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§ 192.615 Emergency plans.

(a)Each operator shall establish written procedures to minimize the hazard resulting from a gas pipeline emergency. At a minimum, the procedures must provide for the following:

- (1)**Receiving, identifying, and classifying notices of events which require immediate response by the operator.
- (2)**Establishing and maintaining adequate means of communication with appropriate fire, police, and other public officials.
- (3)**Prompt and effective response to a notice of each type of emergency, including the following:
 - (i)**Gas detected inside or near a building.
 - (ii)**Fire located near or directly involving a pipeline facility.
 - (iii)**Explosion occurring near or directly involving a pipeline facility.
 - (iv)**Natural disaster.
- (4)**The availability of personnel, equipment, tools, and materials, as needed at the scene of an emergency.
- (5)**Actions directed toward protecting people first and then property.
- (6)**Emergency shutdown and pressure reduction in any section of the operator's pipeline system necessary to minimize hazards to life or property.
- (7)**Making safe any actual or potential hazard to life or property.
- (8)**Notifying appropriate fire, police, and other public officials of gas pipeline emergencies and coordinating with them both planned responses and actual responses during an emergency.
- (9)**Safely restoring any service outage.
- (10)**Beginning action under § 192.617, if applicable, as soon after the end of the emergency as possible.
- (11)**Actions required to be taken by a controller during an emergency in accordance with § 192.631.

(b)Each operator shall:

- (1)**Furnish its supervisors who are responsible for emergency action a copy of that portion of the latest edition of the emergency procedures established under paragraph (a) of this section as necessary for compliance with those procedures.

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- (2) Train the appropriate operating personnel to assure that they are knowledgeable of the emergency procedures and verify that the training is effective.
- (3) Review employee activities to determine whether the procedures were effectively followed in each emergency.
- (c) Each operator shall establish and maintain liaison with appropriate fire, police, and other public officials to:
- (1) Learn the responsibility and resources of each government organization that may respond to a gas pipeline emergency;
 - (2) Acquaint the officials with the operator's ability in responding to a gas pipeline emergency;
 - (3) Identify the types of gas pipeline emergencies of which the operator notifies the officials; and
 - (4) Plan how the operator and officials can engage in mutual assistance to minimize hazards to life or property.
- (d) [Redesignated as § 192.616. See [59 FR 6585](#), Feb. 11, 1994]

Statutory Authority

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Annotations

Notes

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Case Notes

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[Minnegasco v. Minnesota PUC, 549 N.W.2d 904, 1996 Minn. LEXIS 368](#) (Minn June 13, 1996).

Overview: *Public utility commission was not authorized to impute goodwill value enjoyed by affiliate to utility company because it was not a cost of providing services. Repair costs were allocated to utility company because law required it to fix gas leaks.*

- Federal standards require that a natural gas utility company provide a prompt and effective response to every notice it receives of gas detected inside or near a building, [49 C.F.R. § 192.615\(a\)\(3\)\(i\) \(1995\)](#), and to make safe any actual or potential hazard to life or property. [49 C.F.R. § 192.615\(a\)\(7\)](#). [Go To Headnote](#)

Research References & Practice Aids

NOTES APPLICABLE TO ENTIRE CHAPTER:

[PUBLISHER'S NOTE: For Federal Register citations concerning Chapter I Advisory guidance, see [61 FR 30444](#), June 14, 1996; [67 FR 31974](#), May 13, 2002; [78 FR 41853](#), July 12, 2013.]

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