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PSC Regulations

- 807 KAR 5:027. Gas pipeline safety; reports of leaks;
- Section 6. Inspection prior to service connection. Each operator shall perform a leak test on all piping downstream from the meter for gas leaks, each time gas is turned on, by performing a dial check or pressure test in accordance with accepted industry practices when all appliances are turned off. The operator shall refuse to turn on gas until all gas leaks so disclosed have been properly repaired.

PSC Regulations

- Section 5. Odorization of Gas. Each Operator shall conduct sampling of combustible gases to assure proper concentrations of odorant in accordance with this section. (1) The operator shall sample gases in each separately odorized system at approximate furthest point from in-jection of odorant or sampling point(s) identified by engineering studies.
- (2) Sampling shall be conducted with equipment designed to detect and verify proper level of odorant.
- (3) Separately odorized systems with ten (10) or fewer customers shall be sampled for proper odorant level at least once each ninety-five (95) days.
- (4) Separately odorized systems with more than ten (10) customers shall be sampled for proper odorant level at least once every thirty (30) days.

CFR PART 192.615 (b) 2

- b) Each operator shall:
 - (1) Furnish its supervisors who are responsible for emergency action a copy of that portion of the latest edition of the emergency procedures established under paragraph (a) of this section as necessary for compliance with those procedures.
 - (2) **Train** the appropriate operating personnel to assure that they are knowledgeable of the emergency procedures and verify that the training is effective.

CFR PART 192.615

(c) Each operator shall establish and maintain liaison with appropriate fire, police, and other public officials to:

- (1) Learn the responsibility and resources of each government organization that may respond to a gas pipeline emergency;**
- (2) Acquaint the officials with the operator's ability in responding to a gas pipeline emergency;**
- (3) Identify the types of gas pipeline emergencies of which the operator notifies the officials; and**
- (4) Plan how the operator and officials can engage in mutual assistance to minimize hazards to life or property.**

PHMSA Reporting

- ***Incident* means any of the following events:**
- (1) An event that involves a release of gas from a pipeline, gas from an underground natural gas storage facility, liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, refrigerant gas, or gas from an LNG facility, and that results in one or more of the following consequences:
 - (i) A death, or personal injury necessitating in-patient hospitalization;
 - (ii) Estimated property damage of \$50,000 or more, including loss to the operator and others, or both, but excluding cost of gas lost; or
 - (iii) Unintentional estimated gas loss of three million cubic feet or more.
- (2) An event that results in an emergency shutdown of an LNG facility or an underground natural gas storage facility. Activation of an emergency shutdown system for reasons other than an actual emergency does not constitute an incident.
- (3) An event that is significant in the judgment of the operator, even though it did not meet the criteria of paragraph (1) or (2) of this definition.

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IN THE EYES of the PSC

Rule # 1 If it isn't written down, it didn't happen.

Rule # 2 If it isn't written down properly, you're not sure exactly what happened. (I Fixed the leak, stack of leak reports)



CFR Part 192.805

- (h) After December 16, 2004, provide **training**, as appropriate, to ensure that individuals performing covered tasks have the necessary knowledge and skills to perform the tasks in a manner that ensures the safe operation of pipeline facilities; and



TAG GRANT

- Good afternoon. The FY 2019 Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Notice of Funding Opportunity was published on www.Grants.gov on March 8, 2019, and closes on May 3, 2019. The Funding Opportunity Number is 693JK319NF0002. PHMSA's TAG program provides funding to local communities and non-profit organizations for technical assistance related to pipeline safety issues and can be used for engineering or other scientific analysis of pipeline safety issues. The funding can be used to promote public participation in official proceedings. For purposes of grants eligibility, communities are defined as cities, towns, villages, counties, parishes, townships, and similar governmental subdivisions, or consortia of such subdivisions. A nongovernmental group of individuals is eligible for a grant under the TAG program if its members are affected or potentially affected individuals who are incorporated as a non-profit organization in the state where they are located. The maximum award is \$100,000 and there is a total of \$1,500,000 available for FY 2019.



2019 PSC Focus

- Operators Gas Loss
- Operators Leak Surveys
- Protocol 9
- Leaks and Repairs
- OQ Certifications
- 3rd Party Contractors
- Construction Inspections

2019 Outlook

- New Inspector
- Class May 7, 2019 Marriot Griffin Gate
- PHMSA KY State Audit – August
- Damage Prevention Enforcement
- PHMSA TQ SEMINAR SEPTEMBER 17 & 18
- October KGA Showcase

Questions



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DIG LAW

Any person who violates any provision of the Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act of 1994, KRS 367.4901 to 367.4917, that involves **damage** to a facility containing any flammable, toxic, corrosive, or hazardous material or results in the release of any flammable, toxic, corrosive, or hazardous material shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each offense. The penalties of this subsection are not in conflict with and are in addition to civil damages for personal injury or property damage.