

Utah Pipeline Safety Post Inspection Process

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My Duties Include:



Monitor schedules and calendar; update team members with upcoming deadlines



Manages all records for the pipeline safety section, including inspection results with non-compliance items. Monitors submissions required from Operator such as annual reports, 30-day supplemental incident reports and other submissions with deadlines. These records are legal documents. Document and notify inspectors and program manager of missed deadlines



Ensures all correspondence and documentation for operators is sent within determined deadlines. This includes Notices of Probable Violations (NOPVs), Response Extension Requests, Close Out Letters

NOPV or Close out Letter



Inspector conducts exit interview on the last day of inspection. Operator will be notified of the inspection results by letter within 30 days after completion of the field inspection (unless unusual circumstances).



Letter is addressed to *company official* or designated representative. Letters to municipalities are addressed to the *mayor*.



Letter is *emailed* to the company official and to the applicable compliance personnel. (Letter will be mailed if no email is available.) Applicable operator compliance personnel will be cc'd in the letter.



Email will come from pipelinesafety@utah.gov.



If no probable violations found during audit - letter will close out the inspection stating that the operator's (procedures/records/field audit) at the time of inspection "appeared to be in compliance" with the code.

THE NOTICE
OF
PROBABLE
VIOLATION

Review sections

What Action is
Required

The NOPV Contains:

When the inspection was conducted



What the inspection covered - ex;
Procedures, Records
and Field Inspection

Which Plans; O&M,
Emergency Plan, Drug
& Alcohol, DIMP, TIMP,
OQ, PAPE, CRM

Probable Violations
(non-compliance) listed:

- PROBABLE VIOLATIONS:
- 1) 192.615 (Description of code and what was not in compliance)
- 2) 192.463 (Description of code and what was not in compliance)

Date the Response is due
from the operator

- Plan of action to correct non-compliance or
- The correction made to each non-compliance

Civil Penalty
Statement

Signature of Inspector and Approver

Operator Response

Provide response in letter format on or before the reply date specified in the letter.

Company Letterhead

Date

Addressed to Inspector

Itemize corrections to each probable violation listed in NOPV

Response needs to *state the correction* to the probable violation or your plan of action and timetable for correction if the correction is not yet made.

Include documentation and/or photos to supplement response letter

Sign the Response Letter - include Signature and title

Response needs to be attached in an email and sent to pipelinesafety@utah.gov and your UTPS inspector.

An extension to provide response can be requested by letter or email if more time is needed to correct the non-compliance.

The extension may be granted if the request is reasonable.

OUR AUTHORITY

The Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) is authorized by Title 54, Chapter 13 of the Utah State Code to adopt rules and regulations in conformance with the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968, as amended, and other applicable laws. The Commission, by orders issued in Docket No. 89-999-06, has adopted Title 49 CFR Parts 190, 191, 192, 193, 198, 199, and Part 40 along with certain subsequent amendments. Through delegation from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Division of Public Utilities' Pipeline Safety Staff (UTPS) monitors, inspects, and enforces intrastate gas pipeline safety requirements.

UTPS Contact Info

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- ▶ Connie Hendricks office 801-530-6286 cshendricks@utah.gov
- ▶ Official correspondence email pipelinesafety@utah.gov
- ▶ Division of Public Utilities/Pipeline Safety website <http://publicutilities.utah.gov/>
- ▶ **24 Hour Incident Reporting** 1 (844) 427-2525 (1-844-GAS-2525)

Reminder:

Required Reporting
to PHMSA

*is also Required to
be Reported to the*

Utah Public Service
Commission and

Utah Pipeline Safety

See

See PSC Rule R746-409.4.C.

See

See PSC Rule R746-409-4.F.

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See Title 49 CFR § 191

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Any Questions?

Thank you!