



U.S. Department of Transportation
Research and Special Programs Administration
Office of Pipeline Safety
Community Assistance and Technical Services (CATS) Program

Pipeline Safety Regulatory Fact Sheet: Maryland

The federal government establishes minimum pipeline safety standards (under Title 49 CFR Part 190 – 199) and has overall regulatory responsibility for all hazardous liquid and gas pipelines in the United States. Pipelines are regulated by the Office of Pipeline Safety, within the Research and Special Programs Administration of the Department of Transportation. Pertinent regulations can be found at <http://ops.dot.gov/>.

The Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) is headquartered in Washington, DC, and supported through five regional offices located in Denver, Houston, Kansas City, Atlanta and Washington, DC. OPS Regional Directors, Pipeline Inspectors, State Liaisons, and Community Assistance and Technical Services (CATS) managers operate from each of the five OPS regional offices.

CATS managers are available to assist the public, the media and state or local officials with inquiries concerning pipeline safety-related issues.

The OPS regulates and inspects hazardous liquid and gas interstate operators in Maryland.

Through certification by OPS, the state of Maryland regulates and inspects the operators having intrastate gas and liquid pipelines. This work is performed by the Pipeline Safety Division of the Maryland Public Service Commission. Maryland state regulations can be found at: <http://www.psc.state.md.us/psc/>.

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