





Hazardous Liquid Gathering Rules/Jurisdiction

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Mission



Our mission is to serve Texas by our stewardship of natural resources and the environment, our concern for personal and community safety, and our support of enhanced development and economic vitality for the benefit of Texans.

History



- Established in 1891
 - Texas' oldest regulatory agency
 - Led by 3 statewide elected officials







Presentation Overview



Overview of hazardous liquid rules as they apply to jurisdiction of gathering pipelines.

Determining a Gathering Pipeline



- Is the pipeline a gathering pipeline?
- Is the pipeline a covered pipeline?
- Is the pipeline a regulated rural gathering pipeline?
- Is the pipeline a reporting-regulated-only gathering pipeline?
 - Codes cover reporting-regulated only gathering pipelines.
 - Title 49 Part 195
 - TAC Title 16 Chapter 8

Defining a Gathering Pipeline(1 of 2)



How is a gathering pipeline defined in Part 195?

Gathering line means a pipeline 219.1 mm (8 5/8 in) or less nominal outside diameter that transports petroleum from a production facility.

Defining a Gathering Pipeline(2 of 2)



Remember:

- there is no such thing as a 10-inch or greater gathering line.
- a pipeline with a nominal diameter of 8 5/8 inch or less is not necessarily a gathering pipeline.

Covered Pipelines



Which pipelines are covered by Part 195?

Part 195 Covered Pipelines(1 of 3)



- Does the pipeline meet any of the following criteria?
 195.1(a)Covered pipelines include, but are not limited to:
 - (1) Any pipeline that transports a highly volatile liquid;
 - (2) Any pipeline segment that crosses a waterway currently used for commercial navigation;
 - (3) Except for a gathering line not covered by paragraph (a)(4) of this Section, any pipeline located in a rural or non-rural area of any diameter regardless of operating pressure

Part 195 Covered Pipelines(2 of 3)



- Does the pipeline meet any of the following criteria?
 195.1(a)Covered pipelines include, but are not limited to:
- (4) Any of the following onshore gathering line used for the transportation of *petroleum*:
 - (i) A pipeline located in a non-rural area;
 - (ii) A regulated rural gathering line as provided in §195.11; or
 - (iii) A pipeline located in an inlet of the Gulf of Mexico as provided in §195.413.

Part 195 Covered Pipelines (3 of 3)



- Does the pipeline meet any of the following criteria?
 195.1(a)Covered pipelines include, but are not limited to:
 - (5) For purposes of the reporting requirements in subpart B of this part, any gathering line not already covered under paragraphs (a)(1), (2), (3) or (4) of this section.

Exceptions to Covered Pipelines



- 195.1(b) Excepted. This Part does not apply to any of the following:
 - Sections (1-10)

Reg. Rural Gathering Pipelines(1 of 2)



- Do I have a regulated rural gathering pipeline?
 - Does the pipeline meet the definition of a gathering pipeline?
 - Is the pipeline equal to or less than 8 5/8 in outside diameter?
 - Does the pipeline transport petroleum from a production facility?

Reg. Rural Gathering Pipelines(2 of 2)



- Does the pipeline meet <u>all</u> of the criteria of 195.11(a).
 - Is the pipeline an onshore gathering line?
 - Is the nominal diameter of the pipeline from 6 5/8 to 8 5/8.
 - Is the pipeline in or within one- quarter mile of an unusually sensitive area(defined in 195.6).
 - Does the pipeline operate at a maximum pressure established under 195.406 corresponding to --
 - A stress level greater than 20-percent SMYS of the line pipe.
 - If unknown stress level or the pipeline is not constructed from steel pipe, a pressure of no more than 125 psig.

Reg. Rural Gathering Safety



- What safety requirements are required of regulated rural gathering pipelines?
 - Part 195.11(b).
- New USAs
 - Part 195.11(c).
- Record Retention
 - Part 195.11(d).

Reporting Only Gathering Pipelines



- Is my gathering pipeline a reporting only pipeline?
 - Does it meet the criteria of 195.1(a)(5)
 - Is the pipeline an onshore gathering pipeline?

Reporting Only 195 Req.(1 of 2)



- What Part 195 rules apply to reporting only pipelines?
 - Part 195.15
 - (a) Scope. Gathering lines that do not otherwise meet the definition of a regulated rural gathering line in §195.11 and any *gathering line* not already covered under §195.1(a)(1), (2), (3) or (4) must comply with the reporting requirements of subpart B of this part.
 - (c) Exceptions.
 - Gathering lines excepted under 195.1(b)(3), (7), (8), (9), or (10).
 - Immediate notice of certain accidents.
 - NPMS.
 - Safety Data Sheets.
 - Drug and alcohol testing requirements of part 199 of this subchapter.

Reporting Only 195 Req.(2 of 2)



- What Part 195 rules apply to reporting only pipelines?
 - Part 195 Subpart B Annual, Accidents, and Safety-Related
 Conditions
 - Annual reporting
 - Reporting of Accidents
 - Safety-Related Conditions

TAC Regulation of Reporting Only(1 of 3)



- What TAC rules apply to reporting only hazardous liquid and CO2 gathering pipelines?
 - TAC 8.110(a) -Scope. This section applies to the following gathering pipelines:
 - (3) hazardous liquids and carbon dioxide gathering pipelines as defined under 49 CFR §195.15.
 - TAC 8.110(b) Safety. Each operator of a gathering pipeline described in subsection (a) of this section shall take appropriate action using processes and technologies that are technically feasible, reasonable, and practicable to correct a hazardous condition that creates a risk to public safety.

TAC Regulation of Reporting Only(2 of 3)



- What TAC rules apply to reporting only hazardous liquid and CO2 gathering pipelines?
 - TAC 8.110(c)(2) Reporting. Each operator of a hazardous liquids pipeline described in subsection (a) of this section shall comply with §8.301(a)(1)(B) and (a)(2)(B) of this title (relating to Required Records and Reporting) except that the initial telephonic report is not required.

TAC Regulation of Reporting Only(3 of 3)



- What TAC rules apply to reporting only hazardous liquid and CO2 gathering pipelines?
 - TAC 8.110(d) Investigation of accidents
 - TAC 8.110(e) Corrective action and prevention of recurrence.

Questions



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