

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
GAS SERVICES DIVISION**

**GAS UTILITIES  
INFORMATION BULLETIN**

**No. 702**



**RAILROAD COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS**

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GUD Nos. 9267-9270, 9278-9279 & 9284-9288, Appeals by TXU Gas Distribution of Ordinances Adopted by the Cities of Leander, Greenville, Burnet, Corsicana, Manor, Bertram, Gatesville, Longview and Denton. (Order Requiring Oral Argument and Extending Deadline for Ruling on Interim Appeal)

GUD No. 9294, Statement of Intent to Change Rates in Unincorporated Areas Served by CoServ Gas, Ltd. (Final Order)

GUD No. 9304, Statement of Intent of TXU Lone Star Pipeline to Establish an Integrity and Safety Assessment for Recovery of Pipeline Integrity Assessment and Management Expenses and Class Location Changes. (Suspension Order)

GUD No. 9292, Statement of Intent filed by TXU Lone Star Pipeline to Establish Rates. (Dismissal Order)

**SECTION 1  
NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED**

**DOCKET NO.** -- 9308  
**CAPTION** -- Rules/Policies-Legal Stds/Proc.  
**DATE FILED** -- June 18, 2002  
**FILED BY** -- Commission's Own Motion  
**EXAMINER** --

**DOCKET NO.** -- 9310  
**CAPTION** -- Statement of Intent filed by Greenlight Gas to change its gas transportation rate for service to the following cities and nearby unincorporated areas: Clarendon, Dodson, Dizier, Estelline, Hedley, Lakeview, Lelia, Lake, Lutie, Memphis, Newlin, Paducah, Samnorwood and Wellington.  
**DATE FILED** -- June 12, 2002  
**FILED BY** -- Jamie Nielson  
**EXAMINER** --

**DOCKET NO.** -- 9311  
**CAPTION** -- Inquiry into the failure of Panther Natural Gas Company to comply with safety standards.  
**DATE FILED** -- June 21, 2002  
**FILED BY** -- Commission's Own Motion  
**EXAMINER** -- Barbara Epstein

**DOCKET NO.** -- 9312  
**CAPTION** -- Application of Kinder Morgan Texas Pipeline, LP for review of the sale of natural gas pipeline systems to Copano Field Services/Live Oak, LP  
**DATE FILED** -- June 24, 2002  
**FILED BY** -- Lee Baskin  
**EXAMINER** -- Zuleida Cruz

**SECTION 2  
APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

None at this time.

**SECTION 3  
STATUS OF PENDING CASES**

**SECTION 4  
NOTICES OF DISMISSAL**

STATEMENT OF INTENT OF  
TXU LONE STAR PIPELINE  
TO ESTABLISH RATES

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GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9292

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

Notice of Open Meeting to consider this Order was duly posted with the Secretary of State within the time provided by law pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Chapter 551 (Vernon 1994 and Vernon Supp. 2002).

On April 5, 2002, TXU Lone Star Pipeline (TXU) filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) a statement of intent to establish rates to recover the costs of constructing and operating a 76.5mile, 24-inch pipeline, pursuant to TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. § 104.102 (Vernon 1998). TXU's requested effective date is June 26, 2002.

The pipeline for which TXU seeks recovery through rates has not been constructed and is not currently used and useful in providing utility service to the public. The Commission, therefore, finds that it lacks the statutory authority to establish rates to recover the costs of the proposed pipeline. The Commission finds that it would serve no legitimate public purpose to conduct a hearing in this docket because, as a matter of law, the Commission cannot approve the relief requested.

The Commission may dismiss, with or without prejudice, any proceeding under such conditions and for such reasons as are found to be just and reasonable, including, if necessary, in the interest of justice. TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.126(6) (West 2002).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS** that the statement of intent filed by TXU Lone Star Pipeline is hereby **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

SIGNED this 25th day of June, 2002.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS  
CHAIRMAN

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES R. MATTHEWS  
COMMISSIONER

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TONY GARZA  
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:  
/s/ Kim Williamson \_\_\_\_\_  
SECRETARY

**SECTION 5**  
**ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION**

APPEALS BY TXU GAS DISTRIBUTION OF ORDINANCES	:	
ADOPTED BY THE CITIES OF LEANDER, GREENVILLE,	:	GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NOS. 9267-9270, 9278-9279 &
BURNET, CORSICANA, MANOR, BERTRAM,	:	9284-9288
GATESVILLE, LONGVIEW & DENTON	:	

**ORDER REQUIRING ORAL ARGUMENT AND**  
**EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR RULING ON INTERIM APPEAL**

Notice of Open Meeting to consider this Order was duly posted with the Secretary of State within the time provided by law pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Chapter 551 (Vernon 1994 and Vernon Supp. 2002).

TXU Gas Distribution (TXU) appealed to the Commission nine Notice Ordinances and two Rate Filing Package (RFP) Ordinances alleging that the ordinances conflict with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, modify the statutory criteria and timeline to institute rate increases, improperly discriminate in favor of municipal utilities, and create an unreasonable burden on ratepayers. The ordinances in question required gas utilities to include additional information in statements of intent and in notices that are provided to gas utility customers upon the filing of a statement of intent. The Cities of Leander, Greenville, Burnet, Corsicana, Manor, Bertram, Gatesville, Longview & Denton (Cities) filed motions to dismiss alleging that the Commission lacks jurisdiction.

On May 24, 2002, the State Office of Administrative Hearings Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued her Order No. 7 denying the motions to dismiss filed by the Cities. On June 3, 2002, the Cities filed an appeal of this interim ruling asking that the Commission reverse the Administrative Law Judge and grant the motions to dismiss. TXU timely filed a Response to the Appeal. The Texas Municipal League and the Texas City Attorneys Association filed an Amici Curiae Brief in support of the Cities' appeal.

The Commission considered this matter on July 9, 2002, and determined that it was appropriate to hear oral argument from the parties on the issues raised by the appeal.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS** that the parties present oral argument on the interim appeal. The date and time for the presentation of oral arguments will be determined at a later time and all parties will be notified.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** the deadline for ruling on the interim appeal is extended until further ordered by the Commission.

SIGNED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

/s/ Michael L. Williams  
MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS,  
CHAIRMAN

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CHARLES R. MATTHEWS  
COMMISSIONER

/s/ Tony Garza  
TONY GARZA  
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Williamson  
SECRETARY

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES  
IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS SERVED BY  
COSERV GAS LTD.

GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9294

### FINAL ORDER

Notice of Open Meeting to consider this Order was duly posted with the Secretary of State within the time period provided by law pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Chapter 551 *et seq.* (Vernon 1994 & Supp. 2002). The Railroad Commission of Texas adopts the following findings of fact and conclusions of law and orders as follows:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. CoServ Gas, Ltd., (CoServ) owns and operates a natural gas distribution system in the unincorporated areas of Castle Hill Subdivision (Denton County); Lantana Subdivision (Denton County); Environs of Ponder (Denton County); Environs of Prosper (Collin County); Windmill Farms Subdivision (Kaufman County).
2. On April 16, 2002, CoServ filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) a Statement of Intent to increase rates within the communities served by it.
3. CoServ requested an effective date of May 21, 2002. On May 9, 2002, the Commission suspended the implementation of CoServ's proposed rates for 150 days beyond the proposed effective date, or until October 18, 2002.
4. The proposed change to CoServ's rates will not increase its aggregate revenues more than the greater of \$100,000 or 2 2 percent.
5. No protests relative to CoServ's statement of intent before the Commission in this docket have been filed.
6. CoServ provided adequate notice to customers by mailing the notice to each of its customers.
7. CoServ seeks to modify its rates by revising its gas cost recovery mechanism to include a provision for the recovery of interest on over- or under-recovered gas costs.
8. The proposed recovery factor is intended to be revenue neutral; however, reconciliations that reveal under-recoveries in excess of over-recoveries could result in slight increased costs to customers due to interest charges.
9. CoServ also seeks to include a transition provision to provide for a full reconciliation of any over- or under-collections which might remain unreconciled due to the change in the gas cost recovery mechanism.
10. The proposed revisions are incorporated into the tariff provision attached as Exhibit A hereto.
11. The proposed tariff provisions, as modified, will allow for a more accurate and timely tracking and reconciliation of gas costs.
12. The special transition provision, as modified, is a reasonable way to bridge between CoServ's previous gas cost recovery tariff provisions and the new gas cost recovery provisions.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. CoServ is a gas utility as defined in TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §§101.003(7), 121.001 (Vernon Supp. 2002) and is subject to the

Commission's jurisdiction under TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §§ 104.001, 121.051 (Vernon 1998).

2. The Commission has exclusive original jurisdiction over CoServ and CoServ's application. TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §102.001 (Vernon Supp. 2002).
3. The proposed change to CoServ's rates is not a major change and therefore no hearing is required; no complaints were received within 45 days of the date notice of the increase was filed and, therefore, the Commission may use an informal proceeding to review the application. TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §104.105 (Vernon 1998).
4. The rate design recommended in the findings of fact are just and reasonable, are not unreasonably preferential, prejudicial, or discriminatory, and are sufficient, equitable, and consistent in application to each class of consumers, as required by TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §104.003 (Vernon 1998).
5. CoServ has met its burden of proving that the proposed rates are just and reasonable, under TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §104.008 (Vernon 1998).
6. The cost of gas clause in its tariff attached as Exhibit A is just and reasonable, under 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 7.55 (West 2002).

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS** that CoServ is authorized to implement the rate changes described in its Statement of Intent, as modified relative to the proposed gas cost recovery clause and the transition provision set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within thirty (30) days of the date of this order CoServ shall file tariffs that accurately reflect the rate design approved by the Commission in this proceeding.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT** all Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law not specifically adopted herein are **DENIED**.

SIGNED this 25th day of June, 2002.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS  
CHAIRMAN

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES R. MATTHEWS  
COMMISSIONER

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TONY GARZA  
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Williamson \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY

STATEMENT OF INTENT OF TXU LONE STAR PIPELINE TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRITY AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT FOR RECOVERY OF PIPELINE INTEGRITY ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT EXPENSES AND CLASS LOCATION CHANGES

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GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9304

**SUSPENSION ORDER**

Notice of Open Meeting to consider this Order was duly posted with the Secretary of State within the time provided by law pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Chapter 551 (Vernon 1994 and Vernon Supp. 2002).

On May 8, 2002, TXU Lone Star Pipeline (TXU) filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) a statement of intent to establish an assessment for recovery of pipeline integrity assessment and management expenses and class location changes, pursuant to TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. ' 104.102 (Vernon 1998). TXU's requested effective date is July 1, 2002.

A legal issue has been raised as to whether the time constraints set out in Chapter 104 of the Texas Utility Code apply in this docket. Without deciding that issue now, the Commission nevertheless recognizes that it has the authority to suspend proposed rates that are subject to those time deadlines for a period of one hundred fifty (150) days from the date on which the rates would otherwise become effective, pursuant to TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. § 104.107(a)(2) (Vernon Supp. 2002). The Commission requires additional time in this docket to consider the propriety of the rates proposed by TXU. If subject to the time constraints of Chapter 104, a suspension order will extend the implementation of any proposed rate for a period of one hundred fifty (150) days from the date on which rates might otherwise become effective.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS** that the rates proposed in TXU Lone Star Pipeline's application are **SUSPENDED** for a period of one hundred fifty (150) days from the date the rates would otherwise go into effect.

SIGNED this 25th day of June, 2002.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

/s/  
MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS  
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**SECTION 6  
MISCELLANEOUS**

**STEVE PITNER, GAS SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR**

**1. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

**A. Publications**

1. Texas Utilities Code Titles 3 and 4. Special Rules of Practice and Procedure and Substantive Rules - \$15.00
2. a. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001 – Now available via the Commission’s website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents01.html>
  - a. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2000 - \$17.00 (includes statistical data for 1999)
  - b. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999 - \$9.00 (includes statistical data for 1998)
  - c. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1998 - \$7.00 (includes statistical data for 1997)
3. January 2000 Pipeline Safety Rules - \$24.00, includes: 49 CFR 191 & 192 and 16 TAC Sections 7.70-7.74 (gas) 49 CFR 193 (LNG); 49 CFR 195 and 16 TAC Sections 7.80-7.87 (hazardous liquids); 49 CFR 40 and 199 (drug testing).
4. Distribution and/or Gas Transmission Review forms for Adequacy of Operation, Maintenance and Emergency Manual - To obtain a copy of review forms at no charge, send a request with a self addressed envelope (10" x 13"preferably) with \$0.98 postage.
5. Six MCF Monthly Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Twenty-five Texas Cities - \$2.00 – Now available via the Commission’s website at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/sixmcf.html>

Anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of any of the publications or maps listed in Section A should contact the Gas Services Division, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, (512) 463-7167.

**B. Interest Rate on Customer Deposits**

We have been advised by the Public Utility Commission that the interest rate to be applied to customer deposits in calendar year 2002 is 6.00%. All gas utilities should use this rate.

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**B. Monthly Summary (March)**

No. of distribution safety evaluations - 98  
No. of transmission safety evaluations - 70  
No. of liquid safety evaluations - 27  
No. of leak/calls - 42  
No. of accident investigations - 6  
No. of special investigations - 28

**C. Reporting of Pipeline Accidents**1) NATURAL GAS

Accidents on intrastate gas systems involving \$5,000 property damage, a fatality or injuries, gas ignition, or that are judged significant must be reported by telephone within two hours, and the written report filed within thirty (30) days. Call the 24-hour emergency phone number (512)463-6788 to report an accident. For your convenience this priority phone line is used only to report emergencies.

2) HAZARDOUS LIQUIDS

Accidents on intrastate hazardous liquid pipelines reportable under 49 CFR Sections 195.50 and 195.52 and 16 TAC Section 7.84(a) must be reported by telephone within two hours and the required written report filed within thirty (30) days. Call the 24-hour emergency phone number (512)463-6788 to report an accident. For your convenience this priority phone line is used only to report emergencies.

**Rules and Regulations:**

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[Notices]  
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Pipeline Safety: Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Mapping

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of advisory bulletin.

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SUMMARY: The Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) is issuing this advisory to gas distribution, gas transmission, and hazardous liquid pipeline systems. Owners and operators should review their information and mapping systems to ensure that the operator has clear, accurate, and useable information on the location and characteristics of all pipes, valves, regulators, and other pipeline elements for use in emergency response, pipe location and marking, and pre-construction planning. This includes ensuring that construction records, maps, and operating history are readily available to appropriate operating, maintenance, and emergency response personnel.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Huriaux, (202) 366-4565; Steve Fischer, (202) 366-6267; or by e-mail, [steve.fischer@rspa.dot.gov](mailto:steve.fischer@rspa.dot.gov). This document can be viewed at the OPS home page at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

The need for accurate maps of pipeline systems has been highlighted by pipeline accidents in which the lack of accurate maps contributed to an accident or inhibited effective emergency response. The National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) Safety Recommendation P-

87-34 urged RSPA to revise the pipeline safety regulations ``to require that gas company system maps and records be maintained accurately to identify the locations, size, and operation[al] pressure of all their pipelines." Most recently, in Safety Recommendation P-97-19, NTSB emphasized the need for RSPA/OPS to ``develop mapping standards for a common [pipeline] mapping system, with a goal to actively promote its widespread use." NTSB recommends that pipeline mapping should consider the amount of detail and the accuracy of information necessary for effective use. These recommendations resulted from a series of accidents in which a lack of accurate maps played a role. A typical problem described by the NTSB included workers at a college campus in Connecticut that searched for more than a half hour to find the shut-off valve after excavation damage to a telephone cable. The gas line and valves were not marked on maps. Another was the 1996 gas explosion in San Juan, Puerto Rico, which resulted in 33 fatalities and 69 injuries. A lack of accurate information on and maps of the underground piping system was cited as a factor contributing to this excavation-caused accident.

NTSB noted that damage prevention programs often use many different types of maps, ranging from city road maps to grid systems based on State coordinate systems. Pipeline engineers, maintenance workers, repair crews, and emergency responders are forced to use a variety of data sources to locate underground piping and facilities, including land use maps, zoning maps, tax assessor maps, easement descriptions, highway and transportation network maps, topographic maps, construction permit drawings, construction plans, and aerial photographs.

NTSB also noted that different utilities and pipeline companies may use maps that vary in scale, resolution, data formats, notational systems, and accuracy. Some pipelines have imaged older paper-based diagrams and maps and some have developed fully digitized mapping systems. The accuracy of the underlying information on these maps is often problematical. For example, the digital maps may not reflect the uncertainties inherent in the original paper source maps. In addition, many mapping systems lack any information on abandoned facilities, without which excavators may mistake the abandoned facility for an active, potentially dangerous, pipeline.

Maps and other locational records maintained by gas companies and other underground facility operators are the most common source of information

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about these facilities. The pipeline safety regulations for both gas and hazardous liquid operators require operators to (1) Maintain current records and maps of the location of their facilities for use in operations, maintenance, and emergency response activities (e.g., surveillance, leak surveys, cathodic protection, abnormal operations response, etc.); (2) establish active damage prevention programs, including participation in local one-call notification programs, outreach to local construction and excavation companies, ensuring accurate location and marking of pipeline facilities, and explanation of this system of markings to persons who give notice of their intent to excavate near a pipeline; and, (3) hire and train employees and contractors to safely perform their duties, including both routine and emergency operations.

All gas and hazardous liquid pipeline operators must maintain an operating and maintenance plan that includes procedures for making construction records, maps, and operating history available to appropriate operating personnel to enable them to safely and effectively perform their duties (49 CFR 192.605 and 195.402). Furthermore, the hazardous liquid pipeline regulations at 49 CFR 195.404 explicitly require that the maps and records must include, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) Location and identification of pipeline facilities.
- (2) All crossings of public roads, railroads, rivers, buried utilities, and foreign pipelines.
- (3) The maximum operating pressure of each pipeline.
- (4) The diameter, grade, type, and nominal wall thickness of all pipe. Not all this information need be on maps, but must be readily available to appropriate personnel.

Operators also need to ensure that abandoned facilities are not inadvertently identified as active. This is especially important in locating gas mains and service lines in congested urban environments. Operator maps that are used for one-call response and pipeline location and marking should clearly distinguish pipelines that do or could contain gas or hazardous liquids (pipeline that have not been purged and cleaned and are available for service on short notice) from those lines that are abandoned (purged, cleaned, and pipe ends sealed) and do not contain gas or hazardous liquids.

Operators have a responsibility to maintain construction records, maps, and operating history and to make this information available to appropriate operating personnel to enable them to safely and effectively perform their duties. Therefore, RSPA/OPS is issuing this advisory bulletin to all pipeline operators to emphasize the operator's responsibility to: (1) Accurately locate and clearly mark key pipeline features and other information needed for effective emergency response on company maps and records; (2) keep these maps and records up-to-date as pipeline construction and modifications take place; (3) be knowledgeable about their abandoned lines and to keep data on their location to further eliminate confusion with active lines during construction or emergency response activities; and (4) communicate pipeline information and maps to appropriate operating, maintenance, and emergency response personnel.

RSPA/OPS has been working to develop a national mapping system for use by Federal and State pipeline inspectors. The National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) collects selected data on natural gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipelines. The NPMS data standards are consistent with the policies of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) and the mapping application uses commercial mapping software. Although the data submissions to the NPMS are limited in comparison to the requirements for the detailed maps used by pipeline operators, these standards emphasize the importance of using accurate geospatial data, multiuser access, and standardized pipeline

mapping data. RSPA's/OPS's intention in creating a mapping standard is to harmonize efforts across federal and state agencies to set criteria for map quality and to have a uniform standard for various mapping purposes.

Another initiative to improve the accuracy of information in pipeline location is RSPA's/OPS's issuance of a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for research and development proposals on damage prevention and leak detection, including development of advanced pipe location technologies. Furthermore, RSPA/OPS is finalizing a Cooperative Agreement with the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) to assist with public education at the national, state, and local levels and to provide state and local officials with information and tools to help their residents live safely with pipelines, and to become familiar with pipeline locations. The CGA is examining and promoting practices that have proven to effectively reduce the risk of damage to underground facilities, including pipeline data and mapping systems. We urge all pipeline operators to contribute to pipeline research and development on location technologies and to work with CGA to improve and standardize pipeline mapping systems. This includes the promotion of consistent mapping symbols for pipeline components and common notational systems.

We are also working with our inspectors and our pipeline safety partners in the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives to focus during standard inspections on ensuring that operators are maintaining clear and current records and maps. Moreover, we are also ensuring during inspections of operator qualification programs that pipeline operations and maintenance workers have demonstrated their ability to use company maps and records for timely and decisive emergency response, as well as to support accurate underground facility marking. We recognize that operators and excavators should never rely solely on maps before beginning an excavation near a buried utility, but should fully comply with state underground excavation laws and pipe locating technologies.

## II. Advisory Bulletin (ADB-02-03)

To: Owners and Operators of Gas Distribution Systems.

Subject: Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Mapping.

Purpose: To advise owners and operators of gas distribution, gas transmission, and hazardous liquid pipeline systems of the need to maintain and review construction records, maps, and operating history, and to make this information available to operating, maintenance, and emergency response personnel.

Advisory: Owners and operators of gas distribution, gas transmission, and hazardous liquid pipeline systems should ensure that accurate construction records, maps, and operating history are available to appropriate operating, maintenance, and emergency response personnel. The maps or associated records should provide the following information:

- (1) Location and identification of pipeline facilities, including key features needed in emergency response.
- (2) Crossings of roads, railroads, rivers, buried utilities, and pipelines.
- (3) The maximum operating pressure of each pipeline.
- (4) The diameter, grade, type, and nominal wall thickness of pipe.

RSPA urges every pipeline operator to (1) accurately locate and clearly mark on company maps and records key pipeline features and other information needed for effective emergency response; (2) keep these maps and records up-to-date as pipeline construction and modifications take place; (3) ensure that

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its personnel are knowledgeable about the location of abandoned pipelines and to keep data on their location in order to further eliminate confusion with active pipelines during construction or emergency response activities; and (4) communicate pipeline information and maps to appropriate operating, maintenance, and emergency response personnel. Operators are also encouraged to collaborate with the Common Ground Alliance and the Federal and State pipeline safety programs to improve all phases of underground facility damage prevention, including improved mapping standards; and to work toward developing and using, to the maximum feasible extent, consistent mapping symbols and notational systems.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 6, 2002.

Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4470]

Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Gas Pipeline Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice; Meeting of Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee.

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**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC), the gas pipeline advisory committee, will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Washington, DC. The TPSSC will be advising the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) and voting on the proposed definition of High Consequence Areas (HCA) for Gas Transmission Operators which was published on January 9, 2002 (67 FR 1108). This definition will be referenced in an upcoming proposed rule on Pipeline Integrity Management in HCAs (Gas Transmission Pipeline Operators).

OPS will brief the TPSSC on integrity management concepts for gas pipelines and on the comments received in response to previous notices. In addition, OPS will present the draft cost-benefit analysis prepared for the upcoming proposed rule on integrity management programs for gas transmission pipelines. Because of the importance of this rule, OPS is providing the regulatory evaluation for peer review by the TPSSC before the proposed rule has been finalized.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public may attend the meetings at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

The exact location and room number for this meeting will be posted on the OPS web page approximately 15 days before the meeting date at <http://ops.dot.gov>. An opportunity will be provided for the public to make short statements on the topics under discussion. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement should notify Juan Carlos Martinez, (202) 366-1933, not later than July 12, 2002, on the topic of the statement and the length of your presentation. The presiding officer at each meeting may deny any request to present an oral statement and may limit the time of any presentation.

You may submit written comments by mail or deliver to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You also may submit written comments to the docket electronically. To do so, log onto the following Internet Web address: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on "Help & Information" for instructions on how to file a document electronically. All written comments should reference docket number RSPA-98-4470. Anyone who would like confirmation of mailed comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard.

**Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities**

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Juan Carlos Martinez at (202) 366-1933.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Whetsel, OPS, (202) 366-4431 or Richard Huriaux, OPS, (202) 366-4565, regarding the subject matter of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The TPSSC is a statutorily mandated advisory committee that advises RSPA on proposed safety

standards for gas pipelines. This advisory committee is constituted in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1). The committee consists of 15 members--five each representing government, industry, and the public. The TPSSC is tasked with determining reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability of proposed pipeline rules. In addition, Federal law (49 U.S.C. 60115(a)) requires that the TPSSC serve as peer reviewer committees for purposes of all Federal laws relating to risk assessment and peer review.

The TPSSC will be advising OPS and voting on the proposed definition of High Consequence Areas (HCA) for Gas Transmission Operators which was published on January 9, 2002 (67 FR 1108). This definition will be referenced in an upcoming proposed rule on Pipeline Integrity Management in HCAs (Gas Transmission Pipeline Operators).

In addition, OPS will brief the TPSSC on integrity management concepts for gas pipelines and on the comments

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received in response to previous notices. OPS will provide copies and explain the draft cost-benefit analysis prepared for the upcoming proposed rule on integrity management programs for gas transmission pipelines. Because of the importance of this rule, OPS is submitting the regulatory evaluation for peer review by the TPSSC before the proposed rule has been finalized. The upcoming proposed integrity management rule for gas transmission pipelines maintains the duty of a gas pipeline to comply with the current pipeline safety regulations (49 CFR part 192), but creates a protective umbrella of more comprehensive assessment, repair, prevention, and mitigative actions in those areas (high consequence areas) where a failure would do the greatest damage. This assessment process will produce better information about problems that may have been missed and creates checks and balances to assure that the best use is made of available information to correct newly found problems. The proposed gas pipeline integrity management rule will be the culmination of a seven-year investigation of ways to improve the safety, security, and reliability of natural gas transmission lines in a cost-effective manner. It is based on risk assessment and specifically addresses the unique characteristics associated with gas pipelines, much in the same manner as the hazardous liquid integrity management rule addressed hazardous liquid pipeline characteristics. This rulemaking also will address the trend of people moving closer to pipelines, which increase the threats of outside force damages to the pipelines, associated with construction.

Key concepts OPS is considering for the proposed gas integrity management rule include:

1. Expansion of the areas where added protection is required based on history of recent accidents in which a large impact area was experienced.
2. Improvement of protection through better inspection and management technology.
3. Establishment of stronger repair requirements.
4. Integration of various kinds of information to provide a clearer picture of threats.
5. Requirement to address each threat to integrity.

OPS has already sought and has received general comments from the public on gas transmission pipeline integrity management in high consequence areas. On June 27, 2001, RSPA issued a notice of request for comments on integrity management of gas transmission pipelines in high consequence areas (66 FR 34318). A copy of the notice and the comments are in Docket RSPA-00-7666, which is accessible on the Internet from the DOT Dockets Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The notice sought comment on the following issues relating to establishment of integrity management programs by gas transmission pipelines:

1. Defining high consequence areas.
2. Identifying and evaluating threats to pipeline integrity.
3. Selecting the assessment technologies.
4. Determining time frames to conduct a baseline integrity assessment and to make repairs.
5. Identifying and implementing additional preventive and mitigative measures.
6. Evaluating and reassessing pipeline segments.
7. Monitoring the effectiveness of the management process.

Based in part on comments received and on meetings with representatives of the gas pipeline industry, research institutions, State pipeline safety agencies, and public interest groups, on January 9, 2002, RSPA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking to define areas of high consequence, i.e., areas where the impact of a gas transmission pipeline accident on people, property, or the environment could be unusually severe (67 FR 1108). This proposed rule is the first step in a two-step process to address integrity management programs for gas transmission pipelines. Although the proposed definition does not require any specific action by pipeline operators, it will be referenced in the upcoming proposed rule to require pipeline integrity management programs for gas transmission pipelines.

In addition to requirements for cost-benefit analysis of proposed pipeline safety standards, Federal law (49 U.S.C. 60115(c)) requires that OPS submit cost-benefit results and risk assessment information to one of two advisory committees established to support OPS on technical and policy issues. A key responsibility of the TPSSC is to provide peer review and evaluation of OPS' cost-benefit analyses for proposed gas pipeline standards. The TPSSC must: (1) Evaluate the merit of the data and methods used within the analyses, and (2) when appropriate, provide recommendations relating to the cost-benefit analyses.

OPS will consider the advice of the TPSSC and its peer review of the draft regulatory evaluation in crafting the proposed rule to

require gas transmission pipelines to institute integrity management programs. The proposed rule will be submitted to the TPSSC for comment after it is published. Any comments by the TPSSC will be carefully considered before a final rule is issued.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115.

Issued in Washington, DC.  
Stacey L. Gerard,  
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.  
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Current List of Laboratories Which Meet Minimum Standards To Engage in Urine Drug Testing for Federal Agencies

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

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SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services notifies Federal agencies of the laboratories currently certified to meet standards of Subpart C of Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (59 FR 29916, 29925). A notice listing all currently certified laboratories is published in the Federal Register during the first week of each month. If any laboratory's certification is suspended or revoked, the laboratory will be omitted from subsequent lists until such time as it is restored to full certification under the Guidelines.

If any laboratory has withdrawn from the National Laboratory Certification Program during the past month, it will be listed at the end, and will be omitted from the monthly listing thereafter. This notice is also available on the internet at the following Web sites: <http://workplace.samhsa.gov> and <http://www.drugfreeworkplace.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Giselle Hersh or Dr. Walter Vogl,  
Division of Workplace Programs, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockwall 2 Building,  
Room 815, Rockville, Maryland 20857; Tel.: (301) 443-6014, Fax: (301)  
443-3031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing were developed in accordance with Executive Order 12564 and section 503 of Pub. L. 100-71. Subpart C of the Guidelines, "Certification of Laboratories Engaged in Urine Drug Testing for Federal Agencies," sets strict standards which laboratories must meet in order to conduct urine drug testing for Federal agencies. To become certified an applicant laboratory must undergo three rounds of performance testing plus an on-site inspection.

To maintain that certification a laboratory must participate in a quarterly performance testing program plus periodic, on-site inspections. Laboratories which claim to be in the applicant stage of certification are not to be considered as meeting the minimum requirements expressed in the HHS Guidelines. A laboratory must have its letter of certification from SAMHSA, HHS (formerly: HHS/NIDA) which attests that it has met minimum standards. In accordance with Subpart C of the Guidelines, the following laboratories meet the minimum standards set forth in the Guidelines:

ACL Laboratories, 8901 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis, WI 53227, 414-328-7840/800-877-7016, (Formerly: Bayshore Clinical Laboratory)  
ACM Medical Laboratory, Inc., 160 Elmgrove Park, Rochester, NY 14624, 716-429-2264  
Advanced Toxicology Network, 3560 Air Center Cove, Suite 101, Memphis, TN 38118, 901-794-5770/888-290-1150  
Aegis Analytical Laboratories, Inc., 345 Hill Ave., Nashville, TN 37210, 615-255-2400  
Alliance Laboratory Services, 3200 Burnet Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229, 513-585-9000, (Formerly: Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati, Inc.)

American Medical Laboratories, Inc., 14225 Newbrook Dr., Chantilly, VA 20151, 703-802-6900

Associated Pathologists Laboratories, Inc., 4230 South Burnham Ave., Suite 250, Las Vegas, NV 89119-5412, 702-733-7866 / 800-433-2750

Baptist Medical Center--Toxicology Laboratory, 9601 I-630, Exit 7, Little Rock, AR 72205-7299, 501-202-2783, (Formerly: Forensic Toxicology Laboratory Baptist Medical Center)

Clinical Laboratory Partners, LLC, 129 East Cedar St., Newington, CT 06111, 860-696-8115, (Formerly: Hartford Hospital Toxicology Laboratory)

Clinical Reference Lab, 8433 Quivira Rd., Lenexa, KS 66215-2802, 800-445-6917

Cox Health Systems, Department of Toxicology, 1423 North Jefferson Ave., Springfield, MO 65802, 800-876-3652/417-269-3093, (Formerly: Cox Medical Centers)

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Diagnostic Services Inc., dba DSI, 12700 Westlinks Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33913, 941-561-8200 / 800-735-5416

Doctors Laboratory, Inc., P.O. Box 2658, 2906 Julia Dr., Valdosta, GA 31602, 912-244-4468

DrugProof, Division of Dynacare, 543 South Hull St., Montgomery, AL 36103, 888-777-9497/334-241-0522, (Formerly: Alabama Reference Laboratories, Inc.)

DrugProof, Division of Dynacare/Laboratory of Pathology, LLC, 1229 Madison St., Suite 500, Nordstrom Medical Tower, Seattle, WA 98104, 206-386-2672/800-898-0180, (Formerly: Laboratory of Pathology of Seattle, Inc., DrugProof, Division of Laboratory of Pathology of Seattle, Inc.)

DrugScan, Inc., P.O. Box 2969, 1119 Mearns Rd., Warminster, PA 18974, 215-674-9310

Dynacare Kasper Medical Laboratories\*, 14940-123 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta Canada T5V 1B4, 780-451-3702/800-661-9876

ElSohly Laboratories, Inc., 5 Industrial Park Dr., Oxford, MS 38655, 662-236-2609

Express Analytical Labs, 3405 7th Avenue, Suite 106, Marion, IA 52302, 319-377-0500

Gamma-Dynacare Medical Laboratories\*, A Division of the Gamma-Dynacare Laboratory Partnership, 245 Pall Mall St., London, ONT Canada N6A 1P4, 519-679-1630

General Medical Laboratories, 36 South Brooks St., Madison, WI 53715, 608-267-6267

Kroll Laboratory Specialists, Inc., 1111 Newton St., Gretna, LA 70053, 504-361-8989/800-433-3823, (Formerly: Laboratory Specialists, Inc.)

LabOne, Inc., 10101 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219, 913-888-3927/800-728-4064, (Formerly: Center for Laboratory Services, a Division of LabOne, Inc.)

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 7207 N. Gessner Road, Houston, TX 77040, 713-856-8288/800-800-2387

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 69 First Ave., Raritan, NJ 08869, 908-526-2400/800-437-4986, (Formerly: Roche Biomedical Laboratories, Inc.)

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 1904 Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, 919-572-6900/800-833-3984, (Formerly:

LabCorp Occupational Testing Services, Inc., CompuChem Laboratories, Inc.; CompuChem Laboratories, Inc., A Subsidiary of Roche Biomedical Laboratory; Roche CompuChem Laboratories, Inc., A Member of the Roche Group)

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 10788 Roselle Street, San Diego, CA 92121, 800-882-7272, (Formerly: Poisonlab, Inc.)

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 1120 Stateline Road West, Southaven, MS 38671, 866-827-8042/800-233-6339, (Formerly: LabCorp Occupational Testing Services, Inc., MedExpress/National Laboratory Center)

Marshfield Laboratories, Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, 1000 North Oak Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449, 715-389-3734/800-331-3734

MAXXAM Analytics Inc.\*, 5540 McAdam Rd., Mississauga, ON Canada L4Z 1P1, 905-890-2555, (Formerly: NOVAMANN (Ontario) Inc.)

Medical College Hospitals Toxicology Laboratory, Department of Pathology, 3000 Arlington Ave., Toledo, OH 43699, 419-383-5213

MedTox Laboratories, Inc., 402 W. County Rd. D, St. Paul, MN 55112, 651-636-7466/800-832-3244

MetroLab-Legacy Laboratory Services, 1225 NE 2nd Ave., Portland, OR 97232, 503-413-5295/800-950-5295

Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, 1 Veterans Drive, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55417, 612-725-2088

National Toxicology Laboratories, Inc., 1100 California Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93304, 661-322-4250/800-350-3515

Northwest Drug Testing, a division of NWT Inc., 1141 E. 3900 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84124, 801-293-2300/800-322-3361, (Formerly: NWT Drug Testing, NorthWest Toxicology, Inc.)

One Source Toxicology Laboratory, Inc., 1705 Center Street, Deer Park, TX 77536, 713-920-2559, (Formerly: University of Texas Medical Branch, Clinical Chemistry Division; UTMB Pathology-Toxicology Laboratory)

Oregon Medical Laboratories, P.O. Box 972, 722 East 11th Ave., Eugene, OR 97440-0972, 541-687-2134

Pacific Toxicology Laboratories, 6160 Variel Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91367, 818-598-3110/800-328-6942, (Formerly: Centinela Hospital Airport Toxicology Laboratory)

Pathology Associates Medical Laboratories, 110 West Cliff Drive, Spokane, WA 99204, 509-755-8991/800-541-7891x8991

PharmChem Laboratories, Inc., 4600 N. Beach, Haltom City, TX 76137, 817-605-5300, (Formerly: PharmChem Laboratories, Inc., Texas Division; Harris Medical Laboratory)

Physicians Reference Laboratory, 7800 West 110th St., Overland Park, KS 66210, 913-339-0372/800-821-3627

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 3175 Presidential Dr., Atlanta, GA 30340, 770-452-1590, (Formerly: SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories, SmithKline Bio-Science Laboratories)

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 4770 Regent Blvd., Irving, TX 75063, 800-842-6152, (Moved from the Dallas location on 033101; Formerly: SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories, SmithKline Bio-Science Laboratories)

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 400 Egypt Rd., Norristown, PA 19403, 610-631-4600/877-642-2216, (Formerly: SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories, SmithKline Bio-Science Laboratories)

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 506 E. State Pkwy., Schaumburg, IL 60173, 800-669-6995/847-885-2010, (Formerly: SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories, International Toxicology Laboratories)

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 7600 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91405,  
818-989-2520/800-877-2520, (Formerly: SmithKline qBeecham Clinical  
Laboratories)

Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc., 463 Southlake Blvd., Richmond,  
VA 23236, 804-378-9130

S.E.D. Medical Laboratories, 5601 Office Blvd., Albuquerque, NM 87109,  
505-727-6300/800-999-5227

South Bend Medical Foundation, Inc., 530 N. Lafayette Blvd., South  
Bend, IN 46601, 219-234-4176

Southwest Laboratories, 2727 W. Baseline Rd., Tempe, AZ 85283, 602-438-  
8507/800-279-0027

Sparrow Health System, Toxicology Testing Center, St. Lawrence Campus,  
1210 W. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48915, 517-377-0520, (Formerly: St.  
Lawrence Hospital & Healthcare System)

St. Anthony Hospital Toxicology Laboratory, 1000 N. Lee St., Oklahoma  
City, OK 73101, 405-272-7052

Toxicology & Drug Monitoring Laboratory, University of Missouri  
Hospital & Clinics, 2703 Clark Lane, Suite B, Lower Level, Columbia, MO  
65202, 573-882-1273

Toxicology Testing Service, Inc., 5426 N.W. 79th Ave., Miami, FL 33166,  
305-593-2260

US Army Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory, Fort Meade,  
Building 2490, Wilson Street, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-5235, 301-  
677-7085

\* The Standards Council of Canada (SCC) voted to end its Laboratory

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Accreditation Program for Substance Abuse (LAPSA) effective May 12, 1998. Laboratories certified through that program were accredited to conduct forensic urine drug testing as required by U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations. As of that date, the certification of those accredited Canadian laboratories will continue under DOT authority. The responsibility for conducting quarterly performance testing plus periodic on-site inspections of those LAPSA-accredited laboratories was transferred to the U.S. DHHS, with the DHHS' National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) contractor continuing to have an active role in the performance testing and laboratory inspection processes. Other Canadian laboratories wishing to be considered for the NLCP may apply directly to the NLCP contractor just as U.S. laboratories do.

Upon finding a Canadian laboratory to be qualified, the DHHS will recommend that DOT certify the laboratory (Federal Register, 16 July 1996) as meeting the minimum standards of the "Mandatory Guidelines for Workplace Drug Testing" (59 Federal Register, 9 June 1994, Pages After receiving the DOT certification, the laboratory will be included in the monthly list of DHHS certified laboratories and participate in the NLCP certification maintenance program.

Patricia Bransford,

Acting Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-2002-11270, Notice No. 02-6]

Safety Advisory: Unauthorized Marking of Compressed Gas Cylinders

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Safety advisory notice.

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**SUMMARY:** This is to notify the public that the Department of Transportation is investigating the unauthorized marking of high- and low-pressure compressed gas cylinders, primarily fire extinguishers and self-contained breathing apparatuses, by Tech Fire and Safety, Inc. (Tech Fire). Tech Fire is located at 514 4th Street, Watervliet, NY 12189. In 2000, Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) conducted an investigation and evaluation of Tech Fire's DOT specification and exemption cylinder retesting procedures and determined that Tech Fire was not fit to conduct such retests.

Consequently, RSPA terminated Tech Fire's approval to test DOT specification and exemption cylinders on October 2, 2001. RSPA subsequently received information that Tech Fire had continued to retest and mark DOT specification cylinders as properly tested in accordance with the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) after its approval to retest had been revoked.

A hydrostatic retest and visual inspection, conducted as prescribed in the HMR, are used to verify the structural integrity of a cylinder. If the hydrostatic retest and visual inspection are not performed in accordance with the HMR, a cylinder with compromised structural integrity may be returned to service when it should be condemned. Extensive property damage, serious personal injury, or death could result from rupture of a cylinder. Cylinders not retested in accordance with the HMR may not be charged or filled with compressed gas or other hazardous material and offered for transportation in commerce. Only DOT-approved facilities are authorized to perform cylinder hydrostatic retesting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Michalski, Hazardous Materials Enforcement Specialist, Eastern Region, Office of Hazardous Materials Enforcement, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 820 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 306, W. Trenton, NJ 08034. Telephone: (609) 989-2256, Fax: (609) 989-2277.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Through its previous investigations of Tech Fire, RSPA determined that Tech Fire demonstrated a history of non-compliance with the HMR and of improper retesting of cylinders. Based on this non-compliance, RSPA terminated Tech Fire's approval to retest DOT specification and exemption cylinders on October 2, 2001. Subsequently, RSPA was notified that Tech Fire had continued to represent cylinders as being properly retested in accordance with the HMR after its approval to conduct such retests was no longer valid.

The purpose of this safety advisory is to notify the public that Tech Fire is not authorized to retest DOT specification or exemption cylinders. Anyone who has a cylinder serviced by Tech Fire after October 2, 2001, should consider the cylinder unsafe and not fill it with a hazardous material unless the cylinder is first properly retested by a DOT-authorized retest facility.

Cylinders described in this safety advisory that are filled with an atmospheric gas should be vented or otherwise safely discharged. Cylinders that are filled with a material other than an atmospheric gas should not be vented, but instead should be safely discharged. Upon discharge, the cylinders should be taken to a DOT-authorized cylinder retest facility for proper retest to determine compliance with the HMR and to ensure their suitability for continuing service. The inspector can provide a list of authorized retest facilities in your area, or you may obtain the list at the following Web site: <http://hazmat.dot.gov>. Under no circumstances should a cylinder described in this safety advisory be filled, refilled or used for its intended purpose until it is reinspected and

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retested by a DOT-authorized retest facility.

Tech Fire's Retester Identification Number (RIN) was B753. The cylinders in question are stamped or labeled with RIN B753 in the following pattern:

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M Y

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M is the month of retest (e.g., 10), and Y is the year of the retest (e.g., 01).

RSPA requests that any person possessing a cylinder described in this safety advisory telephone or provide a facsimile to Inspector Michalski with the following information for each cylinder: (1) The cylinder manufacturer's name, (2) the serial number of the cylinder, (3) the DOT specification or exemption information for the cylinder, and (4) the month and year of the last marked retest by Tech Fire.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on July 2, 2002.

Robert A. McGuire,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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**3. AUDIT SECTION**

- A.** Maintains headquarters and three district offices as follows:  
Headquarters - William B. Travis Building  
1701 North Congress, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78701  
Ed Abrahamson, Assistant Director

Telephone (512) 463-7022

Dallas District- 1546 Rowlett Rd., Suite 107, Garland, Texas 75043

Telephone (972) 240-5757;  
Fax (972)303-1897Stephen Cooper, Auditor  
Josh Settle, Auditor

Austin District- P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967

Telephone (512) 463-7022

Houston District- 1706 Seamist Drive. Suite 501, Houston, Texas 77008-3135

Telephone (713) 869-8425;  
Fax (713)869-3219Mark Brock, Supervising Auditor  
Dale Francis, Auditor  
Margie Stoney, Auditor  
Konata Uzoma, Auditor  
Lekisha Churchwell, Auditor  
Larry Alcorn, Auditor**B. Gas Utility Tax, Annual Reports and Audit Reports**

Questions relating to gas utility tax, annual reports and audit reports, call Shannon L. Miller at (512) 463-7022.

**C. Available Information**

Copies of company annual reports (1994 to present), as well as information relating to any of the above, A through C, are available for review at the William B. Travis Building, Gas Services Division, 9th Floor, 1701 North Congress. All requests for copies must be made in writing and should be addressed to the Audit Section. Copies will be provided for a fee, depending on the volume of copy work desired, allow a minimum of five days for completion of requests. Inquiries regarding copies should be directed to the Audit Section at (512) 463-7022, or Fax your request to (512) 475-3180.

**4. REGULATORY ANALYSIS AND POLICY**

- A.** Maintains the following office to assist you:

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building  
1701 North Congress, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711  
Karl Nalepa, Assistant Director

Telephone (512) 463-7164

**B. Gas Utilities Information Bulletin**Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gsap/rapbls.html>.**C. Proposals For Decision**Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gsap/pfds.html>.**D. Tariff Filings**

Questions pertaining to the filing of tariffs and/or quality of service rules should be directed to Kathy Arroyo, or Sandra Soto at (512) 463-7164.

**E. Curtailments**

Curtailment questions should be referred to Sandra Soto at (512) 463-7164. Curtailment reports made Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to (512) 463-7164. Curtailment reports made during hours other than those specified above and holidays, should be made to (512) 463-6788, (512) 896-3863 (digital pager), (512) 892-1772 or (512) 280-5949.

- F. **Compliance Filings**  
Questions regarding gas utilities docket compliance filing requirements should be referred to Jackie Standard at (512) 463-7164.
- G. **Complaints and Inquiries**  
All complaints and inquiries relating to the gas utility industry should be directed to the Regulatory Analysis and Policy section at (512) 463-7164.
- H. **Rules and Regulations:** None at this time.

## 5. **HEARINGS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**

### A. **Miscellaneous**

Anyone wishing to obtain copies of appendices to Orders appearing in Section 5 of this Bulletin should contact the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.

### B. **Status of Pending Cases**

The status of all pending cases listed in Section 3 of this Bulletin is for informational purposes only and is complete up to the time of printing of this Bulletin. For a more accurate status of pending cases, please call the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.