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Pipeline Safety Rules

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20:10:37:01. Definitions. Terms defined in SDCL 49-34B-1 have the same meaning when used in this chapter. In addition, terms used in this chapter mean:

- (1) "Inspector," a pipeline safety inspector employed by, or contracted as an agent of the commission;
- (2) "Incident," is any of the following events:
 - (a) A release of gas from a gas pipeline facility or of liquefied natural gas or gas from a liquefied natural gas facility and
 - (i) A death, or personal injury necessitating in-patient hospitalization; or
 - (ii) Estimated property damage, including cost of gas lost, of the operator or others, or both, of \$50,000 or more:

- (b) An event that results in an emergency shutdown of a liquefied natural gas facility; or
 - (c) An event that is significant, in the judgment of the operator, even though it did not meet the criteria of subdivisions (a) and (b) above;
- (3) "Inspection," a review of the books, files, records, reports, supplemental data, other documents and information, plant, property, and facilities of a pipeline operator to ensure compliance with applicable pipeline safety standards;
- (4) "Inspection report," the report drafted by an inspector after an inspection of any type, except for an incident;
- (5) "Incident report," the report drafted by an inspector after an incident; and
- (6) "Pipeline safety program," the program administered by the commission with regulatory jurisdiction over the safety standards and practices of all jurisdictional intrastate natural gas and other gas pipelines within South Dakota.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:02. Scope and application. This chapter sets forth the procedures and standards to be used for pipeline safety inspections, the enforcement of pipeline safety standards, and the imposition of civil penalties on pipeline operators for failing to meet the federal pipeline safety standards adopted by chapter SDCL 49-34B. These rules shall apply only to those pipelines within the jurisdiction of the commission pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34B.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-12, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:03. Applicability of procedural rules. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the commission's procedural rules set forth in chapter 20:10:01 govern proceedings under this chapter.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:04. Inspections. An inspector shall conduct periodic inspections and spot checks of records and property in the possession, custody, or control of the pipeline operator to determine compliance with applicable pipeline safety standards. Inspections may be conducted pursuant to routine scheduling by the inspector, upon a complaint received from a member of the public, upon information obtained from a previous inspection, or when there is cause to believe that a threat to public safety may exist.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-7, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:05. Pipeline operator's obligations. Each pipeline owner, operator, officer, employee, and representative shall cooperate with the inspector and the commission in the administration and enforcement of this chapter and in the investigation of violations or alleged violations involving pipeline operator or intrastate pipeline facilities owned or operated by the operator. Cooperation includes making available all company books, files, records, reports, supplemental data, and making readily accessible all company plant, property, and facilities that the inspector may reasonably require in the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-5, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:06. Inspector's reporting requirements. Regardless of the inspection type, the inspector shall complete a post inspection report within a reasonable time upon completion of the inspection itself. The report shall include a summary of probable noncompliance issues if any exist. As applicable, the inspection report may include a remediation plan wherein specific corrective action and a reasonable time frame for completion shall be stated when probable noncompliance issues exist.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-5, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:07. Operator's receipt of the inspector report. The inspector shall provide a copy of all inspection report materials to the pipeline operator. The report shall be provided to an authorized official of the operator including an officer, manager or governing board member if probable violations or warnings, as defined in § 20:10:37:08, are believed by the inspector to exist.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-5, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:08. Probable non-compliance inspection results. The inspector shall categorize potential noncompliance in one of the following three categories to be specified in the inspection report:

(1) A notice of probable violation may be issued if the inspector has good cause to believe a serious or repeat violation of applicable pipeline safety standards has occurred. The written notice of violation shall include a statement of the statute, rule, or regulation allegedly violated by the pipeline operator and a description of the factual basis on which the allegation is based. If a civil penalty is proposed, the report shall state the amount of the proposed civil

penalty. A warning in subdivision (2) may be elevated to a notice of probable violation by the pipeline program manager if warning items are not remedied in a timely fashion;

(2) A warning may be issued for a probable violation of a less serious nature or a first time violation. The warning may include specific corrective actions that must be taken to correct the situation and the time frame within which such actions shall be completed; and

(3) A notice of concern may be used to inform the operator where best industry practices are not being followed but no direct code violation exists. The notice of concern designation shall be used for informational purposes only to aid the pipeline operator in managing as safe and effective pipeline as possible. No pipeline operator action is required.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-5, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:09. Pipeline operator's inspection response. Upon receipt of a written notice of probable violation or warning, the pipeline operator shall respond to the inspector within 30 business days in any one of the following ways:

(1) Admit to the probable violation or warning and agree to the proposed civil penalty or corrective action, or both, if they exist. Civil penalties are subject to commission approval;

(2) Respond to the probable violation or warning and agree to the proposed civil penalty or corrective action, or both, if they exist. Civil penalties shall be subject to commission approval;

(3) A written dispute of the reported probable violation or warning at which time the pipeline operator may request a hearing before the commission if the dispute cannot be resolved with the inspector; or

(4) A written dispute of the proposed civil penalty or proposed corrective action, or both, at which time the pipeline operator may request a hearing before the commission.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-5, 49-34B-7, 49-34B-12, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:10. Pipeline operator's incident reporting requirements. As soon as reasonably possible following discovery of an incident, the pipeline operator shall notify the commission by phone of any incident on the pipeline system owned or operated by the pipeline operator. The notification shall include the identity of the pipeline operator, the time and location of the incident, whether there are ascertainable fatalities, personal injuries requiring inpatient hospitalization, or property damage, or both, and any other significant facts and public dangers relevant to the incident. This reporting requirement does not relieve the pipeline operator of the federal reporting requirements as found in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 191. This reporting requirement requires personal notification to an inspector. Inspector contact information shall be provided by the commission.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-5, 49-34B-7, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:11. Inspector's incident investigation. Each incident shall be docketed with the commission by an inspector upon initiation of an investigation. An incident investigation shall be conducted by an inspector and may include pipeline operator personnel interviews, the inspection of failed equipment or pipe, the issuance of a subpoena by the commission for failed equipment or pipe relating to the incident for independent preservation, ordering of independent laboratory tests of failed pipe or equipment, viewing related documents, and other reasonable investigatory measures as needed to complete a comprehensive independent investigation. The pipeline operator has ten business days to respond to inspector requests for information. Disputes shall be resolved by the commission.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-5, 49-34B-7, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:12. Post-incident investigation meeting. Upon the conclusion of the inspector's investigation and all laboratory or other tests and discovery and before the inspector's filing of a formal incident report, the inspector shall notify the operator that the inspector has completed the investigation. The operator or the inspector may request a meeting to discuss investigation findings and incident report contents prior to or following the filing of an incident report by the inspector.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-5, 49-34B-7, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:13. Incident report. As soon as reasonably possible after all information has been gathered and the investigation concludes, an inspector shall file an incident report to summarize the investigation and report on findings. The inspector's report shall be filed with the commission. An incident docket shall conclude upon the commission's acceptance or rejection of the inspector's report and determination of what pipeline violations occurred, if any, what corrective actions shall be required, if any, and what civil penalties are appropriate, if any.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-5, 49-34B-7, 49-34B-12, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:14. Pipeline operator's obligations upon completion of inspector's incident report. Upon filing of the inspector's incident report with the commission, the pipeline operator shall respond, in writing, within 30 business days and state whether the pipeline

operator agrees with the report and recommendations or disputes any portion of the report and recommendations.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-5, 49-34B-7, 49-34B-12, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:15. Pipeline operator's failure to reply. A failure to reply to either an inspection report according to § 20:10:37:09 or an incident report according to § 20:10:37:14 shall be considered consent to the report in its entirety. Civil penalties are subject to commission approval.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-5, 49-34B-7, 49-34B-12, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:16. Request for hearing. Either the pipeline safety program manager or pipeline operator may, at any time, request a hearing before the commission to resolve any issue within the jurisdiction of the commission.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-5, 49-34B-7, 49-34B-12, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:17. Change of ownership. Each pipeline operator, upon finalization of an agreement to purchase or sell a jurisdictional gas pipeline facility subject to the provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations Title 49, Part 192, must, within 30 business days, submit to the commission's pipeline safety program a written notification of this agreement. This rule shall not apply to transactions under SDCL 49-34A-35.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:18. Notice requirements for transmission line construction. Each transmission pipeline operator within the jurisdiction of the pipeline safety program shall, prior to the construction of a new transmission line, or a relocation or replacement of a transmission line as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Part 192:

(1) Submit the information below to the commission's pipeline safety program no later than 60 days prior to the commencement of construction, relocation, or replacement:

- (a) Operator's name and mailing address;
- (b) Estimated dates construction is scheduled to begin and end;
- (c) Map showing location and proposed route of pipeline;
- (d) Identified gas transmission Integrity Management Program high consequence area, if applicable;
- (e) Proposed steel pipeline specifications, including size, weight, grade, wall thickness, and coating;
- (f) Landfill gas plastic pipe specifications, including size and Standard Dimension Ratio;
- (g) Proposed design and maximum allowable operating pressure of pipeline;
- (h) Pressure test procedures and method of pressure test prior to operations;
- (i) Proposed type of cathodic protection;
- (j) Minimum burial depths of pipeline at time of construction;
- (k) Proposed location and type of pipeline safety equipment;
- (l) Proposed type of highway and water crossing, such as whether it will be bored and cased, bored only, or trenched;
- (m) Written construction procedures;

- (n) Name of construction company if known at the time of filing the Notice;
and
 - (o) Operator contact name and phone number;
- (2) In the event of an emergency, as defined in the pipeline operator's operations manual, give telephonic notice of emergency construction, relocation, or replacement to the commission's pipeline safety program;
- (3) Significant construction modifications shall be submitted to the pipeline safety program;
- (4) Submit the information below to the commission's pipeline safety program no later than 60 days prior to the commencement of operation:
- (a) Operation and maintenance manual;
 - (b) Emergency procedures;
 - (c) Anti-drug and alcohol plan;
 - (d) Public Awareness plan;
 - (e) Damage prevention program;
 - (f) Abnormal operations; and
 - (g) Operator's qualification plan.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 40-34B-8, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.

20:10:37:19. Annual report. Except as provided below, each pipeline operator shall submit to the commission a copy of its United States Department of Transportation Form RSPA F 7100.1- 1 and/or Form RSPA F 7100.2-1 which are completed to meet federal regulatory obligations. A copy of the report shall be submitted by March 15 each year for the preceding calendar year.

The annual report is not required to be submitted for petroleum gas systems which serve fewer than 100 customers from a single source or master meter systems.

This reporting requirement does not relieve the operator of its federal reporting requirements as found in 49 C.F.R. §§ 191.11 and 191.17.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 49-34B-4, 49-34B-19.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-34B-3, 49-34B-4, 49-34B-6, 49-34B-7, 49-34B-19, 49-34B-27.