

Discussion Draft Rule (Legislative)
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WAC 480-93-200
Reporting requirements.

(1) Each gas pipeline company must give notice to the commission by telephone using the emergency notification line (see WAC [480-93-005\(8\)](#)) within two hours of discovering an incident or hazardous condition arising out of its operations that results in:

- (a) A fatality or personal injury requiring hospitalization;
- (b) Property damage valued at more than fifty thousand dollars;
- (c) The evacuation of a building, or a high occupancy structure or area;
- (d) The unintentional ignition of gas;

(e) The unscheduled interruption of service furnished by any gas pipeline company to twenty-five or more distribution customers;

(f) A pipeline or system pressure exceeding the MAOP plus ten percent or the maximum pressure allowed by proximity considerations outlined in WAC [480-93-020](#); or

(g) A significant occurrence, in the judgment of the gas pipeline company, even though it does not meet the criteria of (a) through (g) of this subsection.

(2) Each gas pipeline company must give notice to the commission by telephone using the emergency notification line (see WAC [480-93-005\(8\)](#)) within twenty-four hours of each incident or hazardous condition arising out of its operations that results in:

(a) The uncontrolled release of gas for more than two hours;

(b) The taking of a high pressure supply or transmission pipeline or a major distribution supply gas pipeline out of service;

(c) A gas pipeline operating at low pressure dropping below the safe operating conditions of attached appliances and gas equipment; or

(d) A gas pipeline pressure exceeding the MAOP.

(3) Routine or planned maintenance and operational activities of the gas pipeline company that result in operator-controlled plant and equipment shut downs, reduction in system pressures, flaring or venting of gas, and normal leak repairs are not reportable items under this section.

(4) Each gas pipeline company must provide to the commission a written report within thirty days of the initial telephonic report required under subsections (1) and (2) of this section. At a minimum, the written reports must include the following:

(a) Name(s) and address(es) of any person or persons injured or killed, or whose property was damaged;

(b) The extent of such injuries and damage;

(c) A description of the incident or hazardous condition including the date, time, and place, and reason why the incident occurred. If more than one reportable condition arises from a single incident, each must be included in the report;

(d) A description of the gas pipeline involved in the incident or hazardous condition, the system operating pressure at that time, and the MAOP of the facilities involved;

(e) The date and time the gas pipeline company was first notified of the incident;

(f) The date and time the gas pipeline company's first responders arrived on-site;

(g) The date and time the gas pipeline was made safe;

(h) The date, time, and type of any temporary or permanent repair that was made;

(i) The cost of the incident to the gas pipeline company;

(j) Line type;

(k) City and county of incident; and

(l) Any other information deemed necessary by the commission.

(5) Each gas pipeline company must submit a supplemental report if required information becomes available after the thirty-day report is submitted.

(6) Each gas pipeline company must provide to the commission a copy of each failure analysis report completed or received by the gas pipeline company, concerning any incident or hazardous condition due to construction defects or material failure within five days of completion or receipt of such report.

(7) In the event of damage to a gas pipeline, each gas pipeline company must provide to the commission the following information using either the virtual damage information reporting tool (DIRT), or the damage reporting form located on the commission's website:

(a) The reporting requirements set forth in RCW 19.122.053;

(b) If the damage is the result of an excavation conducted without a facilities locate first being completed, the gas pipeline company must report the following, additional information:

(i) The name, address, and phone number of the person or entity that the company believes to have caused the damage;

(ii) Photographs of the damaged facility; and

(iii) Documentation that supports the conclusion that a facilities locate was not completed.

(c) Each gas pipeline company must retain all damage records related to damage events reported under subsection (b), above, for a period of two years and make those records available to the commission upon request.

(8) Each gas pipeline company must provide, to an excavator who damages a gas pipeline facility, the following information set forth in RCW 19.122:

(a) Notification requirements for excavators under RCW 19.122.050(1);

(b) A description of the excavator's responsibilities for reporting damages under RCW 19.122.053; and

(c) Information concerning the Safety Committee referenced under RCW 19.122.130, including committee contact information, and the process for filing a complaint with the Safety Committee.

(9) Each gas pipeline company must report to the commission the details of each instance of the following events:

(a) An excavator digs within 35 feet of a transmission pipeline, as defined by 19.122.020(26) without first obtaining a locate; or

(b) Someone damages or removes marks indicating the location or presence of gas pipeline facilities.

The company must only report information to the extent that an employee or contractor of the company observes or becomes aware of these events.

(10) Each gas pipeline company must file with the commission the following annual reports no later than March 15 for the preceding calendar year:

(a) A copy of every Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) F-7100.1-1 and F-7100.2-1 annual report required by U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety.

(b) A report detailing all construction defects and material failures resulting in leakage. Each

gas pipeline company must categorize the different types of construction defects and material failures anticipated for their system. The report must include the following:

- (i) Types and numbers of construction defects; and
- (ii) Types and numbers of material failures.

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(a) A copy of every Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) F-7100.1-1 and F-7100.2-1 annual report required by U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety.

~~(b) A report titled, "Damage Prevention Statistics." The Damage Prevention Statistics report must include in detail the following information:~~

~~(i) Number of gas-related one-call locate requests completed in the field;~~

~~(ii) Number of third-party damages incurred; and~~

~~(iii) Cause of damage, where cause of damage is classified as one of the following:~~

~~(A) Inaccurate locate;~~

~~(B) Failure to use reasonable care;~~

~~(C) Excavated prior to a locate being conducted; or~~

~~(D) Excavator failed to call for a locate.~~

(eb) A report detailing all construction defects and material failures resulting in leakage. Each gas pipeline company must categorize the different types of construction defects and material failures anticipated for their system. The report must include the following:

(i) Types and numbers of construction defects; and

(ii) Types and numbers of material failures.

(812) Each gas pipeline company must file with the commission, and with appropriate officials of all municipalities where gas pipeline companies have facilities, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the responsible officials of the gas pipeline company who may be contacted in the event of an emergency. In the event of any changes in such personnel, the gas pipeline company must immediately notify the commission and municipalities.

(913) Each gas pipeline company must send to the commission, by e-mail, daily reports of construction and repair activities. Reports may be faxed only if the gas pipeline company does not have e-mail capability. Reports must be received no later than 10:00 a.m. each day of the scheduled work, and must include both gas pipeline company and contractor construction and repair activities. Report information must be broken down by individual crews and the scheduled work must be listed by address, as much as practical. To the extent possible the reports will only contain construction and repair activity scheduled for that day, but they may include a reasonable allowance for scheduling conflicts or disruptions.

(140) When a gas pipeline company is required to file a copy of a DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing Management Information System (MIS) Data Collection Form with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety, the gas pipeline company must simultaneously submit a copy of the form to the commission.