".

6 The second category is "major" pipe line breaks.  
7 Immediate notification is required, and a "major pipe  
8 line break" is considered to be one in which 25 or more  
9 barrels of crude oil or condensate is spilled, none of  
10 which reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake.  
11 Pipe line breaks in which one or more barrels of crude  
12 oil or condensate does reach a watercourse or enters  
13 a stream or lake, and pipe line breaks with spills of  
14 any magnitude which may with reasonable probability  
15 endanger human health, or property, shall be "immediate  
16 notification" regardless of the time of day.

17 We have a category of "minor" pipe line breaks,  
18 in which less than 25 barrels of oil is spilled, and  
19 there is no chance of reaching any water, and of course,  
20 the presumption always is there would be no endangerment  
21 to human health or property. In this case, subsequent  
22 notification would be required.

23 I think at this point, I should describe what  
24 immediate notification is and what subsequent notification  
25 is.

1 "Immediate notification" shall be either in person  
2 or by telephone to the District Office of the Commission  
3 district in which the incident occurs, or if the  
4 incident occurs after normal business hours, to the  
5 District Supervisor, the Oil and Gas Inspector, or the  
6 Deputy Oil and Gas Inspector. A complete written report  
7 of the incident shall be submitted to the District Office  
8 and the Santa Fe Office of the Commission within  
9 forty-eight hours after the incident.

10 "Subsequent notification" shall be a written report  
11 of the incident, and shall be submitted to the District  
12 Office of the Commission district in which the incident  
13 occurred and to the Santa Fe Office of the Commission  
14 within five days after the incident.

15 We have gotten into gas line breaks in this rule,  
16 and the numbers in here are strictly arbitrary numbers.  
17 There is no rhyme nor reason for any volumes being  
18 selected, but we feel that if 1,000 or more MCF of  
19 natural or casinghead gas has escaped, or in which gas  
20 is escaping at the rate of 25 or more MCF per day,  
21 and gas pipe line breaks with a loss of any magnitude  
22 which may with reasonable probability endanger human  
23 health, or property, shall be "immediate notification".  
24 Gas line breaks of lesser volumes would be subsequent  
25 notification.

1 Gas leaks: if any gas well or gas pipe line or  
2 gas storage facility not a part of a gas distribution  
3 system has leaked or is leaking natural or casinghead  
4 gas to the atmosphere at the rate of 25 MCF or more  
5 per day or at any lesser rate which may with reasonable  
6 probability endanger human health, or property,  
7 notification shall be "immediate notification".  
8 Notification of gas leaks not falling into one of the  
9 above categories shall be "subsequent notification".

10 Tank fires: notification of fires in tanks or other  
11 receptacles caused by lightning or any other cause, if  
12 the loss is, or it appears that the loss will be, 25 or  
13 more barrels of crude oil or condensate, or fires which  
14 may with reasonable probability endanger human health,  
15 or property, shall be "immediate notification". If  
16 the loss is, or it appears that the loss will be, less  
17 than 25 barrels, notification shall be "subsequent  
18 notification".

19 If any tank or other receptacle runs over, or leaks,  
20 or if any pipe line leaks, or if any other spill of  
21 crude oil or condensate occurs from any other source,  
22 and the spill is 25 barrels or more, none of which  
23 reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake, or if  
24 one or more barrels does reach a watercourse or enters  
25 a stream or a lake, or if the spill is of any magnitude

1 which may with reasonable probability endanger human  
2 health, or property, notification shall be "immediate  
3 notification". If the spill is five barrels or more  
4 but less than 25 barrels none of which reaches a  
5 watercourse or enters a stream or lake, notification  
6 shall be "subsequent notification".

7 The content of notification when this written  
8 report is filed, either as subsequent notification or  
9 as follow-up to immediate notification, would give full  
10 details of the fire, break, leak, spill, or blowout,  
11 and it will identify the location of the incident and  
12 also describe the measures that are being taken to  
13 remedy the situation.

14 We then go on to define watercourse as being any  
15 depression, gully, draw, stream bed, wash, arroyo, or  
16 natural or man-made channel through which water flows  
17 or has flowed. It is amazing how some of these washes  
18 and arroyos can contribute to big problems if there  
19 are any volumes of water in these watercourses or  
20 arroyos. For that reason, the content of notification  
21 always would give the general conditions prevailing in  
22 the area including precipitation, temperature, and soil  
23 conditions. That's why this is in here.

24 I can cite one instance where some oil was spilled  
25 which was on ground that looked like there was no

1 problem at all, but some precipitation came along and  
2 this area that was covered with oil was suddenly flushed  
3 clean of the oil by the weather conditions, the  
4 precipitation, and a rather sizeable volume of oil was  
5 carried into a watercourse.

6 Q Is the proposed change in the rule prepared in the  
7 form of an exhibit?

8 A Yes. It is identified as Exhibit A in Case 4945.

9 Q Was the exhibit prepared by you?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q In your opinion, would the adoption of the proposed  
12 change prevent waste and protect correlative rights?

13 A The adoption of the proposed change wouldn't violate  
14 correlative rights, and it may prevent waste, yes.

15 Q Do you have anything further to add to your testimony?

16 A No, sir.

17 MR. CARR: I will offer at this time Oil Conservation  
18 Commission Exhibit A.

19 MR. PORTER: Exhibit A will be admitted without  
20 objection.

21 (Whereupon Oil Conservation Commission Staff Exhibit  
22 A was admitted in evidence.)

23 MR. CAER: I have no further questions at this time.

24 MR. PORTER: Does anyone have any questions?

25 MR. McGRATH: I don't have any questions, but I

1 do have a suggestion.

2 MR. PORTER: We will listen to your suggestion in  
3 a few moments, but first, does anyone have any questions?

4 MR. ELLIOTT: Yes.

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6 CROSS EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. ELLIOTT:

8 Q Mr. Nutter, in drawing up your proposed rule here were  
9 the provisions of 195.52 of the Code of Federal Regulations  
10 taken into consideration, and were the provisions of  
11 191.5, which deal with telephonic notification in the  
12 case of gas pipe line breaks, taken into consideration?

13 A No, none of those were. We are not attempting here to  
14 outline any specifications for construction or testing  
15 of lines, and as far as notification under Federal  
16 guidelines is concerned, that is a separate matter  
17 entirely.

18 Q These are specific sections referring to the requirement  
19 of telephonic notification, they are not requirements  
20 of construction, sir. We submit to the Commission that  
21 in the interest of uniformity of regulations that where  
22 these regulations concern pipe lines, we cover both  
23 transmission and distribution and gatherings if it occurs  
24 within a municipality with our regulations, and these  
25 regulations apply, and we respectfully submit that in

1           this instance, the Commission could consider uniformity  
2           of regulations, which would make it much simpler for  
3           the operator.

4           MR. PORTER: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. I think that  
5           perhaps the point Mr. Elliott has made is well taken, and it  
6           might be well to acquaint ourselves with the regulations he  
7           is talking about.

8           THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. I might also point out  
9           that the Environmental Improvement Agency is installing a  
10          hot line which would be open twenty-four hours a day so that  
11          you can notify the Environmental Improvement Agency of any  
12          spill or leak.

13          MR. PORTER: Does anyone else have any questions  
14          of the witness?

15                 (No response)

16          MR. PORTER: Mr. McGrath, would you like to make  
17          your suggestion, and maybe Mr. Nutter would like to respond.

18          MR. McGRATH: In your "immediate notification" and  
19          "subsequent notification", you say forty-eight hours or five  
20          days after the incident. I think that that should be after  
21          the discovery of the incident, because we have, in the Four  
22          Corners area, incidents which have gone undiscovered until  
23          maybe two months after they happened. But this says "after  
24          the incident".

25          THE WITNESS: You have a good point, Mr. McGrath.

1 MR. PORTER: Does anyone else have any questions  
2 of Mr. Nutter?

3 (No response)

4 MR. PORTER: Mr. Nutter may be excused.

5 (Witness excused.)

6 MR. PORTER: Mr. Hanagan, I believe you indicated  
7 that you would like to present some testimony?

8 MR. HANAGAN: Yes, sir. Could I request about a  
9 ten-minute recess before I do so?

10 MR. PORTER: Yes, we will take a ten-minute break.

11 (Whereupon a recess was taken.)

12 (Hearing continues.)

13 MR. PORTER: The hearing will come to order, please.  
14 Mr. Hanagan, did you decide as to whether you will present  
15 testimony?

16 MR. HANAGAN: Yes, I will.

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18 PETER HANAGAN,  
19 appeared as a witness, and after being duly sworn according  
20 to law, testified as follows:

21 MR. PORTER: You may proceed, Mr. Hanagan, to give  
22 us your impressions of the proposed rule, and whatever  
23 suggestions that you have as far as amendments or modifications  
24 and so forth are concerned.

25 MR. HANAGAN: Yes, sir. My name is Peter Hanagan,



1 and I am with the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association.

2           The Oil and Gas Association is well aware that the  
3 Commission exercises reason and good sense in interpreting  
4 its rules. However, in order to clarify, to avoid  
5 misunderstanding, and to forestall unreasonable interpretation  
6 by others, we submit the following suggested changes to Rule  
7 116 as proposed.

8           We recommend that the language of the first paragraph  
9 of Rule 116 be rearranged to read as follows:

10           The Commission shall be notified, in accordance  
11 with the provisions set forth below, by person operating  
12 or controlling any oil or gas well, or any drilling well, or  
13 any pipe line through which crude oil, condensate, or casinghead  
14 or natural gas is gathered, piped, or transported (including  
15 field flow-lines and lead-lines but not including natural  
16 gas distribution systems), or any receiving tank, holding  
17 tank, or storage tank, or receiving and storage receptacle  
18 into which crude oil, condensate, or casinghead or natural  
19 gas is produced, received, or stored, and from which occurs  
20 a fire, break, leak, spill, or blowout.

21           The rearranged language makes it clearer that the  
22 duty to notify applies only to persons operating or  
23 controlling the facilities specified and only upon occurrence  
24 of a fire, break, leak, spill, or blowout from facilities  
25 under his operation or control.

1 With respect to "2. Major pipe lines"--

2 MR. PORTER: Mr. Hanagan, before you proceed to  
3 Number Two, I would like to clarify one point in your opening  
4 paragraph. Your parenthetical statement: "but not including  
5 natural gas distribution systems", the reason for that is,  
6 I suppose, that that is under the jurisdiction of the Public  
7 Service Commission; is that right?

8 MR. HANAGAN: Yes, we agree with Mr. Nutter on that  
9 point.

10 MR. PORTER: All right, you may proceed.

11 MR. HANAGAN: With respect to "2. Major pipe lines"  
12 and "3. Minor pipe line breaks", we recommend substitution  
13 of the following language:

14 2. "Major" breaks, spills or leaks. Notification  
15 of breaks, spills or leaks in which 25 or more barrels of  
16 crude oil or condensate result none of which reach a watercourse  
17 or enter a stream or lake; breaks, spills or leaks in which  
18 one or more barrels of crude oil or condensate does reach  
19 a watercourse or enters a stream or lake, and breaks, spills  
20 or leaks of any magnitude which may with reasonable probability  
21 endanger human health or result in substantial damage to  
22 property, shall be "immediate notification" described below.

23 3. "Minor" breaks, spills or leaks. Our proposal  
24 would be for minor breaks, spills or leaks, notification of  
25 breaks, spills or leaks in which five barrels or more but

1 less than 25 barrels of crude oil or condensate result none  
2 of which reach a watercourse or enter a stream or lake shall  
3 be "subsequent notification" described below.

4 This proposed language eliminates the difficulty  
5 of having to distinguish between the terms "breaks", "spills"  
6 and "leaks" now contained in the proposed regulation. Our  
7 language would treat all such occurrences alike. It also  
8 eliminates the need for paragraph seven entitled "Overflows,  
9 leaks or spills" by combining matters there covered into  
10 paragraphs 2. and 3.

11 Our proposed language also would require no  
12 notification for minor pipe line breaks of less than 5 barrels.  
13 This brings pipe line breaks into line with the Commission's  
14 proposals for leaks and spills presently covered in paragraph 7.

15 In our proposed paragraphs 2. and 3. (and as it  
16 appears elsewhere in the proposed amendments), we recommend  
17 that the phrase "or property" be changed to read "or result  
18 in substantial damage to property". It is unlikely that  
19 most breaks, spills or leaks will damage-- Pardon me! It's  
20 likely that most breaks, spills or leaks will damage  
21 property to some extent. We believe it is the Commission's  
22 intent that the notification requirements apply only to  
23 breaks, spills or leaks resulting in substantial damage to  
24 property.

25 With respect to paragraph 4. "Gas line breaks" and

1 5. "Gas leaks", we recommend the following substitution:

2 Gas line breaks or gas leaks. Notification of gas  
3 pipe line breaks or gas leaks in which natural or casinghead  
4 gas has escaped, which may with reasonable probability  
5 endanger health or result in substantial damage to property  
6 shall be "immediate notification" described below.

7 If paragraphs 4. and 5. as proposed by the  
8 Commission are adopted, the operator will be hard put to  
9 determine the volume flow rate escaping from the leaks or  
10 breaks. In most cases it would be extremely difficult, if  
11 not impossible, to determine the rate from a leak or break  
12 in a gathering system. First, in discovering the leak or  
13 break, the operator would shut in the system as soon as  
14 possible without measuring the rate. Second, if the system  
15 does not have a measuring device on the line, the operator  
16 would not have any method for measuring the volume. Third,  
17 it would be impossible to measure flow rates from leaks.  
18 The rule would therefore be unenforceable, we believe.

19 The rates stated in paragraphs 4. and 5. of the  
20 Commission's proposals should be eliminated for the reason  
21 that reporting should be based on the effects of the breaks  
22 or leaks on the environment. If any volume of gas escapes  
23 and endangers health or results in substantial property  
24 damage, it should be "immediate notification". On the other  
25 hand, if the leak or break is not located where health is

1 endangered or property damaged, it should not have to be  
2 reported. Health or property consideration should be the  
3 controlling factors for reporting, not designated volume  
4 flow rates.

5 With respect to paragraph 6. entitled "Tank fires",  
6 we recommend that it be amended to add "or result in  
7 substantial damage to property" in place of "or property",  
8 and that no notification be required for losses under five  
9 barrels. It would thus read:

10 6."Tank Fires". Notification of fires in tanks or  
11 other receptacles caused by lightning or any other cause,  
12 if the loss is, or it appears that the loss will be, 25 or  
13 more barrels of crude oil or condensate, or fires which may  
14 with reasonable probability endanger human health or result  
15 in substantial damaged to property shall be "immediate  
16 notification" as described below. If the loss is, or it  
17 appears that the loss will be at least five barrels but less  
18 than twenty-five barrels, notification shall be "subsequent  
19 notification" described below.

20 With respect to the paragraph entitled "Immediate  
21 notification", we feel that requiring a written report  
22 within forty-eight hours after the discovery of the incident  
23 is unreasonable and counter productive. Since the Commission  
24 has already been notified of the incident in person or by  
25 telephone, a written report within forty-eight hours will

1 add few if any facts not already known. A longer time for  
2 written reports will provide a more accurate and complete  
3 evaluation of the impact of the incident and greater detail  
4 of the measures taken to remedy the situation reported.  
5 We urge allowance of fifteen days for written reports under  
6 "Immediate notification" as well as under "Subsequent  
7 notification". We also suggest that written reports be made  
8 on forms provided by the Commission. The industry would  
9 be happy to work with the Commission to prepare such forms  
10 if the Commission so desires. If our recommendations are  
11 adopted the subject section would read as follows:

12 "Immediate notification". "Immediate notification"  
13 shall be either in person or by telephone, and I might add  
14 here that I have added one other point that I forgot to  
15 mention, and that is, as soon as practicable after discovery  
16 to the District Office of the Commission district in which  
17 the incident occurs, or if the incident occurs after normal  
18 business hours, to the District Supervisor, the Oil and Gas  
19 Inspector, or the Deputy Oil and Gas Inspector. A complete  
20 written report of the incident on forms provided by the  
21 Commission shall be submitted in duplicate to the appropriate  
22 District Office of the Commission within fifteen days after  
23 the incident.

24 "Subsequent notification". "Subsequent notification"  
25 shall be a written report of the incident on forms provided

1 by the Commission and shall be submitted in duplicate to  
2 the appropriate District Office of the Commission district  
3 in which the incident occurred within fifteen days after  
4 discovery of the incident.

5 My final comment refers to the definition of  
6 watercourse. To us, it appears to be so broad that "if  
7 literally applied" it would include practically any  
8 irregularity on the surface of the land. A roughneck who  
9 spit on the ground or otherwise discharges water on the  
10 ground may well have caused a depression, and we therefore  
11 suggest that the definition be revised to read as follows:

12 "Watercourse" for the purpose of this rule is  
13 defined as any identifiable stream, bed, wash, arroyo, or  
14 natural or man-made channel through which water regularly  
15 or intermittently flows.

16 That concludes my presentation.

17 MR. PORTER: Does anyone have a question of Mr.  
18 Hanagan?

19 MR. RAMEY: Would you say that a dry lake bed on  
20 cap-rock would be a watercourse?

21 MR. HANAGAN: Let me re-read the definition to see  
22 if it's in there.

23 MR. RAMEY: Bear in mind that after a good rain,  
24 that would hold a lot of water.

25 MR. HANAGAN: Does some water intermittently flow

1 through such a lake bed?

2 MR. RAMEY: Well, it flows into a lake bed.

3 MR. HANAGAN: Into and out of?

4 MR. RAMEY: Not out of, through the bottom of it.

5 MR. HANAGAN: Well, my guess is that it is, but it's  
6 just a guess. It's obviously very difficult to come up with  
7 a satisfactory definition of watercourse, and this is one  
8 rung better than the suggested one.

9 MR. STAMETS: If I might suggest, Mr. Hanagan, the  
10 possibility of adding the word "sinkhole" into the definition,  
11 that might cover what Mr. Ramey is talking about.

12 MR. HANAGAN: I think that would be satisfactory.

13 MR. PORTER: That calls for a definition of  
14 "sinkhole" then.

15 MR. NUTTER: I might also make the observation  
16 that the more notorious spills, and the most recent one was  
17 in an area of a non-identifiable channel. There was a big  
18 melt-off of snow that came down there, and the unidentifiable  
19 channel became a watercourse, and that oil went two hundred  
20 miles or more.

21 MR. PORTER: Did that occur on a relatively level  
22 place?

23 MR. NUTTER: It appears level when you look at it.

24 MR. PORTER: But the volume of water is what  
25 caused the damage there.



1 MR. NUTTER: Yes. A foot and a half of snow melted  
2 in less than two days.

3 MR. PORTER: Does anyone else have a question of  
4 Mr. Hanagan?

5 (No response)

6 MR. PORTER: Do you intend to submit this as an  
7 exhibit, or have you covered it in your testimony?

8 MR. HANAGAN: Yes, I have covered this in my  
9 testimony.

10 MR. PORTER: So to that extent, it doesn't make  
11 any difference.

12 MR. HANAGAN: That's right. And in my testimony,  
13 there were some minor changes that are not in this, so it  
14 might be better not to have this as an exhibit.

15 MR. PORTER: Mr. Hanagan, thank you very much for  
16 your input into the possible revision of this rule.

17 (Witness excused.)

18 MR. PORTER: Does anyone else have any testimony  
19 to offer?

20 (No response)

21 MR. PORTER: Does anyone have a statement to make?

22 (No response)

23 MR. PORTER: If there is no further testimony or  
24 no statements, the Commission will take the case under  
25 advisement, and this hearing is adjourned.

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
2 ) ss  
3 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO )

4 I, RICHARD E. McCORMICK, a Certified Shorthand  
5 Reporter, in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New  
6 Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached  
7 Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation  
8 Commission was reported by me; and that the same is a true  
9 and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of  
10 my knowledge, skill and ability.

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# OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
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May 23, 1973

Mr. Peter Hanagan  
New Mexico Oil & Gas Association  
Post Office Box 1864  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 4945  
Order No. R-4524  
Applicant:  
OCC

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.  
Secretary-Director

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Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCC X  
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Other Mr. Larry T. Caudill, J. C. White, Texaco Inc., Denver,  
W. H. Baker, Skelly, Tulsa, Richard Morris, Santa Fe,  
John Elliott, Corporation Commission, Santa Fe

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY  
THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW  
MEXICO ON ITS OWN MOTION TO CONSIDER  
THE AMENDMENT OF RULE 116 OF THE COMMISSION  
RULES AND REGULATIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE  
REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE  
COMMISSION OF FIRE, BREAKS, LEAKS, SPILLS,  
AND BLOWOUTS OF CRUDE OIL, CONDENSATE, OR  
NATURAL OR CASINGHEAD GAS.

CASE NO. 4945  
Order No. R-4524

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 18, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 22nd day of May, 1973, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That there is need for the amendment of Rule 116 of the Commission Rules and Regulations to more clearly define the process of notification to the Commission in the event of fire, spills, leaks, breaks, or blowouts at oil and gas drilling, producing, transporting, and processing installations in New Mexico.

(3) That said amendment should make provision for immediate notification to the Commission of "major" incidents in which large volumes are involved, or in which watercourses, streams, or lakes are involved, or in which there is danger to human health or there is reasonable probability of substantial damage to property.

(4) That said amendment should further make provision for later or subsequent notification to the Commission of incidents of more minor nature not involving large volumes and in which no danger to watercourses, streams, or lakes exists, and there is no threat of endangering human health nor of substantial damage to property.

(5) That adoption of such amendment to Rule 116 is in the public interest, will prevent waste, and will not impair correlative rights, and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Rule 116 of the Commission Rules and Regulations is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**RULE 116. NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, LEAKS, SPILLS, AND BLOWOUTS.**

The Commission shall be notified of any fire, break, leak, spill, or blowout occurring at any oil or gas drilling, producing, transporting, or processing facility in the State of New Mexico by the person operating or controlling such facility.

"Facility," for the purpose of this rule, shall include any oil or gas well, or drilling well; any pipe line through which crude oil, condensate, or casinghead or natural gas is gathered, piped, or transported (including field flow-lines and lead-lines but not including natural gas distribution systems); any receiving tank, holding tank, or storage tank, or receiving and storage receptacle into which crude oil, condensate, or casinghead or natural gas is produced, received, or stored; any processing or refining plant in which crude oil, condensate, or casinghead or natural gas is processed or refined; and any drilling pit or slush pit associated with oil or gas well drilling operations or any storage pit or pond associated with oil or gas production or processing operations and containing hydrocarbons or hydrocarbon waste or residue, salt water, strong caustics or strong acids, or other deleterious chemicals or harmful contaminants.

Notification of such fire, break, leak, spill, or blowout shall be in accordance with the provisions set forth below:

1. Well Blowouts. Notification of well blowouts and/or fires shall be "immediate notification" described below.

2. "Major" Breaks, Spills, or Leaks. Notification of breaks, spills, or leaks of 25 or more barrels of crude oil or condensate, none of which reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake; breaks, spills, or leaks in which one or more barrels of crude oil or condensate does reach a watercourse or enters a stream or lake; and breaks, spills, or leaks of any magnitude which may with reasonable probability endanger human health or result in substantial damage to property, shall be "immediate notification" described below.

3. "Minor" Breaks, Spills or Leaks. Notification of breaks, spills, or leaks, of 5 barrels or more but less than 25 barrels of crude oil or condensate, none of which reaches

a watercourse or enters a stream or lake, shall be "subsequent notification" described below.

4. Gas Line Breaks and Gas Leaks. Notification of gas pipe line breaks or gas leaks in which natural or casinghead gas of any quantity has escaped or is escaping which may with reasonable probability endanger human health or result in substantial damage to property shall be "immediate notification" described below. Notification of gas pipe line breaks or leaks in which the loss is estimated to be 1000 or more MCF of natural or casinghead gas but in which there is no danger to human health nor of substantial damage to property shall be "subsequent notice" described below.

5. Tank Fires. Notification of fires in tanks or other receptacles caused by lightning or any other cause, if the loss is, or it appears that the loss will be, 25 or more barrels of crude oil or condensate, or fires which may with reasonable probability endanger human health or result in substantial damage to property, shall be "immediate notification" as described below. If the loss is, or it appears that the loss will be at least 5 barrels but less than 25 barrels, notification shall be "subsequent notification" described below.

6. Drilling Pits, Slush Pits, and Storage Pits and Ponds. Notification of breaks and spills from any drilling pit, slush pit, or storage pit or pond in which any hydrocarbon or hydrocarbon waste or residue, salt water, strong caustic or strong acid, or other deleterious chemical or harmful contaminant endangers human health or does substantial surface damage, or reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake in such quantity as may with reasonable probability endanger human health or result in substantial damage to such watercourse, stream, or lake, or the contents thereof, shall be "immediate notification" as described below. Notification of breaks or spills of such magnitude as to not endanger human health, cause substantial surface damage, or result in substantial damage to any watercourse, stream, or lake, or the contents thereof, shall be "subsequent notice" described below, provided however, no notification shall be required where there is no threat of any damage resulting from the break or spill.

IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION. "Immediate Notification" shall be as soon as possible after discovery and shall be either in person or by telephone to the district office of the Commission district in which the incident occurs, or if the incident occurs after normal business hours, to the District Supervisor, the Oil and Gas Inspector, or the Deputy Oil and Gas Inspector. A complete written report of the incident shall be submitted in duplicate to the appropriate district office of the Commission within ten days after discovery of the incident.

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SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION. "Subsequent Notification" shall be a complete written report of the incident and shall be submitted in duplicate to the district office of the Commission district in which the incident occurred within ten days after discovery of the incident.

CONTENT OF NOTIFICATION. All reports of fires, breaks, leaks, spills, or blowouts, whether verbal or written, shall identify the location of the incident by quarter-quarter, section, township, and range, and by distance and direction from the nearest town or prominent landmark so that the exact site of the incident can be readily located on the ground. The report shall specify the nature and quantity of the loss and also the general conditions prevailing in the area, including precipitation, temperature, and soil conditions. The report shall also detail the measures that have been taken and are being taken to remedy the situation reported.

WATERCOURSE, for the purpose of this rule, is defined as any lake-bed or gully, draw, stream bed, wash, arroyo, or natural or man-made channel through which water flows or has flowed.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

  
ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

  
A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

  
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P. O. BOX 4100  
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April 10, 1973

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
HEARINGS--APRIL 18, 1973  
CASE NOS. 4944 & 4945  
6.02-1 (N.M.)

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Porter:

As an active operator in the State of New Mexico, Texaco Inc. is concerned about the proposed revisions to Rules 102 and 116 to be heard as Case Nos. 4944 and 4945 on April 18, 1973.

Regarding the proposed changes in Rule 102, it is felt that the wording, "proposed method of drilling and operation," is too broad and would give the concerned city, town, or village authority over matters on which they are not qualified to make a judgment. It is Texaco's opinion that the Conservation Commission and the U.S.G.S. (where applicable) should retain exclusive authority over drilling and operational procedures. The city, town, or village involved should have something to say about the physical layout of a well; such as well location, access roads, location of equipment, etc., and perhaps this was the intent of the proposed revision. If so, Texaco suggests clarification.

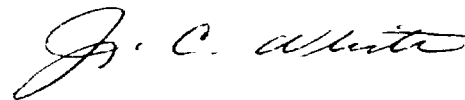
Regarding the proposed revisions for Rule 116, Texaco respectfully suggests the Commission consider the following points. The oil industry is currently operating under EPA rules that specify certain reporting procedures for environmental incidents. For example, if Texaco experiences

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an accidental fire, resulting in smoke pollution; an oil spill, or a salt water spill, any one of which is considered a threat to the environment, regardless of the volume of pollutant involved, the EPA, the USGS (if on Federal lands), and the appropriate State Health Department are automatically notified by telephone. If wildlife is endangered, the appropriate game and fish department is notified. If National Forest lands are involved, the proper Forest Service office is notified, etc. Because of the language in Rule 116 as it is now written, few environmental incidents are reported to the Oil Conservation Commission. However, Rule 116 could be amended to require reporting to the Commission all environmental incidents reported to the EPA. In this way, cumbersome reporting criteria and procedures would be avoided and the concerned State and Federal agencies would all get similar reports on all incidents reported.

Texaco believes that the above procedure will serve the interests of oil and gas conservation just as well as the procedures proposed for hearing without burdening the operators with another set of conflicting definitions, reporting criteria, and reporting procedures.

Very truly yours,



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*Send copy of order  
entered in Case 4945  
to Mr. Baker*

# SKELLY OIL COMPANY

P. O. BOX 1650

TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74102

W. H. BAKER, DIRECTOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT

April 12, 1973

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, N.M.

*April 18<sup>th</sup>  
W.H.B.*

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 89501

Gentlemen:

Skelly Oil Company is in the process of updating its Oil Spill Plan and in this regard, would you please supply us with the state's current notification requirements.

Yours truly,

W. H. Baker

WHB:ks

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

April 17, 1973

Shell Oil Company  
P. O. Box 1650  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Attention: Mr. W. H. Baker

Dear Mr. Baker:

Enclosed please find a copy of Commission Rule 116 which currently covers the reporting of fires, breaks, leaks, or blowouts. Also enclosed, you will find a copy of the proposed revised Rule 116 which is to be considered for adoption at a hearing April 18, 1973. Arrangements have been made for you to receive a copy of any revision of Rule 116 resulting from said hearing.

Further, we have forwarded a copy of your letter to the State Environmental Improvement Agency for a response in other areas of spill reporting.

Very truly yours,

R. L. STAMETS  
Technical Support Chief

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Encls.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT NIXON TODAY SUSPENDED ALL OIL IMPORT QUOTAS AND LIFTED TARRIFS ON OIL IN AN EFFORT TO MEET AN "ENERGY CHALLENGE" THAT HE SAID THREATENS TO BLOSSOM INTO AN "ENERGY CRISIS."

NIXON ALSO CALLED FOR ELIMINATION OF PRICE REGULATIONS ON NEWLY DISCOVERED NATURAL GAS, A STEP HE SAID WOULD INCREASE THE COST TO INDUSTRY AND THE CONSUMER BUT WOULD ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SUPPLIES OF THE NATION'S CLEANEST FUEL.

"IN THE YEARS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD, WE MUST FACE UP TO THE POSSIBILITY OF OCCASIONAL ENERGY SHORTAGES AND SOME INCREASES IN ENERGY PRICES," NIXON SAID IN A 19-PAGE MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

"CLEARLY WE ARE FACING A VITALLY IMPORTANT ENERGY CHALLENGE," HE SAID. "IF PRESENT TRENDS CONTINUE UNCHECKED, WE COULD FACE A GENUINE ENERGY CRISIS."

NIXON PROPOSED SUBSTITUTING A FEE OF .05 CENT PER GALLON FOR CRUDE OIL AND UP TO 1.5 CENTS A GALLON FOR REFINED PRODUCTS TO REPLACE EXISTING QUOTA RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTED OIL. BUT HE SAID HOLDERS OF EXISTING QUOTA LICENSES WOULD BE PERMITTED TO IMPORT OIL UP TO THEIR QUOTAS THIS YEAR WITHUT PAYING THE FEE. THEY THEN COULD IMPORT ADDITIONAL OIL BY PAYING THE FEE.

HE ALSO ELIMINATED ALL EXISTING TARIFFS ON IMPORTED PETROLEUM.

HE ALSO SAID EXISTING TAX BREAKS FOR OIL FIRMS, SUCH AS THE DEPLETION ALLOWANCE AND DEDUCTIONS FOR SOME DRILLING EXPENSES, MUST BE RETAINED.

IN HIS LONG-AWAITED MESSAGE OUTLINING WAYS FOR COPING WITH THE NATION'S ENERGY NEEDS, NIXON SAID SOME COMPROMISES ON ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS WERE NEEDED TO KEEP THE COSTS OF ENERGY AT REASONABLE LEVELS.

TO STIMULATE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION, NIXON PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT TO EXPLORATORY OIL DRILLING. HE SAID THE CREDIT WOULD BE MORE GENEROUS FOR SUCCESSFUL WELLS THAN FOR DRY WELLS "IN ORDER TO PUT AN ADDITIONAL PREMIUM ON RESULTS."

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STATEMENT OF PETER HANAGAN IN BEHALF OF NEW MEXICO OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION  
N. M. OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION HEARING, MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE,  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, APRIL 18, 1973.

CASE 4945: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RULE 116  
NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, LEAKS, SPILLS, AND BLOWOUTS

THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY IS WELL AWARE THAT THE COMMISSION EXERCISES REASON AND GOOD SENSE IN INTERPRETING ITS RULES. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO CLARIFY, TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING, AND TO FORESTALL UNREASONABLE INTERPRETATION BY OTHERS, WE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED CHANGES TO RULE 116 AS PROPOSED.

WE RECOMMEND THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF RULE 116 BE REARRANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

THE COMMISSION SHALL BE NOTIFIED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH BELOW, BY PERSONS OPERATING OR CONTROLLING ANY OIL OR GAS WELL, OR ANY DRILLING WELL, OR ANY PIPE LINE THROUGH WHICH CRUDE OIL, CONDENSATE, OR CASINGHEAD OR NATURAL GAS IS GATHERED, PIPED, OR TRANSPORTED (INCLUDING FIELD FLOW-LINES AND LEAD-LINES BUT NOT INCLUDING NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS), OR ANY RECEIVING TANK, HOLDING TANK, OR STORAGE TANK, OR RECEIVING AND STORAGE RECEPTACLE INTO WHICH CRUDE OIL, CONDENSATE, OR CASINGHEAD OR NATURAL GAS IS PRODUCED, RECEIVED, OR STORED, AND FROM WHICH OCCURS A FIRE, BREAK, LEAK, SPILL, OR BLOWOUT.

THE REARRANGED LANGUAGE MAKES IT CLEARER THAT THE DUTY TO NOTIFY APPLIES ONLY TO PERSONS ~~OPERATING OR CONTROLLING THE FACILITIES SPECIFIED~~ AND ONLY UPON OCCURRENCE OF A FIRE, BREAK, LEAK, SPILL OR BLOWOUT FROM FACILITIES UNDER HIS OPERATION OR CONTROL.

WITH RESPECT TO "2. MAJOR PIPE LINES" AND "3. MINOR PIPE LINE BREAKS" WE RECOMMEND SUBSTITUTION OF THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

2. "MAJOR" BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS, NOTIFICATION OF BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS IN WHICH 25 OR MORE BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL OR CONDENSATE RESULT NONE OF WHICH REACH A WATERCOURSE OR ENTER A STREAM OR LAKE; BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS IN WHICH ONE OR MORE BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL OR CONDENSATE DOES REACH A WATERCOURSE OR ENTERS A STREAM OR LAKE, AND BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS OF ANY MAGNITUDE WHICH MAY WITH REASONABLE PROBABILITY ENDANGER HUMAN HEALTH OR RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, SHALL BE "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION" DESCRIBED BELOW.

3. "MINOR" BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS, NOTIFICATION OF BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS, IN WHICH 5 BARRELS OR MORE BUT LESS THAN 25 BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL OR CONDENSATE RESULT NONE OF WHICH REACH A WATERCOURSE OR ENTER A STREAM OR LAKE SHALL BE "SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION" DESCRIBED BELOW.

OUR PROPOSED LANGUAGE ELIMINATES THE DIFFICULTY OF HAVING TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TERMS "BREAKS", "SPILLS" AND "LEAKS". IT TREATS ALL SUCH OCCURRENCES ALIKE. IT ALSO ELIMINATES \*THE NEED FOR "7. OVERFLOWS, LEAKS OR SPILLS" BY COMBINING MATTERS THERE COVERED INTO PARAGRAPHS 2, AND 3.

OUR PROPOSED LANGUAGE ALSO WOULD REQUIRE NO NOTIFICATION FOR MINOR PIPE LINE BREAKS OF LESS THAN 5 BARRELS. THIS BRINGS PIPE LINE BREAKS INTO LINE WITH THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS FOR LEAKS AND SPILLS PRESENTLY COVERED IN PARAGRAPH 7.

IN PARAGRAPHS 2. AND 3. (AND AS IT APPEARS ELSEWHERE IN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS), WE RECOMMEND THAT THE PHRASE "OR PROPERTY" BE CHANGED TO READ "OR RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY". IT IS LIKELY THAT MOST BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS WILL DAMAGE PROPERTY TO SOME EXTENT. WE BELIEVE IT IS THE COMMISSION'S INTENT THAT THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPLY ONLY TO BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

WITH RESPECT TO "4. GAS LINE BREAKS" AND "5. GAS LEAKS", WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTION:

GAS LINE BREAKS OR GAS LEAKS. NOTIFICATION OF GAS PIPE LINE BREAKS OR GAS LEAKS IN WHICH NATURAL OR CASINGHEAD GAS HAS ESCAPED, WHICH MAY WITH REASONABLE PROBABILITY ENDANGER HEALTH OR RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY SHALL BE "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION" DESCRIBED BELOW.

IF PARAGRAPH .4 AND .5 AS PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION ARE ADOPTED, THE OPERATOR WILL BE HARD PUT TO DETERMINE THE VOLUME FLOW RATE ESCAPING FROM THE LEAKS OR BREAKS. IN MOST CASES IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO DETERMINE THE RATE FROM A LEAK OR BREAK IN A GATHERING SYSTEM. FIRST, IN DISCOVERING THE LEAK OR BREAK, THE OPERATOR WOULD SHUT IN THE SYSTEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT MEASURING THE RATE. SECOND, IF THE SYSTEM DOES NOT HAVE A MEASURING DEVICE ON THE LINE, THE OPERATOR WOULD NOT HAVE ANY METHOD FOR MEASURING THE VOLUME. THIRD, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MEASURE FLOW RATES FROM LEAKS. THE RULE WOULD THEREFORE BE UNENFORCEABLE.

*NOT TRUE*

THE RATES STATED IN PARAGRAPHS .4 AND .5 OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS SHOULD BE ELIMINATED FOR THE REASON THAT REPORTING SHOULD BE BASED ON THE EFFECTS OF THE BREAKS OR LEAKS ON THE ENVIRONMENT. IF ANY VOLUME OF GAS ESCAPES AND ENDANGERS HEALTH OR RESULTS IN SUBSTANTIAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, IT SHOULD BE "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION". ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE LEAK OR BREAK IS NOT LOCATED WHERE HEALTH IS ENDANGERED OR PROPERTY DAMAGED, IT SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE REPORTED. HEALTH OR PROPERTY CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE THE CONTROLLING FACTORS FOR REPORTING, NOT DESIGNATED VOLUME FLOW RATES. *< continue >*

WE RECOMMEND THAT "6. TANK FIRES" BE AMENDED TO ADD "OR RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY" IN PLACE OF "OR PROPERTY", AND THAT NO NOTIFICATION BE REQUIRED FOR LOSSES UNDER 5 BARRELS. IT WOULD THUS READ:

6. TANK FIRES NOTIFICATION OF FIRES IN TANKS OR OTHER RECEPTACLES CAUSED BY LIGHTNING OR ANY OTHER CAUSE, IF THE LOSS IS, OR IT APPEARS THAT THE LOSS WILL BE, 25 OR MORE BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL OR CONDENSATE, OR FIRES WHICH MAY WITH REASONABLE PROBABILITY ENDANGER HUMAN HEALTH OR RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY SHALL BE "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION" AS DESCRIBED BELOW. IF THE LOSS IS, OR IT APPEARS THAT THE LOSS WILL BE AT LEAST 5 BARRELS BUT LESS THAN 25 BARRELS, NOTIFICATION SHALL BE "SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION" DESCRIBED BELOW.

*valid* WITH RESPECT TO "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION", WE FEEL THAT REQUIRING A WRITTEN REPORT WITHIN 48 HOURS IS UNREASONABLE AND COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. SINCE THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE INCIDENT IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE, A WRITTEN REPORT WITHIN 48 HOURS WILL

ADD FEW IF ANY FACTS NOT ALREADY KNOWN. A LONGER TIME FOR WRITTEN REPORTS WILL PROVIDE A MORE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE INCIDENT AND GREATER DETAIL OF THE MEASURES TAKEN TO REMEDY THE SITUATION REPORTED. WE URGE ALLOWANCE OF 15 DAYS FOR WRITTEN REPORTS UNDER "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION" AS WELL AS UNDER "SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION". *<* WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT WRITTEN REPORTS BE MADE ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION. THE INDUSTRY WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH THE COMMISSION TO PREPARE SUCH FORMS. *>* IF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ADOPTED THE SUBJECT SECTION WOULD READ:

IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION. "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION" SHALL BE EITHER IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER DISCOVERY TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION DISTRICT IN WHICH THE INCIDENT OCCURS, OR IF THE INCIDENT OCCURS AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS, TO THE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, THE OIL AND GAS INSPECTOR, OR THE DEPUTY OIL AND GAS INSPECTOR. A COMPLETE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE INCIDENT ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE TO THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER *discovery of the* THE INCIDENT.

SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION. "SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION" SHALL BE A WRITTEN REPORT OF THE INCIDENT ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION AND SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION DISTRICT IN WHICH THE INCIDENT OCCURRED WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT.

THE DEFINITION OF WATERCOURSE APPEARS TO BE SO BROAD THAT "IF LITERALLY APPLIED" IT WOULD INCLUDE PRACTICALLY ANY IRREGULARITY ON THE SURFACE OF THE LAND. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE DEFINITION BE REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*OK* WATERCOURSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS RULE IS DEFINED AS ANY IDENTIFIABLE STREAM BED, WASH, ARROYO, OR NATURAL OR MAN-MADE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH WATER REGULARLY OR INTERMITTENTLY FLOWS.



DOCKET: REGULAR HEARING - WEDNESDAY - APRIL 18, 1973

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING,  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

CASE 4944: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider the amendment of Rule 102 of the Commission Rules and Regulations to require that drilling permits for wells to be drilled within the corporate limits of a city, town, or village would not be approved unless such wells were to be drilled in accordance with applicable ordinances and had first been approved by the governing body of such city, town, or village.

CASE 4945: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider the amendment of Rule 116 of the Commission Rules and Regulations to strengthen the requirements for notification to the Commission of fire, breaks, leaks, spills, and blowouts of crude oil, condensate, or natural or casinghead gas.

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. 4945 Sub No. A

Submitted by OCC Staff

Hearing Date 4/18/73

PROPOSED REVISIONS OF RULES 102 AND 116 OF THE  
COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULE 102. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DRILL

(a) Prior to the commencement of operations, notice shall be delivered to the Commission of intention to drill any well for oil or gas or for injection purposes and approval obtained on Form C-101.

(b) No permit shall be approved for the drilling of any well within the corporate limits of any city, town, or village of this state unless the location of the well and the proposed method of drilling and operating same are in accordance with any applicable duly enacted ordinances, and the duly constituted governing body of such city, town, or village, or its authorized agent, has approved such location and the proposed method of drilling and operation, and satisfactory evidence of such approval accompanies the notice of intention to drill, and provided further that said well shall be spaced and located in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Commission, or proper exception thereto has been approved by the Commission.

RULE 116. NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, LEAKS, SPILLS AND BLOWOUTS

All persons operating or controlling any oil or gas well, or any drilling well, or any pipe line through which crude oil, condensate, or casinghead or natural gas is gathered, piped, or transported (including field flow-lines and lead-lines but not including natural gas distribution systems), or any receiving tank, holding tank, or storage tank, or receiving and storage receptacle into which crude oil, condensate, or casinghead or natural gas is produced, received, or stored, shall notify the Commission of any fire, break, leak, spill, or blowout in accordance with the provisions set forth below:

1. Well Blowouts Notification of well blowouts and/or fires shall be "immediate notification" described below.

2. "Major" Pipe Line Breaks Notification of pipe line breaks in which 25 or more barrels of crude oil or condensate is spilled none of which reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake, pipe line breaks in which one or more barrels of crude oil or condensate does reach a watercourse or enters a stream or lake, and pipe line breaks with spills of any magnitude which may with reasonable probability endanger human health, or property, shall be "immediate notification" described below.

3. "Minor" Pipe Line Breaks Notification of pipe line breaks in which less than 25 barrels of crude oil or condensate is spilled none of which reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake shall be "subsequent notification" described below.

4. Gas Line Breaks Notification of gas pipe line breaks in which 1000 or more MCF of natural or casinghead gas has escaped or in which gas is escaping at

the rate of 25 or more MCF per day and gas pipe line breaks with a loss of any magnitude which may with reasonable probability endanger human health, or property, shall be "immediate notification" described below. Notification of any gas pipe line break not falling into one of the above categories shall be "subsequent notification" described below.

5. Gas Leaks If any gas well or gas pipe line or gas storage facility not a part of a gas distribution system has leaked or is leaking natural or casinghead gas to the atmosphere at the rate of 25 MCF or more per day or at any lesser rate which may with reasonable probability endanger human health, or property, notification shall be "immediate notification" described below. Notification of gas leaks not falling into one of the above categories shall be "subsequent notification" described below.

6. Tank Fires Notification of fires in tanks or other receptacles caused by lightning or any other cause, if the loss is, or it appears that the loss will be, 25 or more barrels of crude oil or condensate, or fires which may with reasonable probability endanger human health, or property, shall be "immediate notification" as described below. If the loss is, or it appears that the loss will be, less than 25 barrels, notification shall be "subsequent notification" described below.

7. Overflows, Leaks, or Spills If any tank or other receptacle runs over, or leaks, or if any pipe line leaks, or if any other spill of crude oil or condensate occurs from any other source, and the spill is 25 barrels or more, none of which reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake, or if one or more barrels does reach a watercourse or enters a stream or a lake, or if the spill is of any magnitude which may with reasonable probability endanger human health, or property, notification shall be "immediate notification" described below. If the spill is five barrels or more but less than 25 barrels none of which reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake, notification shall be "subsequent notification" described below.

IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION "Immediate notification" shall be either in person or by telephone to the district office of the Commission district in which the incident occurs, or if the incident occurs after normal business hours, to the District Supervisor, the Oil and Gas Inspector, or the Deputy Oil and Gas Inspector. A complete written report of the incident shall be submitted to the District Office and the Santa Fe office of the Commission within 48 hours after the incident.

SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION "Subsequent notification" shall be a written report of the incident and shall be submitted to the district office of the Commission district in which the incident occurred and to the Santa Fe office of the Commission within five days after the incident.

CONTENT OF NOTIFICATION All reports of fires, breaks, leaks, spills, or blowouts, whether verbal or written, shall identify the location of the incident by quarter-quarter section, township, and range, and by distance and direction from the nearest town or prominent landmark so that the exact site of the incident can be readily located on the ground. The report shall specify the nature and quantity of the loss and also the general conditions prevailing in the area, including precipitation, temperature, and soil conditions. The report shall also detail the measures that have been taken and are being taken to remedy the situation reported.

WATERCOURSE, for the purpose of this rule, is defined as any depression, gully, draw, stream bed, wash, arroyo, or natural or man-made channel through which water flows or has flowed.



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PART 195—TRANSPORTATION OF  
LIQUIDS BY PIPELINE

Telephonic Accident Reports

The purpose of this amendment is to broaden the requirements of § 195.52 to provide for immediate notification of certain types of accidents not presently covered by that section.

On June 23, 1971, the Federal Railroad Administrator issued Notice 71-20 (36 FR 12175, June 26, 1971) proposing to amend the accident reporting requirements for operators of liquid pipelines. The public was given 60 days to comment and one commentator responded.

Subsequent to the issue of Notice 71-20, section 6(f) (3) (A) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1655(f) (3) (A)) was amended (Public Law 92-401, Aug. 22, 1972) to delete the authority of the Federal Railroad Administrator to carry out the liquid pipeline safety functions under 18 U.S.C. 831-835. On November 7, 1972, the Secretary delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary for Safety and Consumer Affairs (37 FR 24674) and on the same day the Assistant Secretary redelegated it to the Director, Office of Pipeline Safety (37 FR 24901). The Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) has reviewed this rule making action and has fully considered the comment received.

The commentator addressed several provisions of the proposed regulation. Overall, it was suggested that the proposed regulation was broader than § 195.50 and would require telephonic reporting of minor leaks for which no written report would be required. In this regard, it should be noted that § 195.50 prescribes the scope of Subpart B and therefore delimits the applicability of the other regulations therein. Consequently a leak or other failure would not have to be telephonically reported under new § 195.52 unless it also fell within the scope of the subpart as set forth in § 195.50. This has been clarified by referring to § 195.50 in § 195.52(a). In this connection, in order to be consistent with § 195.50, the amended § 195.52 employs the more comprehensive term "failure" rather than "leak."

The comment pointed out that the proposed paragraph (a) (2), which would have required telephonic reporting for taking a segment of pipeline out of service, was not appropriate for liquid pipelines. Such a requirement is necessary for gas pipelines, because of serious safety problems that can arise from taking a gas transmission pipeline out of service. In the case of liquid pipelines, however, they can be taken out of service at the discretion of the carrier without causing safety problems. The OPS agrees with this view and the proposed requirement has been deleted.

It was also suggested that the property damage and personal injury criteria are sufficient to assure immediate notification of all significant failures and that the requirement for reporting of fires and explosions could be deleted. However, the OPS believes that any failure resulting in an unintentional fire or explosion might be significant enough to warrant review by the Department even though there were no injuries and only limited property damage.

The commentator stated that the \$5,000 property damage amount in proposed paragraph (a) (4) was unrealistically low and should be set at \$20,000. Since damage to carrier-owned property is included and even minor repairs are very expensive, it was contended that the \$5,000 figure would impose an undue burden on the Department and the carriers. However, based on a review of accident reports, the OPS believes that the \$5,000 figure is a good indication of the potential significance of a failure, even if none of the other criteria are met. The requirement is, therefore, being retained as proposed.

The most significant disagreement was with the proposed requirement for immediate reporting of failures causing water pollution. The commentator objected strongly to this proposal on the basis that it duplicated existing requirements under 33 CFR 153.105 and could easily be replaced by a simple communications arrangement within the Department between the cognizant office and the Coast Guard. It must be noted, however, that the reports required by 33 CFR 153.105 can be made either to Coast Guard officials or officials of other Government agencies. Furthermore, even if the report were made to the Coast Guard, the officials involved would normally be located in field offices, thus requiring more than one communication within the

Department to convey the necessary information to the OPS. The possibility for delay or loss of essential facts makes this an unacceptable alternative. Direct reporting by the operator involved is necessary to assure prompt, reliable submission of information. However, to the extent the comment is based on the lack of an identifiable standard for pollution, the OPS agrees with the objection to the proposal. Therefore, for consistency and to provide the necessary standard, the requirement (now § 195.52(a)(4)) is amended to state the same criteria for pollution as are used in 33 CFR 153.105.

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 195 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows, effective April 19, 1973.

1. The index of sections for Part 195, Subpart B, is amended by revising the section heading of § 195.52 to read: "Telephonic notice of certain accidents."

2. Section 195.52 is amended to read as follows:

**§ 195.52 Telephonic notice of certain accidents.**

(a) At the earliest practicable moment following discovery of a release of the commodity transported resulting in an event described in § 195.50, each carrier shall give notice, in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section, of any failure that—

- (1) Caused a death or a personal injury requiring hospitalization;
- (2) Resulted in either a fire or explosion not intentionally set by the carrier;
- (3) Caused estimated damage to the property of the carrier or others, or both, of a total of \$5,000 or more;
- (4) Resulted in pollution of any stream, river, lake, reservoir, or other

similar body of water that violated applicable water quality standards, caused a discoloration of the surface of the water or adjoining shoreline, or deposited a sludge or emulsion beneath the surface of the water or upon adjoining shorelines; or

(5) In the judgment of the carrier, was significant even though it did not meet the criteria of any other subparagraph of this paragraph.

(b) Reports made under paragraph (a) of this section are made by telephone to area code 202, 426-0700 and must include the following information:

- (1) Name and address of the carrier.
- (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 carrier that are relevant to the cause of the failure or extent of the damages.

This amendment is made under the authority of sections 831-835 of title 18, United States Code, section 6(e)(4) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1655(e)(4)), § 1.58(d) of the regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (49 CFR 1.58(d)), and the redelegation of authority to the Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, set forth in Appendix A to Part 1 of the regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (49 CFR Part 1).

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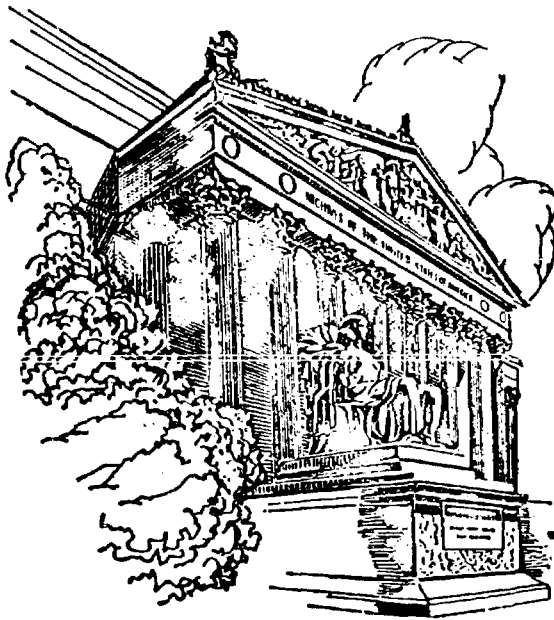
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## Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline; Minimum Safety Standards

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### § 192.13 General.

(a) No person may operate a segment of pipeline that is readied for service after March 12, 1971, unless that pipeline has been designed, installed, constructed, initially inspected, and initially tested in accordance with this part.

(b) No person may operate a segment of pipeline that is replaced, relocated, or otherwise changed after November 12, 1970, unless that replacement, relocation, or change has been made in accordance with this part.

(c) Each operator shall maintain, modify as appropriate, and follow the plans, procedures, and programs that it is required to establish under this part.

### § 192.15. Rules of regulatory construction.

(a) As used in this part—  
"Includes" means including but not limited to.

"May" means "is permitted to" or "is authorized to".

"May not" means "is not permitted to" or "is not authorized to".

"Shall" is used in the mandatory and imperative sense.

(b) In this part—

(1) Words importing the singular include the plural;

(2) Words importing the plural include the singular; and

(3) Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine.

### § 192.17 Filing of inspection and maintenance plans.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each operator shall file with the Secretary not later than February 1, 1971, a plan for inspection and maintenance of each pipeline facility which he owns or operates. In addition, each change to an inspection and maintenance plan must be filed with the Secretary within 30 days after the change is made.

(b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this section do not apply to pipeline facilities—

(1) That are subject to the jurisdiction of a State agency that has submitted a certification or agreement with respect to those facilities under section 5 of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act (49 U.S.C. 1675); and

(2) For which an inspection and maintenance plan is required to be filed with that State agency.

(c) Plans filed with the Secretary must be sent to the office of Pipeline Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590.

### Subpart B—Materials

#### § 192.51 Scope.

This subpart prescribes minimum requirements for the selection and qualification of pipe and components for use in pipelines.

#### § 192.53 General.

Materials for pipe and components must be—

(a) Able to maintain the structural integrity of the pipeline under temperature and other environmental conditions that may be anticipated;

(b) Chemically compatible with any gas that they transport and with any other material in the pipeline with which they are in contact; and

(c) Qualified in accordance with the applicable requirements of this subpart.

#### § 192.55 Steel pipe.

(a) New steel pipe is qualified for use under this part if—

(1) It was manufactured in accordance with a listed specification;

(2) It meets the requirements of paragraphs II-A through II-D of Appendix B of this part; or

(3) It is used in accordance with paragraph (c) or (d) of this section.

(b) Used steel pipe is qualified for use under this part if—

(1) It was manufactured in accordance with a listed specification and it meets the requirements of paragraph II-C of Appendix B to this part;

(2) It meets the requirements of paragraph II-A through II-D of Appendix B to this part.

(3) It has been used in an existing line of the same or higher pressure and meets the requirements of paragraph II-C of Appendix B to this part; or

(4) It is used in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) New or used steel pipe may be used at a pressure resulting in a hoop stress of less than 6,000 p.s.i. 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 Appendix B to this part.

(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.

(e) New steel pipe that has been cold expanded must comply with the mandatory provisions of API Standard 5LX.

#### § 192.57 Cast iron or ductile iron pipe.

(a) New cast iron or new ductile iron pipe is qualified for use under this part if it has been manufactured in accordance with a listed specification.

(b) Used cast iron or used ductile iron pipe is qualified for use under this part if inspection shows that the pipe is sound and allows the makeup of tight joints and—

(1) It has been removed from an existing pipeline that operated at the same or higher pressure; or

(2) It was manufactured in accordance with a listed specification.

#### § 192.59 Plastic pipe.

(a) New plastic pipe is qualified for use under this part if—

(1) It is manufactured in accordance with a listed specification; and

(2) It is resistant to chemicals with which contact may be anticipated.

(b) Used plastic pipe is qualified for use under this part if—

(1) It meets the requirements of a listed specification;

(2) It is resistant to chemicals with which contact may be anticipated;

(3) It has been used only in natural gas service;

(4) Its dimensions are still within the tolerances of the specification to which it was manufactured; and

(5) It is free of visible defects.

#### § 192.61 Copper pipe.

Copper pipe is qualified for use under this part if it has been manufactured in accordance with a listed specification.

#### § 192.63 Marking of materials.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, each valve, fitting, length of pipe, and other component must be marked as prescribed in—

(1) The specification or standard to which it was manufactured; or

(2) MSS Standard Practice, SP-25.

(b) Surfaces of pipe and components that are subject to stress from internal pressure may not be field die stamped.

(c) If any item is marked by die stamping, the die must have blunt or rounded edges that will minimize stress concentrations.

(d) Paragraph (a) of this section does not apply to items manufactured before November 12, 1970, that meet all of the following:

(1) The item is identifiable as to type, manufacturer, and model.

(2) Specifications or standards giving pressure, temperature, and other appropriate criteria for the use of items are readily available.

#### § 192.65 Transportation of pipe.

In a pipeline to be operated at a hoop stress of 20 percent or more of SMYS, no operator may use pipe having an outer diameter to wall thickness ratio of 70 to one, or more, that is transported by railroad unless that transportation was performed in accordance with API RP5L1.

### Subpart C—Pipe Design

#### § 192.101 Scope.

This subpart prescribes the minimum requirements for the design of pipe.

#### § 192.103 General.

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.

#### § 192.105 Design formula for steel pipe.

(a) The design pressure for steel pipe is determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$P = \frac{2St}{D} \times F \times E \times T$$

P = Design pressure in pounds per square inch gage.

S = Yield strength in pounds per square inch determined in accordance with § 192.107.

D = Nominal outside diameter of the pipe in inches.

t = Nominal wall thickness of the pipe in inches. If this is unknown, it is determined in accordance with § 192.109. Additional wall thickness required for concurrent external loads in accordance with § 192.103 may not be included in computing design pressure.

F = Design factor determined in accordance with § 192.111.

E = Longitudinal joint factor determined in accordance with § 192.113.

T = Temperature derating factor determined in accordance with § 192.115.

(b) If steel pipe that has been cold worked to meet the SMYS is heated, other than by welding, to 600° F. or more, the design pressure is limited to 75 percent of the pressure determined under paragraph (a) of this section.

#### § 192.107 Yield strength (S) for steel pipe.

(a) For pipe that is manufactured in accordance with a specification listed in section I of Appendix B of this part, the yield strength to be used in the design formula in § 192.105 is the SMYS stated in the listed specification, if that value is known.

(b) For pipe that is manufactured in accordance with a specification not listed in section I of Appendix B to this part or whose specification or tensile properties are unknown, the yield strength to be used in the design formula in § 192.105 is one of the following:



pressures up to 80 percent of the pressure ratings for comparable steel valves at their listed temperature, if—

(1) The temperature-adjusted service pressure does not exceed 1,000 p.s.i.g.; and

(2) Welding is not used on any ductile iron component in the fabrication of the valve shells or their assembly.

(d) No valve having pressure containing parts made of ductile iron may be used in the gas pipe components of compressor stations.

#### § 192.147 Flanges and flange accessories.

(a) *General requirements.* Each flange or flange accessory must meet the minimum requirements of ANSI B16.5, MSS SP-44, or ANSI B16.24, or the equivalent.

(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.

#### § 192.149 Standard fittings.

(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 this part, or their equivalent.

(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.

#### § 192.151 Tapping.

(a) Each mechanical fitting used to make a hot tap must be designed for at least the operating pressure of the pipeline.

(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.

(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

(1) Existing taps may be used for replacement service, if they are free of cracks and have good threads; and

(2) A 1¼-inch tap may be made in a 4-inch cast iron or ductile iron pipe, without reinforcement.

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 or larger pipe.

#### § 192.153 Components fabricated by welding.

(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 of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

(b) Each prefabricated unit that uses plate and longitudinal seams must be designed, constructed, and tested in accordance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, except for the following:

(1) Regularly manufactured butt-welding fittings.

(2) Pipe that has been produced and tested under a specification listed in Appendix B to this part.

(3) Partial assemblies such as split rings or collars.

(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.

(c) Orange-peel butt 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.

(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 p.s.i.g., or more, or is more than 3 inches nominal diameter.

#### § 192.155 Welded branch connections.

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.

#### § 192.157 Extruded outlets.

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.

#### § 192.159 Flexibility.

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.

#### § 192.161 Supports and anchors.

(a) Each pipeline and its associated equipment must have enough anchors or supports to—

(1) Prevent undue strain on connected equipment;

(2) Resist longitudinal forces caused by a bend or offset in the pipe; and

(3) Prevent or damp out excessive vibration.

(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.

(c) Each support or anchor on an exposed pipeline must be made of durable, noncombustible material and must be designed and installed as follows:

(1) Free expansion and contraction of the pipeline between supports or anchors may not be restricted.

(2) Provision must be made for the service conditions involved.

(3) Movement of the pipeline may not cause disengagement of the support equipment.

(d) Each support on an exposed pipeline operated at a stress level of 50 percent or more of SMYS must comply with the following:

(1) A structural support may not be welded directly to the pipe.

(2) The support must be provided by a member that completely encircles the pipe.

(3) If an encircling member is welded to a pipe, the weld must be continuous and cover the entire circumference.

(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.

(f) Each underground pipeline that is being connected to new branches must have a firm foundation for both the header and the branch to prevent lateral and vertical movement.

#### § 192.163 Compressor stations: design and construction.

(a) *Location of compressor building.*

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.

(b) *Building construction.* Each building on a compressor station site must be made of noncombustible materials if it contains either—

(1) Pipe more than 2 inches in diameter that is carrying gas under pressure; or

(2) Gas handling equipment other than gas utilization equipment used for domestic purposes.

(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.

(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 of any compressor plant building must open outward and, when occupied, must be operable from the inside without a key.

(e) *Electrical facilities.* Electrical equipment and wiring installed in compressor stations must conform to the National Electrical Code, ANSI Standard C1, so far as that code is applicable.

#### § 192.165 Compressor stations: liquid removal.

(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.

(b) Each liquid separator used to remove entrained liquids at a compressor station must—

(1) Have a manually operable means of removing these liquids.

**§ 192.187 Vaults: sealing, venting, and ventilation.**

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:

(a) When the internal volume exceeds 200 cubic feet—

(1) The vault or pit must be ventilated with two ducts, each having at least the ventilating effect of a pipe 4 inches in diameter;

(2) The ventilation must be enough to minimize the formation of combustible atmosphere in the vault or pit; and

(3) The ducts must be high enough above grade to disperse any gas-air mixtures that might be discharged.

(b) When the internal volume is more than 75 cubic feet but less than 200 cubic feet—

(1) 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;

(2) If the vault or pit is vented, there must be a means of preventing external sources of ignition from reaching the vault atmosphere; or

(3) If the vault or pit is ventilated, paragraph (a) or (c) of this section applies.

(c) If a vault or pit covered by paragraph (b) of this section 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.

**§ 192.189 Vaults: drainage and waterproofing.**

(a) Each vault must be designed so as to minimize the entrance of water.

(b) A vault containing gas piping may not be connected by means of a drain connection to any other underground structure.

(c) All electrical equipment in vaults must conform to the applicable requirements of Class 1, Group D, of the National Electrical Code, ANSI Standard C1.

**§ 192.191 Design pressure of plastic fittings.**

(a) Thermosetting fittings for plastic pipe must conform to ASTM D 2517.

(b) The design pressure of alpha-buna-styrene (ABS) and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) Schedule 40 and 80 thermoplastic fittings must be obtained from the following table:

DESIGN PRESSURE OF THERMOPLASTIC FITTINGS, P.S.I.G. OF VARIOUS STRENGTHS, MATERIALS AND CLASS LOCATIONS

Size inches	Schedule	ABS Type I and PVC Type II class location				PVC Type I class location			
		1	2 and 3	4		1	2 and 3	4	
1/4	40	100	100	100		100	100	100	
1/4	80	100	100	100		100	100	100	
1/2	40	100	100	96		100	100	100	
1/2	80	100	100	100		100	100	100	
1	40	100	100	90		100	100	100	
1	80	100	100	100		100	100	100	
1 1/4	40	100	92	74		100	100	100	
1 1/4	80	100	100	100		100	100	100	
1 1/2	40	100	83	66		100	100	100	
1 1/2	80	100	100	94		100	100	100	
2	40	80	69	55		100	100	100	
2	80	100	100	81		100	100	100	
2 1/2	40	99	76	61		100	100	100	
2 1/2	80	100	100	85		100	100	100	
3	40	84	66	53		100	100	100	
3	80	100	94	75		100	100	100	
3 1/2	40	77	60	48		100	100	96	
3 1/2	80	100	86	69		100	100	100	
4	40	71	56	44		100	100	80	
4	80	100	81	65		100	100	100	
5	40	62	49	39		100	97	78	
5	80	93	72	58		100	100	100	
6	40	56	44	35		100	86	71	
6	80	89	70	56		100	100	100	

NOTE: These pressure ratings are the same value as the design pressure of the corresponding pipe size and schedule in the same class location, as determined by the formula given in § 192.121 and the limitations in § 192.123 of this part.

**§ 192.191 [Amended]**

5. Section 192.191(b) is amended by deleting the word "alpha-buna-styrene" and by inserting the word "acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene" in place thereof.

**§ 192.193 Valve installation in plastic pipe.**

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.

**§ 192.195 Protection against accidental overpressuring.**

(a) General requirements. Except as provided in § 192.197, 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 §§ 192.199 and 192.201.

(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—

(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

(2) Be designed so as to prevent accidental overpressuring.

**§ 192.197 Control of the pressure of gas delivered from high-pressure distribution systems.**

(a) If the maximum actual operating pressure of the distribution system is under 60 p.s.i.g. or less and a service regulator having the following characteristics is used, no other pressure limiting device is required:

**§ 192.197 [Amended]**

6. Section 192.197(a) is amended by deleting the words "or less" from the last sentence.

(1) A regulator capable of reducing distribution line pressure to pressures recommended for household appliances.

(2) A single port valve with proper orifice for the maximum gas pressure at the regulator inlet.

(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.

(4) Pipe connections to the regulator not exceeding 2 inches in diameter.

(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 build-up 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.

(6) A self-contained service regulator with no external static or control lines.

(b) If the maximum actual operating pressure of the distribution system is 60 p.s.i.g., or less, and a service regulator that does not have all of the characteristics listed in paragraph (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.

(c) If the maximum actual operating pressure of the distribution system exceeds 60 p.s.i.g., 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:

(1) A service regulator having the characteristics listed in paragraph (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 p.s.i.g. 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 p.s.i.g. 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 p.s.i.g. or less), and remains closed until manually reset.

(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.

(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 p.s.i.g. For higher inlet pressures, the methods in subparagraph (1) or (2) of this paragraph must be used.

(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.

**§ 192.199 Requirements for design of pressure relief and limiting devices.**

Except for rupture discs, each pressure relief or pressure limiting device must—

(a) Be constructed of materials such that the operation of the device will not be impaired by corrosion;

(b) Have valves and valve seats that are designed not to stick in a position that will make the device inoperative;

(c) 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;

(d) Have support made of noncombustible material;

(e) 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;

(f) 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;

(g) 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

**PART 191—TRANSPORTATION OF  
NATURAL AND OTHER GAS BY  
PIPELINE; REPORTS OF LEAKS**

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**§ 191.1 Scope.**

(a) This part prescribes requirements for the reporting of gas leaks that are not intended by the operator and that require immediate or scheduled repair and of test failures, by persons engaged in the transportation of gas. However, it does not apply to leaks and test failures that occur in the gathering of gas outside of the following areas:

- (1) An area within the limits of any incorporated or unincorporated city, town, or village; or
- (2) Any designated residential or commercial area such as a subdivision, business or shopping center, or community development.

(b) The reporting requirements in this part supersede any accident or leak reporting requirements that were incorporated by reference in the Interim Minimum Federal Safety Standards in Part 190 of this chapter.

**§ 191.3 Definitions.**

As used in this part and in the DOT Forms referenced in this part—

"Gas" means natural gas, flammable gas, or gas which is toxic or corrosive;

"Municipality" means a city, county, or any other political subdivision of a State;

"Operator" means a person who engages in the transportation of gas;

"Person" means 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 facilities" includes, without limitation, new and existing pipe, right-of-way, and any equipment facility, or building used in the transportation of gas or the treatment of gas during the course of transportation;

"Secretary" means the Secretary of Transportation or any person to whom he has delegated authority in the matter concerned;

"State" includes each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

"System" means all pipeline facilities used by a particular operator in the transportation of gas, including but not limited to, line pipe, valves and other appurtenances connected to line pipe, compressor units, fabricated assemblies associated with compressor units, metering (including customers' meters) and delivery stations, and fabricated assemblies in metering and delivery stations;

"Test failure" means a break or rupture that occurs during strength-proof testing of transmission or gathering lines that is of such magnitude as to require repair before continuation of the test;

"Transportation of gas" means the gathering, transmission, or distribution of gas by pipeline, or the storage of gas in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce.

**§ 191.5 Telephone notice of certain leaks.**

(a) At the earliest practicable moment following discovery, each operator shall give notice in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section of any leak that—

- (1) Caused a death or a personal injury requiring hospitalization;
- (2) Required the taking of any segment of transmission pipeline out of service;
- (3) Resulted in gas igniting;
- (4) Caused estimated damage to the property of the operator, or others, or both, of a total of \$5,000 or more; or
- (5) In the judgment of the operator, was significant even though it did not meet the criteria of subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this paragraph.

An operator need not give notice of a leak that met only the criteria of subparagraph (2) or (3) of this paragraph, if it occurred solely as a result of, or in connection with, planned or routine maintenance or construction.

(b) Each notice required by paragraph (a) of this section shall be made by telephone to Area Code 202-426-0700 and shall include the following information:

- (1) The location of the leak.
- (2) The time of the leak.
- (3) The fatalities and personal injuries, if any.
- (4) All other significant facts that are known by the operator that are relevant to the cause of the leak or extent of the damages.

(c) All other significant facts that are known by the operator that are relevant to the cause of the leak or extent of the damages.

**§ 191.7 Addressee for written reports.**

Each written report required by this part must be made to the Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. However, reports for intrastate facilities subject to the jurisdiction of a State agency pursuant to certification under section 5(a) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act, may be submitted in duplicate to the State agency if the regulations of that agency require submission of these reports and provide for further transmittal of one copy, within 10 days of receipt for leak reports and not later than February 15 for annual reports, to the Director, Office of Pipeline Safety.

**§ 191.9 Distribution system: Leak report.**

(a) Each operator of a distribution system serving more than 100,000 customers shall, as soon as practicable but not more than 20 days after detection, report the following on Department of Transportation Form DOT-F-7100.1:

- (1) A leak that required notice by telephone under § 191.5.
- (2) A leak that, because of its location, required immediate repair and other emergency action to protect the public such as evacuation of a building, blocking off an area, or rerouting of traffic.

(b) Where additional related information is obtained after a report is submitted under paragraph (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.

**§ 191.11 Distribution system: Annual report.**

Each operator of a distribution system shall submit an annual report on Department of Transportation Form DOT-F-7100.1-1. This report must be submitted for the preceding calendar year not later than February 15, 1971, and not later than February 15 of each year thereafter.

**§ 191.13 Distribution system: Certain facilities reported as a transmission system.**

Each operator of a distribution system shall, for pipeline facilities that operate at 20 percent or more of specified minimum yield strength, or that are used to convey gas into or out of storage, submit reports for those facilities under § 191.15 and § 191.17.

**§ 191.15 Transmission and gathering systems: Leak report.**

(a) Each operator of a transmission system or a gathering system shall, as soon as practicable but not more than 20 days after detection, report the following on Department of Transportation Form DOT-F-7100.2:

- (1) A leak that required notice by telephone under § 191.5.
- (2) A leak in a transmission line that required immediate repair.
- (3) A test failure that occurred while testing either with gas or another test medium.
- (b) Where additional related information is obtained after a report is submitted under paragraph (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.

(c) All other significant facts that are known by the operator that are relevant to the cause of the leak or extent of the damages.

**§ 191.17 Transmission and gathering systems: Annual report.**

Each operator of a transmission system or a gathering system shall submit an annual report on Department of Transportation Form DOT-F-7100.2-1. This report must be submitted for the preceding calendar year not later than February 15, 1971, and not later than February 15 of each year thereafter.

**§ 191.19 Report forms.**

Copies of the prescribed report forms are available without charge upon request from the Office of Pipeline Safety. 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 Secretary.

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#### Subpart A—General

##### § 192.1 Scope of part.

(a) This part prescribes minimum safety requirements for pipeline facilities and the transportation of gas, including pipeline facilities and the transportation of gas 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).

(b) This part does not apply to the gathering of gas outside of the following areas:

(1) An area within the limits of any incorporated or unincorporated city, town, or village.

(2) Any designated residential or commercial area such as a subdivision, business or shopping center, or community development.

##### § 192.3 Definitions.

As used in this part—

"Distribution Line" means a pipeline other than a gathering or transmission line.

"Gas" means natural gas, flammable gas, or gas which is toxic or corrosive.

"Gathering Line" means a pipeline that transports gas from a current production facility to a transmission line or main.

"High pressure distribution system" means a distribution system in which the gas pressure in the main is higher than the pressure provided to the customer.

"Listed specification" means a specification listed in section I of Appendix B of this part.

"Low-pressure distribution system" means a distribution system in which the gas pressure in the main is substantially the same as the pressure provided to the customer.

"Main" means a distribution line that serves as a common source of supply for more than one service line.

"Maximum actual operating pressure" means the maximum pressure that occurs during normal operations over a period of 1 year.

"Maximum allowable operating pressure" means the maximum pressure at which a pipeline or segment of a pipeline may be operated under this part.

"Municipality" means a city, county, or any other political subdivision of a State.

"Operator" means a person who engages in the transportation of gas.

"Person" means 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.

"Pipe" means any pipe or tubing used in the transportation of gas, including pipe-type holders.

"Pipeline" means 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" means 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.

"Secretary" means the Secretary of Transportation or any person to whom he has delegated authority in the matter concerned.

"Service Line" means a distribution line that transports gas to a customer meter set assembly from a common source of supply.

"SMYS" means specified minimum yield strength is—

(1) For steel pipe manufactured in accordance with a listed specification, the yield strength specified as a minimum in that specification; or

(2) For steel pipe manufactured in accordance with an unknown or unlisted specification, the yield strength determined in accordance with § 192.107(b).

"State" means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

"Transmission line" means a pipeline, other than a gathering line, that—

(1) Transports gas from a gathering line or storage facility to a distribution center or storage facility;

(2) Operates at a hoop stress of 20 percent or more of SMYS; or

(3) Transports gas within a storage field.

"Transportation of gas" means the gathering, transmission, or distribution of gas by pipeline or the storage of gas, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce.

##### § 192.5 Class locations.

(a) Class location is determined by applying the criteria set forth in this section. The class location unit is an area that extends 220 yards on either side of the centerline of any continuous 1-mile length of pipeline. Except as provided in paragraphs (d) (2) and (f) of this section, the class location is determined by the buildings in the class location unit. For the purposes of this section, each separate dwelling unit in a multiple dwelling unit building is counted as a separate building intended for human occupancy.

(b) A Class 1 location is any class location unit that has 10 or less buildings intended for human occupancy.

(c) A Class 2 location is any class location unit that has more than 10 but less than 46 buildings intended for human occupancy.

(d) A Class 3 location is—

(1) Any class location unit that has 46 or more buildings intended for human occupancy; or

(2) An area where the pipeline lies within 100 yards of any of the following:

(i) A building that is occupied by 20 or more persons during normal use.

(ii) A small, well-defined outside area that is occupied by 20 or more persons during normal use, such as a playground, recreation area, outdoor theater, or other place of public assembly.

(e) A Class 4 location is any class location unit where buildings with four or more stories above ground are prevalent.

(f) The boundaries of the class locations determined in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section may be adjusted as follows:

(1) A Class 4 location ends 220 yards from the nearest building with four or more stories above ground.

(2) When a cluster of buildings intended for human occupancy requires a Class 3 location, the Class 3 location ends 220 yards from the nearest building in the cluster.

(3) When a cluster of buildings intended for human occupancy requires a Class 2 location, the Class 2 location ends 220 yards from the nearest building in the cluster.

##### § 192.7 Incorporation by reference.

(a) Any documents or parts thereof incorporated by reference in this part are a part of this regulation as though set out in full.

(b) All incorporated documents are available for inspection in the Office of Pipeline Safety, Room 107, 400 Sixth Street SW., Washington, D.C. In addition, the documents are available at the addresses provided in Appendix A to this part.

(c) The full titles for the publications incorporated by reference in this part are provided in Appendix A to this part.

##### § 192.9 Gathering lines.

Each gathering line must comply with the requirements of this part applicable to transmission lines.

##### § 192.11 Petroleum gas systems.

(a) No operator may transport petroleum gas in a system that serves 10 or more customers, or in a system, any portion of which is located in a public place (such as a highway), unless that system meets the requirements of this part and of NFPA Standards No. 58 and No. 59. In the event of a conflict, the requirements of this part prevail.

(b) Each petroleum gas system covered by paragraph (a) of this section must comply with the following:

(1) Aboveground structures must have open vents near the floor level.

(2) Belowground structures must have forced ventilation that will prevent any accumulation of gas.

(3) Relief valve discharge vents must be located so as to prevent any accumulation of gas at or below ground level.

(4) Special precautions must be taken to provide adequate ventilation where excavations are made to repair an underground system.

(c) For the purpose of this section, petroleum gas means propane, butane, or mixtures of these gases, other than a gas air mixture that is used to supplement supplies in a natural gas distribution system.

##### § 192.12 Liquefied natural gas facilities.

(a) Except for a pipeline facility in operation or under construction before January 1, 1973, no operator may store, treat, or transfer liquefied natural gas in a pipeline facility unless that pipeline facility meets the applicable requirements of this part and of NFPA Standard No. 59A.

(b) No operator may store, treat, or transfer liquefied natural gas in a pipeline facility in operation or under construction before January 1, 1973, unless—

(1) The facility is operated in accordance with the applicable operating requirements of this part and of NFPA Standard 59A; and

(2) Each modification or repair made to the facility after December 31, 1972, conforms to the applicable requirements of this part and NFPA Standard 59A, insofar as is practicable.

### § 192.13 General.

(a) No person may operate a segment of pipeline that is readied for service after March 12, 1971, unless that pipeline has been designed, installed, constructed, initially inspected, and initially tested in accordance with this part.

(b) No person may operate a segment of pipeline that is replaced, relocated, or otherwise changed after November 12, 1970, unless that replacement, relocation, or change has been made in accordance with this part.

(c) Each operator shall maintain, modify as appropriate, and follow the plans, procedures, and programs that it is required to establish under this part.

### § 192.15. Rules of regulatory construction.

(a) As used in this part—  
"Includes" means including but not limited to.

"May" means "is permitted to" or "is authorized to".

"May not" means "is not permitted to" or "is not authorized to".

"Shall" is used in the mandatory and imperative sense.

(b) In this part—

(1) Words importing the singular include the plural;

(2) Words importing the plural include the singular; and

(3) Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine.

### § 192.17 Filing of inspection and maintenance plans.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each operator shall file with the Secretary not later than February 1, 1971, a plan for inspection and maintenance of each pipeline facility which he owns or operates. In addition, each change to an inspection and maintenance plan must be filed with the Secretary within 30 days after the change is made.

(b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this section do not apply to pipeline facilities—

(1) That are subject to the jurisdiction of a State agency that has submitted a certification or agreement with respect to those facilities under section 5 of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act (49 U.S.C. 1675); and

(2) For which an inspection and maintenance plan is required to be filed with that State agency.

(c) Plans filed with the Secretary must be sent to the office of Pipeline Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590.

### Subpart B—Materials

#### § 192.51 Scope.

This subpart prescribes minimum requirements for the selection and qualification of pipe and components for use in pipelines.

#### § 192.53 General.

Materials for pipe and components must be—

(a) Able to maintain the structural integrity of the pipeline under temperature and other environmental conditions that may be anticipated;

(b) Chemically compatible with any gas that they transport and with any other material in the pipeline with which they are in contact; and

(c) Qualified in accordance with the applicable requirements of this subpart.

#### § 192.55 Steel pipe.

(a) New steel pipe is qualified for use under this part if—

(1) It was manufactured in accordance with a listed specification;

(2) It meets the requirements of paragraphs II-A through II-D of Appendix B of this part; or

(3) It is used in accordance with paragraph (c) or (d) of this section.

(b) Used steel pipe is qualified for use under this part if—

(1) It was manufactured in accordance with a listed specification and it meets the requirements of paragraph II-C of Appendix B to this part;

(2) It meets the requirements of paragraph II-A through II-D of Appendix B to this part.

(3) It has been used in an existing line of the same or higher pressure and meets the requirements of paragraph II-C of Appendix B to this part; or

(4) It is used in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) New or used steel pipe may be used at a pressure resulting in a hoop stress of less than 8,000 p.s.i. where no close colling 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 Appendix B to this part.

(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.

(e) New steel pipe that has been cold expanded must comply with the mandatory provisions of API Standard 5LX.

#### § 192.57 Cast iron or ductile iron pipe.

(a) New cast iron or new ductile iron pipe is qualified for use under this part if it has been manufactured in accordance with a listed specification.

(b) Used cast iron or used ductile iron pipe is qualified for use under this part if inspection shows that the pipe is sound and allows the makeup of tight joints and—

(1) It has been removed from an existing pipeline that operated at the same or higher pressure; or

(2) It was manufactured in accordance with a listed specification.

#### § 192.59 Plastic pipe.

(a) New plastic pipe is qualified for use under this part if—

(1) It is manufactured in accordance with a listed specification; and

(2) It is resistant to chemicals with which contact may be anticipated.

(b) Used plastic pipe is qualified for use under this part if—

(1) It meets the requirements of a listed specification;

(2) It is resistant to chemicals with which contact may be anticipated;

(3) It has been used only in natural gas service;

(4) Its dimensions are still within the tolerances of the specification to which it was manufactured; and

(5) It is free of visible defects.

#### § 192.61 Copper pipe.

Copper pipe is qualified for use under this part if it has been manufactured in accordance with a listed specification.

#### § 192.63 Marking of materials.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, each valve, fitting, length of pipe, and other component must be marked as prescribed in—

(1) The specification or standard to which it was manufactured; or

(2) MSS Standard Practice, SP-25.

(b) Surfaces of pipe and components that are subject to stress from internal pressure may not be field die stamped.

(c) If any item is marked by die stamping, the die must have blunt or rounded edges that will minimize stress concentrations.

(d) Paragraph (a) of this section does not apply to items manufactured before November 12, 1970, that meet all of the following:

(1) The item is identifiable as to type, manufacturer, and model.

(2) Specifications or standards giving pressure, temperature, and other appropriate criteria for the use of items are readily available.

#### § 192.65 Transportation of pipe.

In a pipeline to be operated at a hoop stress of 20 percent or more of SMYS, no operator may use pipe having an outer diameter to wall thickness ratio of 70 to one, or more, that is transported by railroad unless that transportation was performed in accordance with API RP5L1.

### Subpart C—Pipe Design

#### § 192.101 Scope.

This subpart prescribes the minimum requirements for the design of pipe.

#### § 192.103 General.

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.

#### § 192.105 Design formula for steel pipe.

(a) The design pressure for steel pipe is determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$P = \frac{2St}{D} \times F \times E \times T$$

P=Design pressure in pounds per square inch gage.

S=Yield strength in pounds per square inch determined in accordance with § 192.107.

D=Nominal outside diameter of the pipe in inches.

t=Nominal wall thickness of the pipe in inches. If this is unknown, it is determined in accordance with § 192.109. Additional wall thickness required for concurrent external loads in accordance with § 192.103 may not be included in computing design pressure.

F=Design factor determined in accordance with § 192.111.

E=Longitudinal joint factor determined in accordance with § 192.113.

T=Temperature derating factor determined in accordance with § 192.115.

(b) If steel pipe that has been cold worked to meet the SMYS is heated, other than by welding, to 600° F. or more, the design pressure is limited to 75 percent of the pressure determined under paragraph (a) of this section.

#### § 192.107 Yield strength (S) for steel pipe.

(a) For pipe that is manufactured in accordance with a specification listed in section I of Appendix B of this part, the yield strength to be used in the design formula in § 192.105 is the SMYS stated in the listed specification, if that value is known.

(b) For pipe that is manufactured in accordance with a specification not listed in section I of Appendix B to this part or whose specification or tensile properties are unknown, the yield strength to be used in the design formula in § 192.105 is one of the following:



(1) If the pipe is tensile tested in accordance with section 11-D of Appendix B to this part, the lower of the following:

- (i) 80 percent of the average yield strength determined by the tensile tests.
- (ii) The lowest yield strength, determined by the tensile tests, but not more than 52,000 p.s.i.

(2) If the pipe is not tensile tested as provided in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph 24,000 p.s.i.

#### § 192.109 Nominal wall thickness (t) for steel pipe.

(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.

(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 gage set to the minimum thickness found by the measurement. The nominal wall thickness to be used in the design formula in § 192.105 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 in outside diameter, nor more than 1.11 times the smallest measurement taken on pipe 20 inches or more in outside diameter.

#### § 192.111 Design factor (F) for steel pipe.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section, the design factor to be used in the design formula in § 192.105 is determined in accordance with the following table:

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 § 192.105 for steel pipe in Class 1 locations that:

- (1) Crosses the right-of-way of an unimproved public road, without a casing;
- (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;
- (3) Is supported by a vehicular, pedestrian, railroad, or pipeline bridge; or
- (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.

(c) For Class 2 locations, a design factor of 0.50, or less, must be used in the design formula in § 192.105 for uncased steel pipe that crosses the right-of-way of a hard surfaced road, a highway, a public street, or a railroad.

(d) For Class 1 or Class 2 locations, a design factor of 0.50, or less, must be used in the design formula in § 192.105 for each compressor station, regulator station, and measuring station.

#### § 192.113 Longitudinal joint factor (E) for steel pipe.

The longitudinal joint factor to be used in the design formula in § 192.105 is determined in accordance with the following table:

Specification	Pipe class	Longitudinal joint factor (E)
ASTM A 33	Seamless	1.00
	Electric resistance welded	1.00
	Furnace butt welded	1.00
ASTM A 106	Seamless	1.00
ASTM A 134	Electric fusion arc welded	1.00
ASTM A 135	Electric resistance welded	1.00
ASTM A 139	Electric fusion arc welded	1.00
ASTM A 153	Electric fusion arc welded	1.00
ASTM A 211	Spiral welded steel pipe	1.00
ASTM A 333	Seamless	1.00
	Electric resistance welded	1.00
ASTM A 381	Double submerged arc welded	1.00
API 5 L	Seamless	1.00
	Electric resistance welded	1.00
	Electric flash welded	1.00
	Submerged arc welded	1.00
	Furnace butt welded	1.00
API 5 LX	Seamless	1.00
	Electric resistance welded	1.00
	Electric flash welded	1.00
	Submerged arc welded	1.00
API 5 LS	Electric resistance welded	1.00
	Submerged arc welded	1.00
Other	Pipe over 4 inches	1.00
Other	Pipe 4 inches or less	0.80

If the type of longitudinal joint cannot be determined, the joint factor to be used must not exceed that designated for "Other".

#### § 192.115 Temperature derating factor (T) for steel pipe.

The temperature derating factor to be used in the design formula in § 192.105 is determined as follows:

Gas temperature in degrees Fahrenheit	Temperature derating factor (T)
250 or less	1.000
300	0.987
350	0.933
400	0.900
450	0.867

For intermediate gas temperatures, the derating factor is determined by interpolation.

#### § 192.117 Design of cast iron pipe.

Cast iron pipe must be designed in accordance with ANSI A 21.1 using the following values for S (bursting tensile strength) and R (modulus of rupture) in the design equations:

Specification	Type of pipe	S	R
ANSI A 21.3	Pit cast	11,000	21,000
ANSI A 21.7	Centrifugal (metal mold)	18,000	40,000
ANSI A 21.9	Centrifugal (sand-lined mold)	18,000	40,000

#### § 192.119 Design of ductile iron pipe.

(a) Ductile iron pipe must be designed in accordance with ANSI A 21.50 using the following values in the design equations:

s (design hoop stress) = 16,800 p.s.i.  
f (design bending stress) = 36,000 p.s.i.

(b) Ductile iron pipe must be grade (60-42-10) and must conform to the requirements of ANSI A 21.52.

#### § 192.121 Design of plastic pipe.

(a) The design pressure for plastic pipe is determined in accordance with the following formula and is subject to the limitations of § 192.123:

$$P = 2S \frac{t}{(D-t)} \times F$$

P = Design pressure in pounds per square inch gage.

S = For thermoplastic pipe, the long-term hydrostatic strength in pounds per square inch as stated in the listed specification; for thermosetting plastic pipe, 11,000 p.s.i.

t = Specified wall thickness in inches.

D = Specified outside diameter in inches.

F = Design factor for plastic pipe.

(b) The design factor for plastic pipe is determined as follows:

Class location	Design factor
1	0.32
2	0.25
3	0.25
4	0.20

#### § 192.123 Design limitations for plastic pipe.

(a) The design pressure may not exceed 100 p.s.i.g. for plastic pipe used in—

- (1) Distribution systems; or
- (2) Classes 3 and 4 locations.

(b) Plastic pipe may not be used where operating temperatures of the pipe will be—

- (1) Below minus 20° F.; or
- (2) Above 100° F. for thermoplastic pipe or above 150° F. for reinforced thermosetting plastic pipe.

(c) The wall thickness for thermoplastic pipe may not be less than 0.062 inches.

(d) The wall thickness for reinforced thermosetting plastic pipe may not be less than that listed in the following table:

Nominal size in inches	Minimum wall thickness in inches
2	0.060
3	0.060
4	0.070
6	0.100

#### § 192.125 Design of copper pipe.

(a) Copper pipe used in mains must have a minimum wall thickness of 0.065 inches and must be hard drawn.

(b) Copper pipe used in service lines must have a minimum wall thickness as specified for type "L" pipe in ASTM B 88.

(c) Copper pipe used in mains and service lines may not be used at pressures in excess of 100 p.s.i.g.

(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 per 100 standard cubic feet of gas.

### Subpart D—Design of Pipeline Components

#### § 192.141 Scope.

This subpart prescribes minimum requirements for the design and installation of pipeline components and facilities. In addition, it prescribes requirements relating to protection against accidental overpressuring.

#### § 192.143 General requirements.

Each component of a pipeline must be able to withstand operating pressures and other anticipated loadings with unit stresses equivalent to those allowed for comparable material in pipe in the same location and kind of service.

#### § 192.145 Valves.

(a) Each valve must meet the minimum requirements of API 6D, or MSS SP-52, or the equivalent, and may not be used under operating conditions that exceed the applicable pressure-temperature ratings contained in those standards.

#### § 192.145 [Amended]

3. Section 192.145(a) is amended by inserting the words "API 6A," between the word "of" and the words "API 6D".

(b) Each valve must be able to meet the anticipated operating conditions.

(c) 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—

(1) The temperature-adjusted service pressure does not exceed 1,000 p.s.i.g.; and

(2) Welding is not used on any ductile iron component in the fabrication of the valve shells or their assembly.

(d) No valve having pressure containing parts made of ductile iron may be used in the gas pipe components of compressor stations.

#### § 192.147 Flanges and flange accessories.

(a) *General requirements.* Each flange or flange accessory must meet the minimum requirements of ANSI B16.5, MSS SP-44, or ANSI B16.24, or the equivalent.

(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.

#### § 192.149 Standard fittings.

(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 this part, or their equivalent.

(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.

#### § 192.151 Tapping.

(a) Each mechanical fitting used to make a hot tap must be designed for at least the operating pressure of the pipeline.

(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.

(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

(1) Existing taps may be used for replacement service, if they are free of cracks and have good threads; and

(2) A 1½-inch tap may be made in a 4-inch cast iron or ductile iron pipe, without reinforcement.

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 or larger pipe.

#### § 192.153 Components fabricated by welding.

(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 of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

(b) Each prefabricated unit that uses plate and longitudinal seams must be designed, constructed, and tested in accordance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, except for the following:

(1) Regularly manufactured butt-welding fittings.

(2) Pipe that has been produced and tested under a specification listed in Appendix B to this part.

(3) Partial assemblies such as split rings or collars.

(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.

(c) Orange-peel butt 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.

(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 p.s.i.g. or more, or is more than 3 inches nominal diameter.

#### § 192.155 Welded branch connections.

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.

#### § 192.157 Extruded outlets.

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.

#### § 192.159 Flexibility.

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.

#### § 192.161 Supports and anchors.

(a) Each pipeline and its associated equipment must have enough anchors or supports to—

(1) Prevent undue strain on connected equipment;

(2) Resist longitudinal forces caused by a bend or offset in the pipe; and

(3) Prevent or damp out excessive vibration.

(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.

(c) Each support or anchor on an exposed pipeline must be made of durable, noncombustible material and must be designed and installed as follows:

(1) Free expansion and contraction of the pipeline between supports or anchors may not be restricted.

(2) Provision must be made for the service conditions involved.

(3) Movement of the pipeline may not cause disengagement of the support equipment.

(d) Each support on an exposed pipeline operated at a stress level of 50 percent or more of SMYS must comply with the following:

(1) A structural support may not be welded directly to the pipe.

(2) The support must be provided by a member that completely encircles the pipe.

(3) If an encircling member is welded to a pipe, the weld must be continuous and cover the entire circumference.

(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.

(f) Each underground pipeline that is being connected to new branches must have a firm foundation for both the header and the branch to prevent lateral and vertical movement.

#### § 192.163 Compressor stations: design and construction.

(a) *Location of compressor building.* 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.

(b) *Building construction.* Each building on a compressor station site must be made of noncombustible materials if it contains either—

(1) Pipe more than 2 inches in diameter that is carrying gas under pressure; or

(2) Gas handling equipment other than gas utilization equipment used for domestic purposes.

(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.

(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 of any compressor plant building must open outward and, when occupied, must be operable from the inside without a key.

(e) *Electrical facilities.* Electrical equipment and wiring installed in compressor stations must conform to the National Electrical Code, ANSI Standard C1, so far as that code is applicable.

#### § 192.165 Compressor stations: liquid removal.

(a) Where entrained vapors in gas may liquefy under the anticipated pressure and temperature conditions, the compressor must be protected against the introduction of these liquids in quantities that could cause damage.

(b) Each liquid separator used to remove entrained liquids at a compressor station must—

(1) Have a manually operable means of removing these liquids.



(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

(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.

**§ 192.167 Compressor stations: emergency shutdown.**

(a) Except for unattended field compressor stations of 1,000 horsepower or less, each compressor station must have an emergency shutdown system that meets the following:

(1) It must be able to block gas out of the station and blow down the station piping.

(2) It must discharge gas from the blowdown piping at a location where the gas will not create a hazard.

(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—

(i) 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

(ii) Electrical circuits needed to protect equipment from damage may remain energized.

(4) It must be operable from at least two locations, each of which is—

(i) Outside the gas area of the station;

(ii) Near the exit gates in the station fence; and

(iii) Not more than 500 feet from the limits of the station.

(b) If a compressor station supplies gas directly to a distribution system with no other adequate source of gas available, the emergency shutdown system must be designed so that it will not function at the wrong time and cause an unintended outage on the distribution system.

**§ 192.169 Compressor stations: pressure limiting devices.**

(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.

(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.

**§ 192.171 Compressor stations: additional safety equipment.**

(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.

(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.

(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.

(d) Each compressor station gas engine that operates with pressure gas injection must be equipped so that stop-

page of the engine automatically shuts off the fuel and vents the engine distribution manifold.

(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.

**§ 192.173 Compressor stations: ventilation.**

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.

**§ 192.175 Pipe-type and bottle-type holders.**

(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.

(b) Each pipe-type or bottle-type holder must have minimum clearance from other holders in accordance with the following formula:

$$C = \frac{3D \times P \times F}{1,000}$$

In which:

C = Minimum clearance between pipe containers or bottles in inches.

D = Outside diameter of pipe containers or bottles in inches.

P = Maximum allowable operating pressure, p.s.i.g.

F = Design factor as set forth in § 192.111 of this part.

**§ 192.177 Additional provisions for bottle-type holders.**

(a) Each bottle-type holder must be—

(1) Located on a storage site entirely surrounded by fencing that prevents access by unauthorized persons and with minimum clearance from the fence as follows:

Maximum allowable operating pressure	Minimum clearance (feet)
Less than 1,000 p.s.i.g.	25
1,000 p.s.i.g. or more	100

(2) Designed using the design factors set forth in § 192.111; and

(3) Buried with a minimum cover in accordance with § 192.327.

(b) Each bottle-type holder manufactured from steel that is not weldable under field conditions must comply with the following:

(1) A bottle-type holder made from alloy steel must meet the chemical and tensile requirements for the various grades of steel in either API Standard 5A or ASTM A 372.

(2) The actual yield-tensile ratio of the steel may not exceed 0.85.

(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.

(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.

(5) The holder, connection pipe, and components must be leak tested after installation as required by Subpart J of this part.

**§ 192.179 Transmission line valves.**

(a) Each transmission line, other than offshore segments, must have sectionalizing block valves spaced as follows:

(1) Each point on the pipeline in a Class 4 location must be within 2½ miles of a valve.

(2) Each point on the pipeline in a Class 3 location must be within 4 miles of a valve.

(3) Each point on the pipeline in a Class 2 location must be within 7½ miles of a valve.

(4) Each point on the pipeline in a Class 1 location must be within 10 miles of a valve.

(b) Each sectionalizing block valve on a transmission line, other than offshore segments, must comply with the following:

(1) The valve and the operating device to open or close the valve must be readily accessible and protected from tampering and damage.

(2) The valve must be supported to prevent settling of the valve or movement of the pipe to which it is attached.

(c) Each section of a transmission line, other than offshore segments, between main line valves must have a blowdown valve with enough capacity to allow the transmission line to be blown down as rapidly as practicable. Each blowdown 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.

**§ 192.181 Distribution line valves.**

(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.

(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.

(c) Each valve on a main installed for operating or emergency purposes must comply with the following:

(1) The valve must be placed in a readily accessible location so as to facilitate its operation in an emergency.

(2) The operating stem or mechanism must be readily accessible.

(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.

**§ 192.183 Vaults: structural design requirements.**

(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.

(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.

(c) Each pipe entering, or within, a regulator vault or pit must be steel for sizes 10 inches, 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 gasses or liquids through the opening and to avert strains in the pipe.

**§ 192.185 Vaults: accessibility.**

Each vault must be located in an accessible location and, so far as practical, away from—

(a) Street intersections or points where traffic is heavy or dense;

(b) Points of minimum elevation, catch basins, or places where the access cover will be in the course of surface waters; and

(c) Water, electric, steam, or other facilities.

**§ 192.187 Vaults: sealing, venting, and ventilation.**

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:

(a) When the internal volume exceeds 200 cubic feet—

(1) The vault or pit must be ventilated with two ducts, each having at least the ventilating effect of a pipe 4 inches in diameter;

(2) The ventilation must be enough to minimize the formation of combustible atmosphere in the vault or pit; and

(3) The ducts must be high enough above grade to disperse any gas-air mixtures that might be discharged.

(b) When the internal volume is more than 75 cubic feet but less than 200 cubic feet—

(1) 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;

(2) If the vault or pit is vented, there must be a means of preventing external sources of ignition from reaching the vault atmosphere; or

(3) If the vault or pit is ventilated, paragraph (a) or (c) of this section applies.

(c) If a vault or pit covered by paragraph (b) of this section 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.

**§ 192.189 Vaults: drainage and waterproofing.**

(a) Each vault must be designed so as to minimize the entrance of water.

(b) A vault containing gas piping may not be connected by means of a drain connection to any other underground structure.

(c) All electrical equipment in vaults must conform to the applicable requirements of Class 1, Group D, of the National Electrical Code, ANSI Standard C1.

**§ 192.191 Design pressure of plastic fittings.**

(a) Thermosetting fittings for plastic pipe must conform to ASTM D 2517.

(b) The design pressure of alpha-buna-styrene (ABS) and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) Schedule 40 and 80 thermoplastic fittings must be obtained from the following table:

**DESIGN PRESSURE OF THERMOPLASTIC FITTINGS, P.S.I.G. OF VARIOUS STRENGTHS, MATERIALS AND CLASS LOCATIONS**

Size inches	Schedule	ABS Type I and PVC Type II class location			PVC Type I class location		
		1	2 and 3	4	1	2 and 3	4
1/4	40	100	100	100	100	100	100
1/2	40	100	100	100	100	100	100
3/4	40	100	100	96	100	100	100
1	40	100	100	90	100	100	100
1 1/4	40	100	100	84	100	100	100
1 1/2	40	100	100	74	100	100	100
2	40	100	100	66	100	100	100
2 1/2	40	80	69	65	100	100	100
3	40	80	61	61	100	100	100
3 1/2	40	80	53	53	100	100	100
4	40	80	45	45	100	100	100
4 1/2	40	80	37	37	100	100	100
5	40	80	29	29	100	100	100
6	40	80	21	21	100	100	100
8	40	80	13	13	100	100	100
10	40	80	5	5	100	100	100

NOTE: These pressure ratings are the same value as the design pressure of the corresponding pipe size and schedule in the same class location, as determined by the formula given in § 192.121 and the limitations in § 192.123 of this part.

**§ 192.191 [Amended]**

5 Section 192.191(b) is amended by deleting the word "alpha-buna-styrene" and by inserting the word "acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene" in place thereof.

**§ 192.193 Valve installation in plastic pipe.**

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.

**§ 192.195 Protection against accidental overpressuring.**

(a) *General requirements.* Except as provided in § 192.197, 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 §§ 192.199 and 192.201.

(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—

(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

(2) Be designed so as to prevent accidental overpressuring.

**§ 192.197 Control of the pressure of gas delivered from high-pressure distribution systems.**

(a) If the maximum actual operating pressure of the distribution system is under 60 p.s.i.g. or less and a service regulator having the following characteristics is used, no other pressure limiting device is required:

**§ 192.197 [Amended]**

6. Section 192.197(a) is amended by deleting the words "or less" from the last sentence.

(1) A regulator capable of reducing distribution line pressure to pressures recommended for household appliances.

(2) A single port valve with proper orifice for the maximum gas pressure at the regulator inlet.

(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.

(4) Pipe connections to the regulator not exceeding 2 inches in diameter.

(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 build-up 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.

(6) A self-contained service regulator with no external static or control lines.

(b) If the maximum actual operating pressure of the distribution system is 60 p.s.i.g. or less, and a service regulator that does not have all of the characteristics listed in paragraph (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.

(c) If the maximum actual operating pressure of the distribution system exceeds 60 p.s.i.g., 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:

(1) A service regulator having the characteristics listed in paragraph (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 p.s.i.g. 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 p.s.i.g. 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 p.s.i.g. or less), and remains closed until manually reset.

(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.

(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 p.s.i.g. For higher inlet pressures, the methods in subparagraph (1) or (2) of this paragraph must be used.

(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.

**§ 192.199 Requirements for design of pressure relief and limiting devices.**

Except for rupture discs, each pressure relief or pressure limiting device must—

(a) Be constructed of materials such that the operation of the device will not be impaired by corrosion;

(b) Have valves and valve seats that are designed not to stick in a position that will make the device inoperative;

(c) 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 operates, and can be tested for leakage when in the closed position;

(d) Have support made of noncombustible material;

(e) 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;

(f) 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;

(g) 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

(h) 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.

**§ 192.201 Required capacity of pressure relieving and limiting stations.**

(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:

(1) In a low pressure distribution system, the pressure may not cause the unsafe operation of any connected and properly adjusted gas utilization equipment.

(2) In pipelines other than a low pressure distribution system—

(i) If the maximum allowable operating pressure is 60 p.s.i.g. 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;

(ii) If the maximum allowable operating pressure is 12 p.s.i.g. or more, but less than 60 p.s.i.g., the pressure may not exceed the maximum allowable operating pressure plus 6 p.s.i.g.; or

(iii) If the maximum allowable operating pressure is less than 12 p.s.i.g., the pressure may not exceed the maximum allowable operating pressure plus 50 percent.

(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.

(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.

**§ 192.203 Instrument, control, and sampling pipe and components.**

(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.

(b) **Materials and design.** All materials employed for pipe and components must be designed to meet the particular conditions of service and the following:

(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.

(2) 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.

(3) Brass or copper material may not be used for metal temperatures greater than 400° F.

(4) Pipe or components that may contain liquids must be protected by heating or other means from damage due to freezing.

(5) Pipe or components in which liquids may accumulate must have drains or drips.

(6) Pipe or components subject to clogging from solids or deposits must have suitable connections for cleaning.

(7) The arrangement of pipe, components, and supports must provide safety under anticipated operating stresses.

(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.

(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.

**Subpart E—Welding of Steel in Pipelines**

**§ 192.221 Scope.**

(a) This subpart prescribes minimum requirements for welding steel materials in pipelines.

(b) This subpart does not apply to welding that occurs during the manufacture of steel pipe or steel pipeline components.

**§ 192.223 General.**

(a) Welding must be performed in accordance with established written welding procedures that have been qualified under § 192.225 to produce sound, ductile welds.

(b) Welding must be performed by welders who are qualified under §§ 192.227 and 192.229 for the welding procedure to be used.

**§ 192.225 Qualification of welding procedures.**

(a) Each welding procedure must be qualified under either section IX of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code or section 2 of API Standard 1104, whichever is appropriate to the function of the weld.

(b) When a welding procedure is being qualified under section IX of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, the following steels are considered to fall within the P-Number 1 grouping for the purpose of the essential variables and do not require separate qualification of welding procedures:

(1) Carbon steels that have a carbon content of 0.32 percent (ladle analysis) or less.

(2) Carbon steels that have a carbon equivalent ( $C + \frac{1}{4} Mn$ ) of 0.65 percent (ladle analysis) or less.

(3) Alloy steels with weldability characteristics that have been shown to be similar to the carbon steels listed in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph.

Alloy steels and carbon steels that are not covered by subparagraph (1), (2), or (3) of this paragraph require separate qualification of procedures for each individual pipe specification in accordance with sections VIII and IX of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

(c) Each welding procedure must be recorded in detail during the qualifying tests. This record must be retained and followed whenever the procedure is used.

**§ 192.227 Qualification of welders.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, each welder must be qualified in accordance with one of the following:

(1) Section IX of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

(2) Section 3 of API Standard 1104.

(b) When a welder is being qualified under section IX of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, the following steels are considered to fall within the P-Number 1 grouping for the purpose of the essential variables and do not require separate qualification:

(1) Carbon steels that have a carbon content of 0.32 percent (ladle analysis) or less.

(2) Carbon steels that have a carbon equivalent ( $C + \frac{1}{4} Mn$ ) of 0.65 percent (ladle analysis) or less.

(3) Alloy steels with weldability characteristics that have been shown to be similar to the carbon steels listed in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph.

Alloy steels and carbon steels that are not covered by subparagraph (1), (2), or (3) of this paragraph require separate qualification of welders for each individual pipe specification in accordance with sections VIII and IX of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

(c) 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 Appendix C to this part. A welder who makes welded service line connections to mains must also perform an acceptable test weld under section II of Appendix C to this part as a part of his qualifying test. After initial qualification, a welder may not perform welding unless—

(1) Within the preceding 12 calendar months, he has requalified; or

(2) Within the preceding 6 calendar months he has had—

(i) A production weld cut out, tested, and found acceptable in accordance with the qualifying test; or

(ii) For welders who work only on service lines 2 inches or smaller in diameter, two sample welds tested and found acceptable in accordance with the test in section III of Appendix C to this part.

**§ 192.229 Limitations on welders.**

(a) No welder whose qualification is based on nondestructive testing may weld compressor station pipe and components.

(b) No welder may weld with a particular welding process unless, within the preceding 6 calendar months, he has engaged in welding with that process.

(c) No welder who is qualified under § 192.227(a) may weld unless, within the preceding 6 calendar months, he has had at least one weld tested and found acceptable under either section 3 or 6 of API Standards 1104.

**§ 192.231 Protection from weather.**

The welding operation must be protected from weather conditions that would impair the quality of the completed weld.

**§ 192.233 Miter joints.**

(a) A miter joint on steel pipe to be operated at a pressure that produces a hoop stress of 30 percent or more of SMYS may not deflect the pipe more than 3°.

(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  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " 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.

(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°.

#### § 192.235 Preparation for welding.

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.

#### § 192.237 Preheating.

(a) Carbon steel that has a carbon content in excess of 0.32 percent (ladle analysis) or a carbon equivalent ( $C + \frac{1}{4} Mn$ ) in excess of 0.65 percent (ladle analysis) must be preheated for welding.

(b) Carbon steel that has a lower carbon content or carbon equivalent than the steels covered by paragraph (a) of this section must be preheated for welding when preheating will alleviate existing conditions that would limit the welding technique or tend to adversely affect the quality of the weld.

(c) When steel materials with different preheat temperatures are being preheated for welding, the higher temperature must be used.

(d) Preheat temperature must be monitored to ensure that the required preheat temperature is reached before, and maintained during, the welding operation.

#### § 192.239 Stress relieving.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (f) of this section, each weld on carbon steel that has a carbon content in excess of 0.32 percent (ladle analysis) or a carbon equivalent ( $C + \frac{1}{4} Mn$ ) in excess of 0.65 percent (ladle analysis) must be stress relieved as prescribed in section VIII of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (f) of this section, each weld on carbon steel that has a carbon content of less than 0.32 percent (ladle analysis) or a carbon equivalent ( $C + \frac{1}{4} Mn$ ) of less than 0.65 percent (ladle analysis) must be thermally stress relieved when conditions exist which cool the weld at a rate detrimental to the quality of the weld.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (f) of this section, each weld on carbon steel pipe with a wall thickness of more than  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches must be stress relieved.

(d) When a weld connects pipe or components that are of different thickness, the wall thickness to be used in determining whether stress relieving is required under this section is—

(1) In the case of pipe connections, the thicker of the two pipes joined; or

(2) In the case of branch connections, slip-on flanges, or socket weld fittings, the thickness of the pipe run or header.

(e) Each weld of different materials must be stress relieved, if either material requires stress relieving under this section.

(f) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section, stress relieving is not required for the following:

(1) A fillet or groove weld one-half inch, or less, in size (leg) that attaches a connection 2 inches, or less, in diameter; or

(2) A fillet or groove weld three-eighths inch, or less, in groove size that attaches a supporting member or other nonpressure attachment.

(g) Stress relieving required by this section must be performed at a temperature of at least 1,100° F. for carbon steels and at least 1,200° F. for ferritic alloy steels. When stress relieving a weld between steel materials with different stress relieving temperatures, the higher temperature must be used.

(h) When stress relieving, the temperature must be monitored to ensure that a uniform temperature is maintained and that the proper stress relieving cycle is accomplished.

#### § 192.241 Inspection and test of welds.

(a) Visual inspection of welding must be conducted to insure that—

(1) The welding is performed in accordance with the welding procedure; and

(2) The weld is acceptable under paragraph (c) of this section.

(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 § 192.243, except that welds that are visually inspected and approved by a qualified welding inspector need not be nondestructively tested if—

(1) The pipe has a nominal diameter of less than 6 inches; or

(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.

(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.

#### § 192.243 Nondestructive testing.

(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.

(b) Nondestructive testing of welds must be performed—

(1) In accordance with written procedures; and

(2) By persons who have been trained and qualified in the established procedures and with the equipment employed in testing.

(c) Procedures must be established for the proper interpretation of each nondestructive test of a weld to ensure the acceptability of the weld under § 192.241(c).

(d) When nondestructive testing is required under § 192.241(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:

(1) In Class 1 locations, at least 10 percent.

(2) In Class 2 locations, at least 15 percent.

(3) In Classes 3 and 4 locations and at crossings of major or navigable rivers, 100 percent if practicable, but not less than 90 percent.

(4) Within railroad or public highway rights-of-way, including tunnels, bridges and overhead road crossings, and at pipeline tie-ins, 100 percent.

(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 § 192.241(b).

(f) When nondestructive testing is required under § 192.241(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 rejects.

#### § 192.245 Repair or removal of defects.

(a) Each weld that is unacceptable under § 192.241(c) must be removed or repaired. A weld must be removed if it has a crack that is more than 2 inches long or that penetrates either the root or second bead.

(b) Each weld that is repaired must have the defect removed down to clean metal and the segment to be repaired must be preheated. After repair, the segment of the weld that was repaired must be inspected to insure its acceptability. If the repair is not acceptable, the weld must be removed.

#### Subpart F—Joining of Materials Other Than by Welding

#### § 192.271 Scope.

(a) This subpart prescribes minimum requirements for joining materials in pipelines, other than by welding.

(b) This subpart does not apply to joining during the manufacture of pipe or pipeline components.

#### § 192.273 General.

(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.

(b) Each joint must be made in accordance with written procedures that have been proven by test or experience to produce strong gastight joints.

(c) Each joint must be inspected to insure compliance with this subpart.

#### § 192.275 Cast iron pipe.

(a) Each caulked bell and spigot joint in cast iron pipe must be sealed with mechanical leak clamps.

(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.

(c) Cast iron pipe may not be joined by threaded joints.

(d) Cast iron pipe may not be joined by brazing.

(e) Each flange on a flanged joint in cast iron pipe must conform in dimensions and drilling to ANSI Standard B16.1 and be cast integrally with the pipe, valve, or fitting.

#### § 192.277 Ductile iron pipe.

(a) Each mechanical joint in ductile iron pipe must conform to ANSI Standard A21.52 and ANSI Standard A21.11.

(b) Ductile iron pipe may not be joined by threaded joints.

(c) Ductile iron pipe may not be joined by brazing.

#### § 192.279 Copper pipe.

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 standard wall pipe, as defined in ANSI Standard B36.10.

#### § 192.281 Plastic pipe.

(a) General. Each plastic pipe joint must be made in accordance with written procedures that have been proven by destructive burst test to produce joints at least as strong as the pipe being joined. 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.

(b) Solvent cement joints. Each solvent cement joint on plastic pipe must comply with the following:

(1) The mating surfaces of the joint must be clean, dry, and free of material which might be detrimental to the joint.

(2) The solvent cement must conform to ASTM Specification D 2513.

(3) The safety requirements of Appendix A of ASTM Specification D 2513 must be met.

(4) The joint may not be heated to accelerate the setting of the cement.

(c) *Heat-fusion joints.* Each heat-fusion joint on plastic pipe must comply with the following:

(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.

(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.

(3) Heat may not be applied with a torch or other open flame.

(d) *Adhesive joints.* Each adhesive joint on plastic pipe must comply with the following:

(1) The adhesive must conform to ASTM Specification D 2517.

(2) The materials and adhesive must be compatible with each other.

(e) *Mechanical joints.* Each compression type mechanical joint on plastic pipe must comply with the following:

(1) The gasket material in the coupling must be compatible with the plastic.

(2) A rigid internal tubular stiffener, other than a split tubular stiffener, must be used in conjunction with the coupling.

#### **Subpart G—General Construction Requirements for Transmission Lines and Mains**

##### **§ 192.301 Scope.**

This subpart prescribes minimum requirements for constructing transmission lines and mains.

##### **§ 192.303 Compliance with specifications or standards.**

Each transmission line or main must be constructed in accordance with comprehensive written specifications or standards that are consistent with this part.

##### **§ 192.305 Inspection: general.**

Each transmission line or main must be inspected to ensure that it is constructed in accordance with this part.

##### **§ 192.307 Inspection of materials.**

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.

##### **§ 192.309 Repair of steel pipe.**

(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:

(1) The minimum thickness required by the tolerances in the specification to which the pipe was manufactured; or

(2) The nominal wall thickness required for the design pressure of the pipeline.

(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:

(1) A dent that contains a stress concentrator such as a scratch, gouge, groove, or arc burn.

(2) A dent that affects the longitudinal weld or a circumferential weld.

(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—

(i) More than one-quarter inch in pipe 12½ inches or less in outer diameter; or

(ii) More than 20 percent of the nominal pipe diameter in pipe over 12½ inches in outer diameter.

##### **§ 192.309 [Amended]**

§ 192.309(b)(3)(ii) is amended by deleting the number "20" and inserting in place thereof the number "3".

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.

(c) 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:

(1) The minimum wall thickness required by the tolerances in the specification to which the pipe was manufactured; or

(2) The nominal wall thickness required for the design pressure of the pipeline.

(d) A gouge, groove, arc burn, or dent may not be repaired by insert patching or by pounding out.

(e) 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.

##### **§ 192.311 Repair of plastic pipe.**

Each imperfection or damage that would impair the serviceability of plastic pipe must be repaired by a patching saddle or removed.

##### **§ 192.313 Bends and elbows.**

(a) Each field bend in steel pipe, other than a wrinkle bend made in accordance with § 192.315, must comply with the following:

(1) A bend may not impair the serviceability of the pipe.

(2) On pipe containing a longitudinal weld, the longitudinal seam must be as near as practicable to the neutral axis of the bend.

(3) A bend on pipe that is 12 inches, or more, in nominal diameter must not deflect the pipe more than 1½" in any length of pipe equal to the diameter.

(4) For pipe more than 4 inches in nominal diameter, the difference between the maximum and minimum diameter at a bend may not be more than 2½ percent of the nominal diameter.

(b) Each circumferential weld of steel pipe that is subjected to stress during bending must be nondestructively tested.

(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 or more in diameter unless the arc length, as measured along the crotch, is at least 1 inch.

(d) Each bend, other than a wrinkle bend made in accordance with § 192.315, must have a smooth contour and be free of mechanical damage.

##### **§ 192.315 Wrinkle bends in steel pipe.**

(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.

(b) Each wrinkle bend on steel pipe must comply with the following:

(1) The bend must not have any sharp kinks.

(2) When measured along the crotch of the bend, the wrinkles must be a distance of at least one pipe diameter.

(3) On pipe 16 inches or larger in diameter, the bend may not have a deflection of more than 1½" for each wrinkle.

(4) On pipe containing a longitudinal weld the longitudinal seam must be as near as practicable to the neutral axis of the bend.

##### **§ 192.317 Protection from hazards.**

(a) Each transmission line or main must be protected from washouts, floods, unstable soil, landslides, or other hazards that may cause the pipe to move or to sustain abnormal loads.

(b) Each transmission line or main that is constructed above ground 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.

##### **§ 192.319 Installation of pipe in a ditch.**

(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.

(b) Each ditch for a transmission line or main must be backfilled in a manner that—

(1) Provides firm support under the pipe; and

(2) Prevents damage to the pipe and pipe coating from equipment or from the backfill material.

##### **§ 192.321 Installation of plastic pipe.**

(a) Plastic pipe must be installed below ground level.

(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.

(c) Plastic pipe must be installed so as to minimize shear or tensile stresses.

(d) Thermoplastic pipe that is not encased must have a minimum wall thickness of 0.090 inches, except that pipe with an outside diameter of 0.875 inches or less may have a minimum wall thickness of 0.062 inches.

(e) Plastic pipe that is not encased must have an electrically conductive wire or other means of locating the pipe while it is underground.

(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.

##### **§ 192.323 Casing.**

Each casing used on a transmission line or main under a railroad or highway must comply with the following:

(a) The casing must be designed to withstand the superimposed loads.

(b) If there is a possibility of water entering the casing, the ends must be sealed.

(c) 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.

(d) If vents are installed on a casing, the vents must be protected from the weather to prevent water from entering the casing.



# § 192.325 Underground clearance.

(a) Each transmission line must be installed with at least 12 inches 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.

(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.

(c) In addition to meeting the requirements of paragraph (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.

(d) Each pipe-type or bottle-type holder must be installed with a minimum clearance from any other holder as prescribed in § 192.175(b).

## § 192.327 Cover.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, each buried transmission line must be installed with a minimum cover as follows:

Location	Normal soil	Consolidated rock
Class 1 locations.....	Feet	Feet
Class 2, 3, and 4 locations.....	30	18
Drainage ditches of public roads and railroad crossings.....	36	24

(b) Except as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section, each buried main must be installed with at least 24 inches of cover.

(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.

(d) A main may be installed with less than 24 inches of cover if the law of the State or municipality—

(1) Establishes a minimum cover of less than 24 inches;

(2) Requires that mains be installed in a common trench with other utility lines; and

(3) Provides adequately for prevention of damage to the pipe by external forces.

## Subpart H—Customer Meters, Service Regulators, and Service Lines

### § 192.351 Scope.

This subpart prescribes minimum requirements for installing customer meters, service regulators, service lines, service line valves, and service line connections to mains.

### § 192.353 Customer meters and regulators: location.

(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. However, the upstream regulator in a series may be buried.

(b) Each service regulator installed within a building must be located as near as practical to the point of service line entrance.

(c) Each meter installed within a building must be located in a ventilated place and not less than 3 feet from any source of ignition or any source of heat which might damage the meter.

(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.

### § 192.355 Customer meters and regulators: protection from damage.

(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.

(b) Service regulator vents and relief vents. The outside terminal of each service regulator vent and relief vent must—

(1) Be rain and insect resistant;

(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

(3) Be protected from damage caused by submergence in areas where flooding may occur.

(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.

### § 192.357 Customer meters and regulators: installation.

(a) Each meter and each regulator must be installed so as to minimize anticipated stresses upon the connecting piping and the meter.

(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 part.

(c) Connections made of lead or other easily damaged material may not be used in the installation of meters or regulators.

(d) Each regulator that might release gas in its operation must be vented to the outside atmosphere.

### § 192.359 Customer meter installations: operating pressure.

(a) A meter may not be used at a pressure that is more than 67 percent of the manufacturer's shell test pressure.

(b) Each newly installed meter manufactured after November 12, 1970, must have been tested to a minimum of 10 p.s.i.g.

(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.

### § 192.361 Service lines: installation.

(a) Depth. Each buried service line must be installed with at least 12 inches of cover in private property and at least 18 inches 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.

(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.

(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.

(d) Protection against piping strain and external loading. Each service line must be installed so as to minimize anticipated piping strain and external loading.

(e) Installation of service lines into buildings. Each underground service line installed below grade through the outer foundation wall of a building must—

(1) In the case of a metal service line, be protected against corrosion;

(2) In the case of a plastic service line, be protected from shearing action and backfill settlement; and

(3) Be sealed at the foundation wall to prevent leakage into the building.

(f) Installation of service lines under buildings. Where an underground service line is installed under a building—

(1) It must be encased in a gas-tight conduit;

(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

(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.

### § 192.363 Service lines: valve requirements.

(a) Each service line must have a service-line valve that meets the applicable requirements of Subparts B and D of this part. A valve incorporated in a meter bar, that allows the meter to be bypassed, may not be used as a service-line valve.

(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.

(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.

### § 192.365 Service lines: location of valves.

(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.

(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.

(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.

### § 192.367 Service lines: general requirements for connections to main piping.

(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.

(b) Compression-type connection to main. Each compression-type service line to main connection must—

(1) Be designed and installed to effectively sustain the longitudinal pull-out or thrust forces caused by contraction or expansion of the piping, or by anticipated external or internal loading; and

(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.

### § 192.369 Service lines: connections to cast iron or ductile iron mains.

(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 § 192.273.

(b) If a threaded tap is being inserted, the requirements of § 192.151 (b) and (c) must also be met.

**§ 192.371 Service lines: steel.**

Each steel service line to be operated at less than 100 p.s.i.g. must be constructed of pipe designed for a minimum of 100 p.s.i.g.

**§ 192.373 Service lines: cast iron and ductile iron.**

(a) Cast or ductile iron pipe less than 6 inches in diameter may not be installed for service lines.

(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.

(c) A cast iron or ductile iron service line may not be installed in unstable soil or under a building.

**§ 192.375 Service lines: plastic.**

(a) Each plastic service line outside a building must be installed below ground level, except that it may terminate above ground and outside the building, if—

(1) The above ground part of the plastic service line is protected against deterioration and external damage; and

(2) The plastic service line is not used to support external loads.

(b) Each plastic service line inside a building must be protected against external damage.

**§ 192.377 Service lines: copper.**

Each copper service line installed within a building must be protected against external damage.

**§ 192.379 New service lines not in use.**

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:

(a) 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.

(b) A mechanical device or fitting that will prevent the flow of gas must be installed in the service line or in the meter assembly.

(c) The customer's piping must be physically disconnected from the gas supply and the open pipe ends sealed.

**Subpart I—Requirements for Corrosion Control**

**§ 192.451 Scope.**

This subpart prescribes minimum requirements for the protection of metallic pipelines from external, internal, and atmospheric corrosion.

**§ 192.453 General.**

Each operator shall establish procedures to implement the requirements of this subpart. These procedures, 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 by experience and training in pipeline corrosion control methods.

**§ 192.455 External corrosion control: buried or submerged pipelines installed after July 31, 1971.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, each buried or submerged pipeline installed after July 31, 1971 must be protected against external corrosion, including the following:

(1) It must have an external protective coating meeting the requirements of § 192.461.

(2) It must have a cathodic protection system designed to protect the pipeline in its entirety in accordance with this subpart, installed and placed in operation within one year after completion of construction.

(b) An operator need not comply with paragraph (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 6 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, and soil resistivity measurements at potential profile peak locations, to adequately evaluate the potential profile along the entire pipeline. If the tests made indicate that a corrosive condition exists, the pipeline must be cathodically protected in accordance with paragraph (a) (2) of this section.

(c) An operator need not comply with paragraph (a) of this section, if the operator can demonstrate by tests, investigation, or experience that—

(1) For a copper pipeline, a corrosive environment does not exist; or

(2) For a temporary pipeline with an operating period of service not to exceed 5 years beyond installation, corrosion during the 5-year period of service of the pipeline will not be detrimental to public safety.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (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.

(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 8, unless tests or experience indicate its suitability in the particular environment involved.

**§ 192.457 External corrosion control: buried or submerged pipelines installed before August 1, 1971.**

(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, not later than August 1, 1974, be cathodically protected along the entire area that is effectively coated, in accordance with this subpart. For the purposes of this subpart, 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.

(b) Except for cast iron or ductile iron, each of the following buried or submerged pipelines installed before August 1, 1971, must, not later than August 1, 1976, be cathodically protected in accordance with this subpart in areas in which active corrosion is found:

(1) Bare or ineffectively coated transmission lines.

(2) Bare or coated pipes at compressor, regulator, and measuring stations.

(3) Bare or coated distribution lines. The operator shall determine the areas of active corrosion by electrical survey, or where electrical survey is imprac-

tical, by the study of corrosion and leak history records, by leak detection survey, or by other means.

(c) For the purpose of this subpart, active corrosion means continuing corrosion which, unless controlled, could result in a condition that is detrimental to public safety.

**§ 192.459 External corrosion control: examination of buried pipeline when exposed.**

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 is found, remedial action must be taken to the extent required by § 192.483 and the applicable paragraphs of §§ 192.485, 192.487, or 192.489.

**§ 192.461 External corrosion control: protective coating.**

(a) Each external protective coating, whether conductive or insulating, applied for the purpose of external corrosion control must—

(1) Be applied on a properly prepared surface;

(2) Have sufficient adhesion to the metal surface to effectively resist under-film migration of moisture;

(3) Be sufficiently ductile to resist cracking;

(4) Have sufficient strength to resist damage due to handling and soil stress; and

(5) Have properties compatible with any supplemental cathodic protection.

(b) Each external protective coating which is an electrically insulating type must also have low moisture absorption and high electrical resistance.

(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.

(d) Each external protective coating must be protected from damage resulting from adverse ditch conditions or damage from supporting blocks.

(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.

**§ 192.463 External corrosion control: cathodic protection.**

(a) Each cathodic protection system required by this subpart must provide a level of cathodic protection that complies with one or more of the applicable criteria contained in 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.

(b) If amphoteric metals are included in a buried or submerged pipeline containing a metal of different anodic potential—

(1) The amphoteric metals must be electrically isolated from the remainder of the pipeline and cathodically protected; or

(2) The entire buried or submerged pipeline must be cathodically protected at a cathodic potential that meets the requirements of Appendix D of this part for amphoteric metals.

(c) The amount of cathodic protection must be controlled so as not to damage the protective coating or the pipe.

**§ 192.465 External corrosion control: monitoring.**

(a) Except where impractical on offshore pipelines, 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 § 192.463. However, if tests at those intervals are impractical for separately protected service lines or short sections of protected mains, not in excess of 100 feet, these service lines and mains 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.

(b) At intervals not exceeding 2 months, each cathodic protection rectifier or other impressed current power source must be inspected to ensure that it is operating.

(c) At intervals not exceeding 2 months, each reverse current switch, each diode, and each interference bond whose failure would jeopardize structure protection, must be electrically checked for proper performance. Each other interference bond must be checked at least once each calendar year, but with intervals not exceeding 15 months.

(d) Each operator shall take prompt remedial action to correct any deficiencies indicated by the monitoring.

(e) After the initial evaluation required by paragraphs (b) and (c) of § 192.455 and paragraph (b) of § 192.457, each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding 3 years, reevaluate its unprotected pipelines and cathodically protect them in accordance with this subpart in areas in which active corrosion is found. The operator shall determine the areas of active corrosion by electrical survey, or where electrical survey is impractical, by the study of corrosion and leak history records, by leak detection survey, or by other means.

**§ 192.467 External corrosion control: electrical isolation.**

(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.

(b) An insulating device must be installed where electrical isolation of a portion of a pipeline is necessary to facilitate the application of corrosion control.

(c) Except for unprotected copper inserted in 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.

(d) Inspection and electrical tests must be made to assure that electrical isolation is adequate.

(e) An insulating device may not be installed in an area where a combustible atmosphere is anticipated unless precautions are taken to prevent arcing.

(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.

**§ 192.469 External corrosion control: test stations.**

Except where impractical on offshore and wet marsh area pipelines, each pipeline under cathodic protection required by this subpart must have sufficient test stations or other contact points for electrical measurement to determine the adequacy of cathodic protection.

**§ 192.471 External corrosion control: test leads.**

(a) Each test lead wire must be connected to the pipeline so as to remain mechanically secure and electrically conductive.

(b) Each test lead wire must be attached to the pipeline so as to minimize stress concentration on the pipe.

(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.

**§ 192.473 External corrosion control: interference currents.**

(a) After July 31, 1973, 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.

(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.

**§ 192.475 Internal corrosion control: general.**

(a) After July 31, 1972, 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.

(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—

(1) The adjacent pipe must be investigated to determine the extent of internal corrosion;

(2) Replacement must be made to the extent required by the applicable paragraphs of § 192.485, § 192.487, or § 192.488; and

(3) Steps must be taken to minimize the internal corrosion.

(c) Gas containing more than 0.1 grain of hydrogen sulfide per 100 standard cubic feet may not be stored in pipe-type or bottle-type holders.

**§ 192.477 Internal corrosion control: monitoring.**

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. After July 31, 1972, each coupon or other means of monitoring internal corrosion must be checked at intervals not exceeding 6 months.

**§ 192.479 Atmospheric corrosion control: general.**

(a) Pipelines installed after July 31, 1971. Each aboveground pipeline or portion of a pipeline installed after July 31, 1971 that is exposed to the atmosphere must be cleaned and either coated or jacketed with a material suitable for the prevention of atmospheric corrosion. An operator need not comply with this paragraph, if the operator can demonstrate by test, investigation, or experience in the area of application, that a corrosive atmosphere does not exist.

(b) Pipelines installed before August 1, 1971. Not later than August 1, 1974, each operator having an above-

ground pipeline or portion of a pipeline installed before August 1, 1971 that is exposed to the atmosphere, shall—

(1) Determine the areas of atmospheric corrosion on the pipeline;

(2) If atmospheric corrosion is found, take remedial measures to the extent required by the applicable paragraphs of §§ 192.485, 192.487, or 192.489; and

(3) Clean and either coat or jacket the areas of atmospheric corrosion on the pipeline with a material suitable for the prevention of atmospheric corrosion.

**§ 192.481 Atmospheric corrosion control: monitoring.**

After meeting the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of § 192.479, each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding 3 years, reevaluate its above-ground pipelines or portions of pipelines that are exposed to the atmosphere and take remedial action wherever necessary to maintain protection against atmospheric corrosion.

**§ 192.483 Remedial measures: general.**

(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 § 192.461.

(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 subpart.

(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 subpart.

**§ 192.485 Remedial measures: transmission lines.**

(a) General corrosion. Each segment of transmission line pipe with general corrosion and with a remaining wall thickness less than that required for the maximum allowable operating pressure of the pipeline, must be replaced or the operating pressure reduced commensurate with the actual remaining wall thickness. However, if the area of general corrosion is small, the corroded pipe may be repaired. Corrosion pitting so closely grouped as to affect the overall strength of the pipe is considered general corrosion for the purpose of this paragraph.

(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.

**§ 192.487 Remedial measures: distribution lines other than cast iron or ductile iron lines.**

(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 maximum allowable operating pressure of the pipeline, or a remaining wall thickness less than 30 percent of the nominal wall thickness, must be replaced. However, if the area of general corrosion is small, the corroded pipe may be repaired. Corrosion pitting so closely grouped as to affect the overall strength of the pipe is considered general corrosion for the purpose of this paragraph.



(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.

**§ 192.489 Remedial measures: cast iron and ductile iron pipelines.**

(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.

(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.

**§ 192.491 Corrosion control records.**

(a) After July 31, 1972, each operator shall maintain records or maps to show the location of cathodically protected piping, cathodic protection facilities, other than unrecorded galvanic anodes installed before August 1, 1971, and neighboring structures bonded to the cathodic protection system.

(b) Each of the following records must be retained for as long as the pipeline remains in service:

(1) Each record or map required by paragraph (a) of this section.

(2) Records of each test, survey, or inspection required by this subpart, in sufficient detail to demonstrate the adequacy of corrosion control measures or that a corrosive condition does not exist.

**Subpart J—Test Requirements**

**§ 192.501 Scope.**

This subpart prescribes minimum leak-test and strength-test requirements for pipelines.

**§ 192.503 General requirements.**

(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—

(1) It has been tested in accordance with this subpart to substantiate the proposed maximum allowable operating pressure; and

(2) Each potentially hazardous leak has been located and eliminated.

(b) The test medium must be liquid, air, natural gas, or inert gas that is—

(1) Compatible with the material of which the pipeline is constructed;

(2) Relatively free of sedimentary materials; and

(3) Except for natural gas, nonflammable.

(c) Except as provided in § 192.505 (a), if air, natural gas, or inert gas is used as the test medium, the following maximum hoop stress limitations apply:

Class location	Maximum hoop stress allowed as percentage of SMYS	
	Natural gas	Air or inert gas
1.....	80	80
2.....	30	75
3.....	30	60
4.....	30	40

(d) Each weld used to tie-in a test segment of pipeline is excepted from the test requirements of this subpart.

**§ 192.505 Strength test requirements for steel pipeline to operate at a hoop stress of 30 percent or more of SMYS.**

(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 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 of such a building, but in no event may the test section be less than 600 feet unless the length of the newly installed or relocated pipe is less than 600 feet. 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.

(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.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this section, the strength test must be conducted by maintaining the pressure at or above the test pressure for at least 8 hours.

(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—

(1) The component was tested to at least the pressure required for the pipeline to which it is being added; or

(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.

(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 4 hours.

**§ 192.507 Test requirements for pipelines to operate at a hoop stress less than 30 percent of SMYS and above 100 p.s.i.g.**

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 above 100 p.s.i.g. must be tested in accordance with the following:

(a) The pipeline operator must use a test procedure that will ensure discovery of all potentially hazardous leaks in the segment being tested.

(b) 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—

(1) A leak test must be made at a pressure between 100 p.s.i.g. and the pressure required to produce a hoop stress of 20 percent of SMYS; or

(2) The line must be walked to check for leaks while the hoop stress is held at approximately 20 percent of SMYS.

(c) The pressure must be maintained at or above the test pressure for at least 1 hour.

**§ 192.509 Test requirements for pipelines to operate at or below 100 p.s.i.g.**

Except for service lines and plastic pipelines, each segment of a pipeline that is to be operated at or below 100 p.s.i.g. must be leak tested in accordance with the following:

(a) The test procedure used must ensure discovery of all potentially hazardous leaks in the segment being tested.

(b) Each main that is to be operated at less than 1 p.s.i.g. must be tested to at least 10 p.s.i.g. and each main to be operated at or above 1 p.s.i.g. must be tested to at least 90 p.s.i.g.

**§ 192.511 Test requirements for service lines.**

(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.

(b) Each segment of a service line (other than plastic) intended to be operated at a pressure of at least 1 p.s.i.g. but not more than 40 p.s.i.g. must be given a leak test at a pressure of not less than 50 p.s.i.g.

(c) Each segment of a service line (other than plastic) intended to be operated at pressures of more than 40 p.s.i.g. must be tested to at least 90 p.s.i.g., except that each segment of a steel service line stressed to 30 percent or more of SMYS must be tested in accordance with § 192.507 of this subpart.

**§ 192.513 Test requirements for plastic pipelines.**

(a) Each segment of a plastic pipeline must be tested in accordance with this section.

(b) The test procedure must insure discovery of all potentially hazardous leaks in the segment being tested.

(c) The test pressure must be at least 150 percent of the maximum operating pressure or 50 p.s.i.g., whichever is greater. However, the maximum test pressure may not be more than three times the design pressure of the pipe.

(d) The temperature of thermoplastic material must not be more than 100° F. during the test.

**§ 192.515 Environmental protection and safety requirements.**

(a) In conducting tests under this subpart, 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.

(b) The operator shall insure that the test medium is disposed of in a manner that will minimize damage to the environment.

**§ 192.517 Records.**

Each operator shall make, and retain for the useful life of the pipeline, a record of each test performed under §§ 192.505 and 192.507. The record must contain at least the following information:

(a) The operator's name, the name of the operator's employee responsible for making the test, and the name of any test company used.

(b) Test medium used.

(c) Test pressure.

(d) Test duration.

(e) Pressure recording charts, or other record of pressure readings.

(f) Elevation variations, whenever significant for the particular test.

(g) Leaks and failures noted and their disposition.

**Subpart K—Upgrading**

**§ 192.551 Scope.**

This subpart prescribes minimum requirements for increasing maximum allowable operating pressures (upgrading) for pipelines.

**§ 192.553 General requirements.**

(a) **Pressure increases.** Whenever the requirements of this subpart 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:

(1) At the end of each incremental increase, the pressure must be held constant while the entire segment of pipeline that is affected is checked for leaks.

(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.

(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 subpart, of all work performed, and of each pressure test conducted, in connection with the uprating.

(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 subpart is complied with.

(d) **Limitation on increase in maximum allowable operating pressure.** Except as provided in § 192.555(c), a new maximum allowable operating pressure established under this subpart may not exceed the maximum that would be allowed under this part for a new segment of pipeline constructed of the same materials in the same location.

§ 192.555 Uprating to a pressure that will produce a hoop stress of 30 percent or more of SMYS in steel pipelines.

(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.

(b) Before increasing operating pressure above the previously established maximum allowable operating pressure the operator shall—

(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 part; and

(2) Make any repairs, replacements, or alterations in the segment of pipeline that are necessary for safe operation at the increased pressure.

(c) After complying with paragraph (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 § 192.619, 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).

(d) After complying with paragraph (b) of this section, an operator that does not qualify under paragraph (c) of this section may increase the previously established maximum allowable operating pressure if at least one of the following requirements is met:

(1) The segment of pipeline is successfully tested in accordance with the requirements of this part for a new line of the same material in the same location.

(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—

(i) It is impractical to test it in accordance with the requirements of this part;

(ii) 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

(iii) 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 part.

(e) Where a segment of pipeline is uprated in accordance with paragraph (c) or (d) (2) of this section, the increase in pressure must be made in increments that are equal to—

(1) 10 percent of the pressure before the uprating; or

(2) 25 percent of the total pressure increase,

whichever produces the fewer number of increments.

§ 192.557 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.

(a) Unless the requirements of this section have been met, no person may subject—

(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

(2) A plastic, cast iron, or ductile iron pipeline segment to an operating pressure that is above the previously established maximum allowable operating pressure.

(b) Before increasing operating pressure above the previously established maximum allowable operating pressure, the operator shall—

(1) Review the design, operating, and maintenance history of the segment of pipeline;

(2) Make a leakage survey (if it has been more than 1 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;

(3) Make any repairs, replacements, or alterations in the segment of pipeline that are necessary for safe operation at the increased pressure;

(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;

(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

(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.

(c) After complying with paragraph (b) of this section, the increase in maximum allowable operating pressure must be made in increments that are equal to 10 p.s.i.g. 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.

(d) If records for cast iron or ductile iron pipeline facilities are not complete enough to ascertain compliance with § 192.117 or § 192.119, as applicable, the following procedures must be followed:

(1) If the original laying conditions cannot be ascertained, the operator shall assume, when applying the design formulas of ANSI A21.1, that cast iron pipe was supported on blocks with tamped

backfill and, when applying the design formulas of ANSI A21.50, that ductile iron pipe was laid without blocks with tamped backfill.

(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.

(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:

Pipe size (inches)	Allowance (inches)		
	Cast iron pipe	Ductile iron pipe	
	Pit cast pipe	Centrifugally cast pipe	
3-4	0.02	0.025	0.025
10-12	0.03	0.07	0.07
14-24	0.04	0.08	0.075
30-42	0.05	0.09	0.075
48	0.06	0.09	0.08
54-60	0.07		

Note.—The nominal wall thickness of the cast iron is the standard thickness listed in table 10 or table 11, as applicable, of ANSI A21.1 nearest the value obtained under this subparagraph. The nominal wall thickness of ductile iron pipe is the standard thickness listed in table 6 of ANSI A21.50 nearest the value obtained under this subparagraph.

(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 p.s.i. and a modulus of rupture of 31,000 p.s.i.

#### Subpart L—Operations

##### § 192.601 Scope.

This subpart prescribes minimum requirements for the operation of pipeline facilities.

##### § 192.603 General provisions.

(a) No person may operate a segment of pipeline unless it is operated in accordance with this subpart.

(b) Each operator shall establish a written operating and maintenance plan meeting the requirements of this part and keep records necessary to administer the plan.

##### § 192.605 Essentials of operating and maintenance plan.

Each operator shall include the following in its operating and maintenance plan:

(a) Instructions for employees covering operating and maintenance procedures during normal operations and repairs.

(b) Items required to be included by the provisions of Subpart M of this part.

(c) Specific programs relating to facilities presenting the greatest hazard to public safety either in an emergency or because of extraordinary construction or maintenance requirements.

(d) A program for conversion procedures, if conversion of a low-pressure distribution system to a higher pressure is contemplated.

(e) Provision for periodic inspections to ensure that operating pressures are appropriate for the class location.

##### § 192.607 Plan for confirmation or revision of maximum allowable operating pressure.

(a) Before April 15, 1971, each operator shall complete a study to determine, for each segment of pipeline with a maximum allowable operating pressure that will produce a hoop stress that is more than 40 percent of SMYS—

(1) The present class location of all such pipeline in its system; and

(2) Whether the hoop stress corresponding to the maximum allowable operating pressure for each segment of pipeline is commensurate with the present class location

(b) Each segment of pipeline that has been determined under paragraph (a) of this section to have an established maximum allowable operating pressure producing a hoop stress that is not commensurate with the class location of the segment of pipeline and that is found to be in satisfactory condition, must have the maximum allowable operating pressure confirmed or revised in accordance with § 192.611. The confirmation or revision must be completed not later than December 31, 1974.

(c) Each operator required to confirm or revise an established maximum allowable operating pressure under paragraph (b) of this section shall, not later than December 31, 1971, prepare a comprehensive plan, including a schedule for carrying out the confirmations or revisions. The comprehensive plan must also provide for confirmations or revisions determined to be necessary under § 192.609, to the extent that they are caused by changes in class locations taking place before July 1, 1973.

**§ 192.609 Change in class location: required study.**

Whenever an increase in population density indicates a change in class location for a segment of an existing steel pipeline operating at 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—

(a) The present class location for the segment involved.

(b) 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 part.

(c) The physical condition of the segment to the extent it can be ascertained from available records;

(d) The operating and maintenance history of the segment;

(e) The maximum actual operating pressure and the corresponding operating hoop stress, taking pressure gradient into account, for the segment of pipeline involved; and

(f) 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.

**§ 192.611 Change in class location: confirmation or revision of maximum allowable operating pressure.**

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 as follows:

(a) If the segment involved has been previously tested in place to at least 90 percent of its SMYS for a period of not less than 8 hours, the maximum allowable operating pressure must be confirmed or reduced so that the corresponding hoop stress will not exceed 72 percent of 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.

(b) If the segment involved has not been previously tested in place as described in paragraph (a) of this section, the maximum allowable operating pressure must be reduced so that the corresponding hoop stress is not more than that allowed by this part for new segments of pipelines in the existing class location.

(c) If the segment of pipeline involved has not been qualified for operation under paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, it must be tested in accordance with the applicable requirements of Subpart J of this part, and its maximum allowable operating pressure must then be established so as to be equal to or less than the following:

(1) 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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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 the SMYS in Class 4 locations.

(d) 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 §§ 192.553 and 192.555.

(e) Confirmation or revision of the maximum allowable operating pressure that is required as a result of a study under § 192.609 must be completed as follows:

(1) Confirmation or revision due to changes in class location that occur before July 1, 1973, must be completed not later than December 31, 1974.

(2) Confirmation or revision due to changes in class location that occur on or after July 1, 1973, must be completed within 18 months of the change in class location.

**§ 192.613 Continuing surveillance.**

(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.

(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 § 192.619 (a) and (b).

**§ 192.615 Emergency plans.**

Each operator shall—

(a) Have written emergency procedures;

(b) Acquaint appropriate operating and maintenance employees with the procedures;

(c) Establish liaison with appropriate public officials, including fire and police officials, with respect to the procedures; and

(d) Establish an educational program to enable customers and the general public to recognize and report a gas emergency to the appropriate officials.

**§ 192.617 Investigation of failures.**

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 cause of the failure and minimizing the possibility of a recurrence.

**§ 192.619 Maximum allowable operating pressure: steel or plastic pipelines.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (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:

(1) The design pressure of the weakest element in the segment, determined in accordance with Subparts C and D of this part.

(2) The pressure obtained by dividing the pressure to which the segment was tested after construction as follows:

(i) For plastic pipe in all locations, the test pressure is divided by a factor of 1.5.

(ii) For steel pipe operated at 100 p.s.i.g. or more, the test pressure is divided by a factor determined in accordance with the following table:

Class location	Factor	
	Segment installed before (Nov. 12, 1970)	Segment installed after (Nov. 11, 1970)
1.....	1.1	1.1
2.....	1.24	1.25
3.....	1.4	1.5
4.....	1.4	1.5

(3) The highest actual operating pressure to which the segment was subjected during the 5 years preceding July 1, 1970, unless the segment was tested in accordance with paragraph (a)(2) of this section after July 1, 1965, or the segment was uprated in accordance with Subpart K of this part.

(4) For furnace butt welded steel pipe, a pressure equal to 60 percent of the mill test pressure to which the pipe was subjected.

(5) For steel pipe other than furnace butt welded pipe, a pressure equal to 85 percent of the highest test pressure to which the pipe has been subjected, whether by mill test or by the post installation test.

(6) 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.

(b) No person may operate a segment to which paragraph (a)(6) 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 § 192.195.

(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 5 years preceding July 1, 1970, subject to the requirements of § 192.611.

**§ 192.621 Maximum allowable operating pressure: high-pressure distribution systems.**

(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:

(1) The design pressure of the weakest element in the segment, determined in accordance with Subparts C and D of this part.

(2) 60 p.s.i.g., for a segment of a distribution system otherwise designed to operate at over 60 p.s.i.g., unless the service lines in the segment are equipped with service regulators or other pressure limiting devices in series that meet the requirements of § 192.197(c).

(3) 25 p.s.i.g. in segments of cast iron pipe in which there are unreinforced bell and spigot joints.

(4) The pressure limits to which a joint could be subjected without the possibility of its parting.

(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.

(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 § 192.195.

**§ 192.623 Maximum and minimum allowable operating pressure: low-pressure distribution systems.**

(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.

(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.

**§ 192.625 Odorization of gas.**

(a) Combustible gases in mains and service lines must be odorized as provided in paragraphs (b) through (f) of this section.

(b) The intensity of the odor of combustible gases must be such as to be readily detectable at concentrations of one fifth of the lower explosive limit.

(c) In the concentrations in which it is used, the odorant in combustible gases must comply with the following:

(1) The odorant may not be deleterious to persons, materials, or pipe.

(2) The products of combustion from the odorant 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.

(d) The odorant may not be soluble in water to an extent greater than 2.5 parts to 100 parts by weight.

(e) Equipment for odorization must introduce the odorant without wide variations in the level of odorant.

(f) Each operator shall conduct periodic sampling of combustible gases to assure the proper concentration of odorant in accordance with this section.

(g) The odorization requirements of Part 190 of this chapter, as in effect on August 12, 1970, must be complied with, in each State in which odorization of gas in transmission lines is required by that part, until the earlier of the following dates:

(1) June 1, 1973; or

(2) The date upon which the distribution companies in that State are odorizing gas in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section.

**§ 192.627 Tapping pipelines under pressure.**

Each tap made on a pipeline under pressure must be performed by a crew qualified to make hot taps.

**§ 192.629 Purging of pipelines.**

(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.

(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.

**Subpart M—Maintenance**

**§ 192.701 Scope.**

This subpart prescribes minimum requirements for maintenance of pipeline facilities.

**§ 192.703 General.**

(a) No person may operate a segment of pipeline, unless it is maintained in accordance with this subpart.

(b) Each segment of pipeline that becomes unsafe must be replaced, repaired, or removed from service.

(c) Hazardous leaks must be repaired promptly.

**§ 192.705 Transmission lines: patroling.**

(a) Each operator shall have a patrol program to observe, at intervals not exceeding 1 year, 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.

(b) The frequency of the patrol must be determined by the size of the line, the operating pressures, the class location, terrain, weather, and other relevant factors.

(c) Highway and railroad crossings must be patrolled more often and in greater detail than transmission lines in open country.

**§ 192.707 Transmission lines: markers.**

Each operator shall install signs or markers wherever necessary to identify the location of a transmission line in order to reduce the possibility of damage or interference.

**§ 192.709 Transmission lines: record-keeping.**

Each operator shall keep records covering each leak discovered, repair made, transmission line break, leakage survey, line patrol, and inspection, for as long as the segment of transmission line involved remains in service.

**§ 192.711 Transmission lines: general requirements for repair procedures.**

(a) Each operator shall take immediate temporary measures to protect the public whenever—

(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

(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.

(b) Except as provided in § 192.717(c), no operator may use a welded patch as a means of repair.

**§ 192.713 Transmission lines: permanent field repair of imperfections and damage.**

Each imperfection or damage that impairs the serviceability of a segment of steel transmission line operating at or above 40 percent of SMYS must be repaired, as follows:

(a) If it is feasible to take the segment out of service, the imperfection or damage must be removed by cutting out a cylindrical piece of pipe and replacing it with pipe of similar or greater design strength.

(b) If it is not feasible to take the segment out of service, a full encirclement welded split sleeve of appropriate design must be applied over the imperfection or damage.

(c) If the segment is not taken out of service, the operating pressure must be reduced to a safe level during the repair operations.

**§ 192.715 Transmission lines: permanent field repair of welds.**

Each weld that is unacceptable under § 192.241(c) must be repaired as follows:

(a) 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 § 192.245.

(b) A weld may be repaired in accordance with § 192.245 while the segment of transmission line is in service if—

(1) The weld is not leaking;

(2) 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

(3) Grinding of the defective area can be limited so that at least 1/8-inch thickness in the pipe weld remains.

(c) A defective weld which cannot be repaired in accordance with paragraph (a) or (b) of this section must be repaired by installing a full encirclement welded split sleeve of appropriate design.

**§ 192.717 Transmission lines: permanent field repair of leaks.**

Each permanent field repair of a leak must be made as follows:

(a) If feasible, the segment of transmission line must be taken out of service and repaired by cutting out a cylindrical piece of pipe and replacing it with pipe of similar or greater design strength.

(b) If it is not feasible to take the segment of transmission line out of service, repairs must be made by installing a full encirclement welded split sleeve of appropriate design, unless the transmission line—

(1) Is joined by mechanical couplings; and

(2) Operates at less than 40 percent of SMYS.

(c) If the leak is due to a corrosion pit, the repair may be made by installing a properly designed bolt-on leak clamp; or, if the leak is due to a corrosion pit and on pipe of not more than 40,000 p.s.i. SMYS, the repair may be made by fillet welding 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 the diameter of the pipe in size.

**§ 192.719 Transmission lines: testing of repairs.**

(a) **Testing of replacement pipe.** (1) 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.

(2) The test required by subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may be made on the pipe before it is installed, but all field girth butt welds that are not strength tested must be tested after installation by nondestructive tests meeting the requirements of § 192.243.

(b) **Testing of repairs made by welding.** Each repair made by welding in accordance with §§ 192.713, 192.715, and 192.717 must be examined in accordance with § 192.241.

**§ 192.721 Distribution systems: patrolling.**

(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.

(b) Mains in places or on structures where anticipated physical movement or external loading could cause failure or leakage must be patrolled at intervals not exceeding 3 months.

**§ 192.723 Distribution systems: leakage surveys and procedures.**

(a) Each operator of a distribution system shall provide for periodic leakage surveys in its operating and maintenance plan.

(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:

(1) A gas detector survey 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 1 year.

(2) Leakage surveys of the distribution system outside of the principal business areas must be made as frequently as necessary, but at intervals not exceeding 5 years.

**§ 192.725 Test requirements for reinstating service lines.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each disconnected service line must be tested in the same manner as a new service line, before being reinstated.

(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.

**§ 192.727 Abandonment or inactivation of facilities.**

(a) Each operator shall provide in its operating and maintenance plan for abandonment or deactivation of pipelines, including provisions for meeting each of the requirements of this section.

(b) Each pipeline abandoned in place must be disconnected from all sources and supplies of gas, purged of gas, and the ends sealed. However, the pipeline need not be purged when the volume of gas is so small that there is no potential hazard.

(c) Except for service lines, each inactive pipeline that is not being maintained under this part must be disconnected from all sources and supplies of gas, purged of gas, and the ends sealed. However, the pipeline need not be purged when the volume of gas is so small that there is no potential hazard.

(d) Whenever service to a customer is discontinued, one of the following must be complied with:

(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.

(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.

(3) The customer's piping must be physically disconnected from the gas supply and the open pipe ends sealed.

(e) If air is used for purging, the operator shall insure that a combustible mixture is not present after purging.

(f) Each abandoned vault must be filled with a suitable compacted material.

**§ 192.729 Compressor stations: procedures for gas compressor units.**

Each operator shall establish starting, operating, and shutdown procedures for gas-compressor units.

**§ 192.731 Compressor stations: inspection and testing of relief devices.**

(a) Except for rupture discs, each pressure relieving device in a compressor station must be inspected and tested in accordance with §§ 192.739 and 192.743, and must be operated periodically to determine that it opens at the correct set pressure.

(b) Any defective or inadequate equipment found must be promptly repaired or replaced.

(c) Each remote control shutdown device must be inspected and tested, at intervals not to exceed 1 year, to determine that it functions properly.

**§ 192.733 Compressor stations: isolation of equipment for maintenance or alterations.**

Each operator shall establish procedures for maintaining compressor stations, including provisions for isolating units or sections of pipe and for purging before returning to service.

**§ 192.735 Compressor stations: storage of combustible materials.**

(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.

(b) Aboveground oil or gasoline storage tanks must be protected in accordance with National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 30.

**§ 192.737 Pipe-type and bottle-type holders: plan for inspection and testing.**

Each operator having a pipe-type or bottle-type holder shall establish a plan for the systematic, routine inspection and testing of these facilities, including the following:

(a) Provision must be made for detecting external corrosion before the strength of the container has been impaired.

(b) Periodic sampling and testing of gas in storage must be made to determine the dew point of vapors contained in the stored gas, that if condensed, might cause internal corrosion or interfere with the safe operation of the storage plant.

(c) The pressure control and pressure limiting equipment must be inspected and tested periodically to determine that it is in a safe operating condition and has adequate capacity.

**§ 192.739 Pressure limiting and regulating stations: inspection and testing.**

Each pressure limiting station, relief device (except rupture discs), and pressure regulating station and its equipment must be subjected, at intervals not exceeding 1 year, to inspections and tests to determine that it is—

(a) In good mechanical condition;

(b) Adequate from the standpoint of capacity and reliability of operation for the service in which it is employed;

(c) Set to function at the correct pressure; and

(d) Properly installed and protected from dirt, liquids, or other conditions that might prevent proper operation.

**§ 192.741 Pressure limiting and regulating stations: telemetering or recording gages.**

(a) Each distribution system supplied by more than one district pressure regulating station must be equipped with telemetering or recording pressure gages to indicate the gas pressure in the district.

(b) On distribution systems supplied by a single district pressure regulating station, the operator shall determine the necessity of installing telemetering 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.

(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.

**§ 192.743 Pressure limiting and regulating stations: testing of relief devices.**

(a) If feasible, pressure relief devices (except rupture discs) must be tested in place, at intervals not exceeding 1 year, to determine that they have enough capacity to limit the pressure on the facilities to which they are connected to the desired maximum pressure.

(b) If a test is not feasible, review and calculation of the required capacity of the relieving device at each station must be made, at intervals not exceeding one year, and these required capacities compared with the rated or experimentally determined relieving capacity of the device for the operating conditions under which it works.

(c) If the relieving device is of insufficient capacity, a new or additional device must be installed to provide the additional capacity required.

**§ 192.745 Valve maintenance: transmission lines.**

Each transmission line valve that might be required during any emergency must be inspected and partially operated, at intervals not exceeding 1 year.

**§ 192.747 Valve maintenance: distribution systems.**

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 1 year.

**§ 192.749 Vault maintenance.**

(a) Each vault housing pressure regulating and pressure limiting equipment, and having a volumetric internal content of 200 cubic feet or more, must be inspected, at intervals not exceeding 1



year, to determine that it is in good physical condition and adequately ventilated.

(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.

(c) The ventilating equipment must also be inspected to determine that it is functioning properly.

(d) Each vault cover must be inspected to assure that it does not present a hazard to public safety.

#### § 192.751 Prevention of accidental ignition.

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:

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) Post warning signs, where appropriate.

#### § 192.753 Caulked bell and spigot joints.

(a) Each cast iron caulked bell and spigot joint that is subject to pressures of 25 p.s.i.g. or more must be sealed with mechanical leak clamps.

(b) Each cast iron caulked bell and spigot joint that is subject to pressures of less than 25 p.s.i.g. and is exposed for any reason, must be sealed by a means other than caulking.

#### APPENDIX A—INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

##### I. List of organizations and addresses.

A. American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 1430 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10018 (formerly the United States of American Standards Institute (USASI)). All current standards issued by USASI and ASA have been redesignated as American National Standards and continued in effect.

B. American Petroleum Institute (API), 1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10020 or 300 Corrigan Tower Building, Dallas, Tex. 75201.

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

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

E. Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry (MSS), 1815 North Fort Myer Drive, Room 913, Arlington, Va. 22209.

F. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 60 Batterymarch Street, Boston, Mass. 02110.

##### II. Documents incorporated by reference.

###### A. American Petroleum Institute:

1. API Standard 5L "API Specification for Line Pipe" (1967, 1970 editions).

2. API Standard 5LS "API Specification for Spiral-Weld Line Pipe" (1967, 1970 editions).

3. API Standard 5LX "API Specification for High-Test Line Pipe" (1967, 1970 editions).

4. API Recommended Practice 3LI entitled "API Recommended Practice for Railroad Transportation of Line Pipe" (1967 edition).

5. API Standard 5A "API Specification for Casing, Tubing, and Drill Pipe" (1968 edition).

6. API Standard 6A "Specification for Well-head Equipment" (1963 edition).

7. API Standard 6D "Specification for Pipeline Valves" (1968 edition).

8. API Standard 1104 "Standard for Welding Pipe Line and Related Facilities" (1968 edition).

###### B. The American Society for Testing and Materials:

1. ASTM Specification A53 "Standard Specification for Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe" (A53-68, A53-68).

2. ASTM Specification A73 "Standard Specification for Welded Wrought-Iron Pipe" (A73-64T, A73-68).

3. ASTM Specification A106 "Standard Specification for Seamless Carbon Steel Pipe for High-Temperature Service" (A106-66, A106-68).

4. ASTM Specification A194 "Standard Specification for Electric-Fusion (ARC)-Welded Steel Plate Pipe, Sizes 18 in. and over" (A194-64, A194-68).

5. ASTM Specification A135 "Standard Specification for Electric-Resistance-Welded Steel Pipe" (A135-63T, A135-68).

6. ASTM Specification A130 "Standard Specification for Electric-Fusion (ARC)-Welded Steel Pipe (Sizes 4 in. and over)" (A130-64, A130-68).

7. ASTM Specification A155 "Standard Specification for Electric-Fusion-Welded Steel Pipe for High-Pressure Service" (A155-65, A155-68).

8. ASTM Specification 211 "Standard Specification for Spiral Welded Steel or Iron Pipe" (A211-63, A211-68).

9. ASTM Specification A333 "Standard Specification for Seamless and Welded Steel Pipe for Low-Temperature Service" (A333-64, A333-67).

10. ASTM Specification A377 "Standard Specification for Cast Iron and Ductile Iron Pressure Pipe" (A377-66).

11. ASTM Specification A381 "Standard Specification for Metal-Arc-Welded Steel Pipe for High-Pressure Transmission Service" (A381-66, A381-68).

12. ASTM Specification A839 "Standard Specification for Electric-Resistance Welded Coiled Steel Tubing for Gas and Fuel Oil Lines" (A839-65).

13. ASTM Specification B42 "Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Pipe, Standard Sizes" (B42-62, B42-68).

14. ASTM Specification B63 "Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Tube, Bright Annealed" (B63-65, B63-68).

15. ASTM Specification B75 "Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Tube" (B75-65, B75-68).

16. ASTM Specification B88 "Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube" (B88-68).

17. ASTM Specification B251 "Standard Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Seamless Copper and Copper-Alloy Tube" (B251-66, B251-68).

18. ASTM Specification D2513 "Standard Specification for Thermoplastic Gas Pressure Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings" (D2513-66T, D2513-68).

19. ASTM Specification D2517 "Standard Specification for Reinforced Thermosetting Plastic Gas Pressure Piping and Fittings" (D2517-66T, D2517-67).

20. ASTM Specification A372 "Standard Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Forgings for Pressure Vessel Shells" (A372-67).

###### C. The American National Standards Institute, Inc.:

1. ANSI A21.1 "Thickness Design of Cast-Iron Pipe" (A21.1-1967).

2. ANSI A21.3 "Specifications for Cast Iron Pipe for Gas" (A21.3-1953).

3. ANSI A21.7 "Cast-Iron Pipe Centrifugally Cast in Metal Molds for Gas" (A21.7-1962).

4. ANSI A21.9 is titled "Cast-Iron Pipe Centrifugally Cast in Sand-Lined Molds for Gas" (A21.9-1962).

5. ANSI A21.11 "Rubber Gasket Joints for Cast-Iron Pressure Pipe and Fittings" (A21.11-1964).

6. ANSI 21.50 "Thickness Design of Ductile-Iron Pipe" (A21.50-1965).

7. ANSI A21.52 "Ductile-Iron Pipe, Centrifugally Cast, in Metal Molds or Sand-Lined Molds for Gas" (A21.52-1965).

8. ANSI B16.1 "Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings" (B16.1-1967).

9. ANSI B16.5 "Steel Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings" (B16.5-1968).

10. ANSI B16.24 "Bronze Flanges and Flanged Fittings" (B16.24-1962).

11. ANSI B36.10 "Wrought-Steel and Wrought-Iron Pipe" (B36.10-1959).

12. ANSI C1 "National Electrical Code, 1968" (C1-1968).

###### D. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers:

1. ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, section VIII is titled "Pressure Vessels, Division 1" (1968 edition).

2. ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, section IX is titled "Welding Qualifications" (1968 edition).

F. Manufacturer's Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry:

1. MSS SP-25 "Standard Marking System for Valves, Fittings, Flanges, and Union" (1964 edition).

2. MSS SP-44 "Steel Pipe Line Flanges" (1955 edition).

3. MSS SP-52 "Cast Iron Pipe Line Valves" (1957 edition).

F. National Fire Protection Association:

1. NFPA Standard 30 "Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code" (1969 edition).

2. NFPA Standard 58 "Storage and Handling, Liquefied Petroleum Gases" (1969 edition).

3. NFPA Standard 69 "LP Gases at Utility Gas Plants" (1968 edition).

4. NFPA Standard 69A "Standard for the Production, Storage and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)" (1971 edition).

#### APPENDIX B—QUALIFICATION OF PIPE

I. Listed Pipe Specifications. Numbers in parentheses indicate applicable editions.

API 5L—Steel and iron pipe (1967, 1970).

API 5LS—Steel pipe (1967, 1970).

API 5LX—Steel pipe (1967, 1970).

ASTM A53—Steel pipe (1965, 1968).

ASTM A106—Steel pipe (1968, 1968).

ASTM A134—Steel pipe (1964, 1968).

ASTM A135—Steel pipe (1964T, 1968).

ASTM A139—Steel pipe (1964, 1968).

ASTM A135—Steel pipe (1965, 1968).

ASTM A211—Steel and iron pipe (1963, 1968).

ASTM A333—Steel pipe (1964, 1967).

ASTM A377—Cast iron pipe (1966).

ASTM A381—Steel pipe (1966, 1968).

ASTM A530—Steel tubing (1965).

ANSI A21.3—Cast iron pipe (1953).

ANSI A21.7—Cast iron pipe (1962).

ANSI A21.9—Cast iron pipe (1962).

ANSI A21.52—Ductile iron pipe (1965).

ASTM A72—Wrought iron pipe (1964T, 1968).

ASTM B42—Copper pipe (1962, 1966).

ASTM B88—Copper tubing (1965, 1968).

ASTM B75—Copper tubing (1965, 1968).

ASTM B58—Copper tubing (1966).

ASTM B251—Copper pipe and tubing (1966, 1968).

ASTM D2513—Thermoplastic pipe and tubing (1966T, 1968).

ASTM D2517—Thermosetting plastic pipe and tubing (1966T, 1967).

##### II. Steel pipe of unknown or unlisted specification.

A. Bending Properties. For pipe 2 inches 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 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 Subpart E 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 in diameter, at least one test weld must be made for each 100 lengths of pipe. On pipe 4 inches 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 Vessel Code. The same number of chemical tests must be made as are required for testing a girth weld.

C. 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 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.g. or less, or the tensile properties may be established by performing tensile tests as set forth in API Standard 5LX. 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 1192.85(c).

#### APPENDIX C—QUALIFICATION FOR WELDERS OF LOW STRESS LEVEL PIPE

I. *Basic test.* The test is made on pipe 12 inches 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 1/4-inch 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 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 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.

#### 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-copper sulfate 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 an earth current technique as applied at predetermined current discharge (anodic) points of the structure.

B. *Aluminum structures.* (1) Except as provided in subparagraphs (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 subparagraphs (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 subparagraphs (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 subparagraphs (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 paragraph A(1) and (2) and paragraph B(1) of 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), 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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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED  
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF  
NEW MEXICO ON ITS OWN MOTION TO CONSIDER  
THE AMENDMENT OF RULE 116 OF THE COMMISSION  
RULES AND REGULATIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE  
REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE  
COMMISSION OF FIRE, BREAKS, LEAKS, SPILLS,  
AND BLOWOUTS OF CRUDE OIL, CONDENSATE, OR  
NATURAL OR CASINGHEAD GAS.

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CASE NO. 4945  
Order No. R-4324

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 18,  
1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation  
Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the  
"Commission".

NOW, on this 18th day of April, 1973, the Commission,  
a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented  
and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully  
advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required  
by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the  
subject matter thereof.

(2) That there is need for the amendment of Rule 116 of  
the Commission Rules and Regulations to more clearly define  
the process of notification to the Commission in the event of  
fire, spills, leaks, breaks, or blowouts at oil and gas producing,  
transporting, and processing installations in New Mexico.

(3) That said amendment should make provision for immediate  
notification to the Commission of "major" incidents in which  
large volumes are involved, or in which watercourses, streams,  
or lakes are involved, or in which there is danger to human  
health or there is reasonable probability of substantial danger  
to property.



(4) That said amendment should further make provision for later or subsequent notification to the Commission of incidents of more minor nature not involving large volumes and in which no danger to watercourses, streams, or lakes exists, and there is no threat of endangering human health or of substantial damage to property.

(5) That adoption of such amendment to Rule 116 is in the public interest, will prevent waste, and will not impair correlative rights, and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Rule 116 of the Commission Rules and Regulations is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

RULE 116. NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, LEAKS, SPILLS, AND BLOWOUTS.

The Commission shall be notified of any fire, break, leak, spill, or blowout occurring at any oil or gas drilling, producing, transporting, or processing facility in the State of New Mexico by the person operating or controlling such facility.

"Facility," for the purpose of this rule, shall include any oil or gas well, or drilling well; any pipe line through which crude oil, condensate, or casinghead or natural gas is gathered, piped, or transported (including field flow-lines and lead-lines but not including natural gas distribution systems);

any receiving tank, holding tank, or storage tank, or receiving and storage receptacle into which crude oil, condensate, or casinghead or natural gas is produced, received, or stored; any processing ~~plant~~ or refining plant in which crude oil, condensate, or casinghead or natural gas is processed or refined; and any drilling pit or slush pit associated with ~~drill~~ oil or gas well drilling operations or any storage pit or pond associated with oil or gas production or processing operations and containing hydrocarbons or hydrocarbon waste or residue, salt water, strong caustics or strong acids, or other deleterious chemicals or harmful contaminants.

Notification of such fire, break, leak, spill, or blowout shall be in accordance with the provisions set forth below:

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2. "Major" Breaks, Spills, or Leaks. Notification of breaks, spills, or leaks ~~in which~~ <sup>of</sup> 25 or more barrels of crude oil or condensate, ~~result~~ none of which reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake; breaks, spills, or leaks in which one or more barrels of crude oil or condensate does reach a watercourse or enters a stream or lake; and breaks, spills, or leaks of any magnitude which may with reasonable probability endanger human health or result in substantial damage to property, shall be "immediate notification" described below.

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4. Gas Line Breaks and Gas Leaks. Notification of gas pipe line breaks or gas leaks in which ~~1,000 or more MCF of natural or casinghead gas~~ <sup>natural or casinghead gas</sup> has escaped, or in which gas of any quantity has escaped or is escaping which may with reasonable probability endanger human health or result in substantial damage to property shall be "immediate notification" described below. Notification of gas pipe line breaks <sup>or leaks</sup> in which the loss is estimated to be ~~1~~ 1000 or more MCF of natural or casinghead gas but in which there is no danger to human health nor of substantial damage to property, shall be "subsequent notice" described below.

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6. Drilling Pits, Slush Pits, and Storage ~~and~~ Pits and Ponds <sup>and</sup> Notification of breaks and spills from any drilling pit, slush pit, or storage pit or pond in which any hydrocarbon or hydrocarbon waste or residue, salt water, strong caustic or <sup>strong</sup> acid, or other deleterious chemical or harmful contaminant endangers human health or does substantial surface damage, or reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake in such quantity as may with reasonable probability endanger human health or result in substantial damage to such watercourse, stream, or lake, or the contents thereof, shall be "immediate notification" as described below. Notification of breaks or spills of such magnitude as to not endanger human health, cause substantial surface damage, or result in substantial damage to any watercourse, stream, or lake, or the contents thereof, shall be "subsequent notice" described below, provided however, no notification shall be required where there is no threat of any damage resulting from the ~~spill~~ break or spill.

IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION. "Immediate Notification" shall be as soon as possible after discovery and shall be either in person or by telephone to the district office of the Commission district in which the incident occurs, or if the incident occurs after normal business hours, to the District Supervisor, the Oil and Gas Inspector, or the Deputy Oil and Gas Inspector. A complete written report of the incident ~~on forms provided by the Commission~~ shall be submitted in duplicate to the appropriate district office of the Commission within ten days after discovery of the incident.

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Order No. R-

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DOCKET: REGULAR HEARING - WEDNESDAY - APRIL 18, 1973

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING,  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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CASE 4944: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider the amendment of Rule 102 of the Commission Rules and Regulations to require that drilling permits for wells to be drilled within the corporate limits of a city, town, or village would not be approved unless such wells were to be drilled in accordance with applicable ordinances and had first been approved by the governing body of such city, town, or village.

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3. "Minor" Pipe Line Breaks Notification of pipe line breaks in which less than 25 barrels of crude oil or condensate is spilled none of which reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake shall be "subsequent notification" described below.

4. Gas Line Breaks Notification of gas pipe line breaks in which 1000 or more MCF of natural or casinghead gas has escaped or in which gas is escaping at

the rate of 25 or more MCF per day and gas pipe line breaks with a loss of any magnitude which may with reasonable probability endanger human health, or property, shall be "immediate notification" described below. Notification of any gas pipe line break not falling into one of the above categories shall be "subsequent notification" described below.

5. Gas Leaks If any gas well or gas pipe line or gas storage facility not a part of a gas distribution system has leaked or is leaking natural or casinghead gas to the atmosphere at the rate of 25 MCF or more per day or at any lesser rate which may with reasonable probability endanger human health, or property, notification shall be "immediate notification" described below. Notification of gas leaks not falling into one of the above categories shall be "subsequent notification" described below.

6. Tank Fires Notification of fires in tanks or other receptacles caused by lightning or any other cause, if the loss is, or it appears that the loss will be, 25 or more barrels of crude oil or condensate, or fires which may with reasonable probability endanger human health, or property, shall be "immediate notification" as described below. If the loss is, or it appears that the loss will be, less than 25 barrels, notification shall be "subsequent notification" described below.

7. Overflows, Leaks, or Spills If any tank or other receptacle runs over, or leaks, or if any pipe line leaks, or if any other spill of crude oil or condensate occurs from any other source, and the spill is 25 barrels or more, none of which reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake, or if one or more barrels does reach a watercourse or enters a stream or a lake, or if the spill is of any magnitude which may with reasonable probability endanger human health, or property, notification shall be "immediate notification" described below. If the spill is five barrels or more but less than 25 barrels none of which reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake, notification shall be "subsequent notification" described below.

IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION "Immediate notification" shall be either in person or by telephone to the district office of the Commission district in which the incident occurs, or if the incident occurs after normal business hours, to the District Supervisor, the Oil and Gas Inspector, or the Deputy Oil and Gas Inspector. A complete written report of the incident shall be submitted to the District Office and the Santa Fe office of the Commission within 48 hours after the incident.

SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION "Subsequent notification" shall be a written report of the incident and shall be submitted to the district office of the Commission district in which the incident occurred and to the Santa Fe office of the Commission within five days after the incident.

CONTENT OF NOTIFICATION All reports of fires, breaks, leaks, spills, or blowouts, whether verbal or written, shall identify the location of the incident by quarter-quarter section, township, and range, and by distance and direction from the nearest town or prominent landmark so that the exact site of the incident can be readily located on the ground. The report shall specify the nature and quantity of the loss and also the general conditions prevailing in the area, including precipitation, temperature, and soil conditions. The report shall also detail the measures that have been taken and are being taken to remedy the situation reported.

WATERCOURSE, for the purpose of this rule, is defined as any depression, gully, draw, stream bed, wash, arroyo, or natural or man-made channel through which water flows or has flowed.

STATEMENT OF PETER HANAGAN IN BEHALF OF NEW MEXICO OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION  
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CASE 4945: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RULE 116  
NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, LEAKS, SPILLS, AND BLOWOUTS

THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY IS WELL AWARE THAT THE COMMISSION EXERCISES REASON AND GOOD SENSE IN INTERPRETING ITS RULES. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO CLARIFY, TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING, AND TO FORESTALL UNREASONABLE INTERPRETATION BY OTHERS, WE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED CHANGES TO RULE 116 AS PROPOSED.

WE RECOMMEND THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF RULE 116 BE REARRANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

THE COMMISSION SHALL BE NOTIFIED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH BELOW, BY PERSONS OPERATING OR CONTROLLING ANY OIL OR GAS WELL, OR ANY DRILLING WELL, OR ANY PIPE LINE THROUGH WHICH CRUDE OIL, CONDENSATE, OR CASINGHEAD OR NATURAL GAS IS GATHERED, PIPED, OR TRANSPORTED (INCLUDING FIELD FLOW-LINES AND LEAD-LINES BUT NOT INCLUDING NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS), OR ANY RECEIVING TANK, HOLDING TANK, OR STORAGE TANK, OR RECEIVING AND STORAGE RECEPTACLE INTO WHICH CRUDE OIL, CONDENSATE, OR CASINGHEAD OR NATURAL GAS IS PRODUCED, RECEIVED, OR STORED, AND FROM WHICH OCCURS A FIRE, BREAK, LEAK, SPILL, OR BLOWOUT.

THE REARRANGED LANGUAGE MAKES IT CLEARER THAT THE DUTY TO NOTIFY APPLIES ONLY TO PERSONS OPERATING OR CONTROLLING THE FACILITIES SPECIFIED AND ONLY UPON OCCURRENCE OF A FIRE, BREAK, LEAK, SPILL OR BLOWOUT FROM FACILITIES UNDER HIS OPERATION OR CONTROL.

WITH RESPECT TO "2. MAJOR PIPE LINES" AND "3. MINOR PIPE LINE BREAKS" WE RECOMMEND SUBSTITUTION OF THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

2. "MAJOR" BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS. NOTIFICATION OF BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS IN WHICH 25 OR MORE BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL OR CONDENSATE RESULT NONE OF WHICH REACH A WATERCOURSE OR ENTER A STREAM OR LAKE; BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS IN WHICH ONE OR MORE BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL OR CONDENSATE DOES REACH A WATERCOURSE OR ENTERS A STREAM OR LAKE, AND BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS OF ANY MAGNITUDE WHICH MAY WITH REASONABLE PROBABILITY ENDANGER HUMAN HEALTH OR RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, SHALL BE "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION" DESCRIBED BELOW.

3. "MINOR" BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS. NOTIFICATION OF BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS, IN WHICH 5 BARRELS OR MORE BUT LESS THAN 25 BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL OR CONDENSATE RESULT NONE OF WHICH REACH A WATERCOURSE OR ENTER A STREAM OR LAKE SHALL BE "SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION" DESCRIBED BELOW.

OUR PROPOSED LANGUAGE ELIMINATES THE DIFFICULTY OF HAVING TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TERMS "BREAKS", "SPILLS" AND "LEAKS". IT TREATS ALL SUCH OCCURRENCES ALIKE. IT ALSO ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR "7. OVERFLOWS, LEAKS OR SPILLS" BY COMBINING MATTERS THERE COVERED INTO PARAGRAPHS 2. AND 3.

OUR PROPOSED LANGUAGE ALSO WOULD REQUIRE NO NOTIFICATION FOR MINOR PIPE LINE BREAKS OF LESS THAN 5 BARRELS. THIS BRINGS PIPE LINE BREAKS INTO LINE WITH THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS FOR LEAKS AND SPILLS PRESENTLY COVERED IN PARAGRAPH 7.

IN PARAGRAPHS 2, AND 3, (AND AS IT APPEARS ELSEWHERE IN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS), WE RECOMMEND THAT THE PHRASE "OR PROPERTY" BE CHANGED TO READ "OR RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY". IT IS LIKELY THAT MOST BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS WILL DAMAGE PROPERTY TO SOME EXTENT. WE BELIEVE IT IS THE COMMISSION'S INTENT THAT THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPLY ONLY TO BREAKS, SPILLS OR LEAKS RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

WITH RESPECT TO "4. GAS LINE BREAKS" AND "5. GAS LEAKS", WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTION:

GAS LINE BREAKS OR GAS LEAKS. NOTIFICATION OF GAS PIPE LINE BREAKS OR GAS LEAKS IN WHICH NATURAL OR CASINGHEAD GAS HAS ESCAPED, WHICH MAY WITH REASONABLE PROBABILITY ENDANGER HEALTH OR RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY SHALL BE "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION" DESCRIBED BELOW.

IF PARAGRAPH .4 AND .5 AS PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION ARE ADOPTED, THE OPERATOR WILL BE HARD PUT TO DETERMINE THE VOLUME FLOW RATE ESCAPING FROM THE LEAKS OR BREAKS. IN MOST CASES IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO DETERMINE THE RATE FROM A LEAK OR BREAK IN A GATHERING SYSTEM. FIRST, IN DISCOVERING THE LEAK OR BREAK, THE OPERATOR WOULD SHUT IN THE SYSTEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT MEASURING THE RATE. SECOND, IF THE SYSTEM DOES NOT HAVE A MEASURING DEVICE ON THE LINE, THE OPERATOR WOULD NOT HAVE ANY METHOD FOR MEASURING THE VOLUME. THIRD, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MEASURE FLOW RATES FROM LEAKS. THE RULE WOULD THEREFORE BE UNENFORCEABLE.

THE RATES STATED IN PARAGRAPHS .4 AND .5 OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS SHOULD BE ELIMINATED FOR THE REASON THAT REPORTING SHOULD BE BASED ON THE EFFECTS OF THE BREAKS OR LEAKS ON THE ENVIRONMENT. IF ANY VOLUME OF GAS ESCAPES AND ENDANGERS HEALTH OR RESULTS IN SUBSTANTIAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, IT SHOULD BE "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION". ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE LEAK OR BREAK IS NOT LOCATED WHERE HEALTH IS ENDANGERED OR PROPERTY DAMAGED, IT SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE REPORTED. HEALTH OR PROPERTY CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE THE CONTROLLING FACTORS FOR REPORTING, NOT DESIGNATED VOLUME FLOW RATES.

WE RECOMMEND THAT "6. TANK FIRES" BE AMENDED TO ADD "OR RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY" IN PLACE OF "OR PROPERTY", AND THAT NO NOTIFICATION BE REQUIRED FOR LOSSES UNDER 5 BARRELS. IT WOULD THUS READ:

6. TANK FIRES NOTIFICATION OF FIRES IN TANKS OR OTHER RECEPTACLES CAUSED BY LIGHTNING OR ANY OTHER CAUSE, IF THE LOSS IS, OR IT APPEARS THAT THE LOSS WILL BE, 25 OR MORE BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL OR CONDENSATE, OR FIRES WHICH MAY WITH REASONABLE PROBABILITY ENDANGER HUMAN HEALTH OR RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY SHALL BE "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION" AS DESCRIBED BELOW. IF THE LOSS IS, OR IT APPEARS THAT THE LOSS WILL BE AT LEAST 5 BARRELS BUT LESS THAN 25 BARRELS, NOTIFICATION SHALL BE "SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION" DESCRIBED BELOW.

WITH RESPECT TO "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION", WE FEEL THAT REQUIRING A WRITTEN REPORT WITHIN 48 HOURS IS UNREASONABLE AND COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. SINCE THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE INCIDENT IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE, A WRITTEN REPORT WITHIN 48 HOURS WILL

ADD FEW IF ANY FACTS NOT ALREADY KNOWN. A LONGER TIME FOR WRITTEN REPORTS WILL PROVIDE A MORE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE INCIDENT AND GREATER DETAIL OF THE MEASURES TAKEN TO REMEDY THE SITUATION REPORTED. WE URGE ALLOWANCE OF 15 DAYS FOR WRITTEN REPORTS UNDER "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION" AS WELL AS UNDER "SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION". WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT WRITTEN REPORTS BE MADE ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION. THE INDUSTRY WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH THE COMMISSION TO PREPARE SUCH FORMS. IF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ADOPTED THE SUBJECT SECTION WOULD READ:

IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION. <sup>POSSIBLE</sup> "IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION" SHALL BE EITHER IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE AS SOON AS ~~PRACTICABLE~~ AFTER DISCOVERY TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION DISTRICT IN WHICH THE INCIDENT OCCURS, OR IF THE INCIDENT OCCURS AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS, TO THE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, THE OIL AND GAS INSPECTOR, OR THE DEPUTY OIL AND GAS INSPECTOR. A COMPLETE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE INCIDENT ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE TO THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT.

SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION. "SUBSEQUENT NOTIFICATION" SHALL BE A WRITTEN REPORT OF THE INCIDENT ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION AND SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION DISTRICT IN WHICH THE INCIDENT OCCURRED WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT.

THE DEFINITION OF WATERCOURSE APPEARS TO BE SO BROAD THAT "IF LITERALLY APPLIED" IT WOULD INCLUDE PRACTICALLY ANY IRREGULARITY ON THE SURFACE OF THE LAND. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE DEFINITION BE REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

WATERCOURSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS RULE IS DEFINED AS ANY IDENTIFIABLE STREAM BED, WASH, ARROYO, OR NATURAL OR MAN-MADE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH WATER REGULARLY OR INTERMITTENTLY FLOWS.