



Texas Administrative Code Chapter 8

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TAC Chapter 8 Amendments

Non-Substantive Clarifications



- Changed “natural gas” to “gas”
- “Pipeline Safety Division” to “Pipeline Safety Department”

§8.101



- Removed director approval requirement for direct assessment
- Removed outdated language in § 8.101(e)

New Rule-Gathering Lines



- Rule § 8.110
- Class 1 and rural gathering lines
 - Safety Requirements
 - Reporting Requirements
 - Investigation Requirements

§8.115-New Construction Reports



- Gas gathering and Transmission and Hazardous Liquids
 - 30 days prior for 1 mile or more
 - 60 days prior for 10 miles or greater
 - New facility requirements for breakout tanks
- Gas Distribution
 - Any new distribution system
 - Any relocation or replacement greater than 3 miles
- Amended PS-48

§8.125-Waiver Procedure



- Clarify an operator must request a waiver before engaging in activities covered by the waiver
- Clarify references to the Hearings Division

§8.206



- Added an additional three month buffer in which to comply with each deadline prescribed by the rule

Example:

- Once each calendar year at intervals not exceeding 15 months
- every five calendar years at intervals not exceeding 63 months

§8.209



- HB 864 and HB 866
- Changes to 8.209
 - Removed dates that have passed
 - Change to replace 8% of the pipeline segments or facilities posing the greatest risk
 - Replace any known cast iron pipelines by December 31, 2021

§8.210



- Amended to require the telephonic report to be due at the earliest practical moment, but at least **one hour** following confirmed discovery
- Eliminates requirement for operators to submit written incident and annual reports but requires operators to retain them and provide upon request

§8.225



- Removed all prior wording and reporting requirements (PS-81s)
- Added wording that operators shall retain all records relating to plastic pipe installation in accordance with 49 CFR Part 192 and provide such records to the Commission upon request.

§8.235 and §8.315



- Removed requirement to file school proximity reports with Commission
- Instead requires operator to maintain records required under §8.235 and §8.315 and file with the Commission upon request



- Accounts that are in a soft-close status shall have an automatic gas turn-off order executed if:
 - A. The meter registers 50 CCF (5 MCF) or more from the documented soft-close reading; or
 - B. after 90 days from the customer's notification to discontinue gas service.

§8.301



- Clarified that the telephonic report for accidents involving crude oil is due at the earliest practical moment, but at least **one hour** following confirmed discovery of a pipeline accident

Helpful Links



- Proposed changes in Texas Register October 2019:
 - <https://www.sos.texas.gov/texreg/archive/October182019/Proposed%20Rules/16.ECONOMIC%20REGULATION.html#8>
- Adopted in Texas Register January 2020:
 - <https://www.sos.texas.gov/texreg/archive/January32020/Adopted%20Rules/16.ECONOMIC%20REGULATION.html#83>



Questions