



## Pipeline Safety Regulatory Fact Sheet: Minnesota

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.

OPS regulates and enforces interstate gas and liquid pipeline safety requirements within Minnesota.

Through certification by OPS, the state of Minnesota regulates, inspects, and enforces intrastate gas and liquid pipeline safety requirements. By signed agreement with OPS, Minnesota also inspects interstate liquid and gas pipeline safety requirements. This work is performed by the Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety, within the State Fire Marshal Division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Minnesota state regulations can be found at: <http://www.dps.state.mn.us/pipeline>.

Here is contact information pertaining to pipelines in Minnesota:

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