



Pipeline Safety Regulatory Fact Sheet: Pennsylvania

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 the intrastate and interstate hazardous liquid pipeline operators and the interstate gas transmission operators in Pennsylvania.

Through certification by OPS, the state of Pennsylvania regulates, and inspects the intrastate gas pipeline operators in Pennsylvania. This work is performed by the Gas Safety Division of the Bureau of Transportation & Safety within the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission. Pennsylvania state regulations can be found at: http://puc.paonline.com/transport/GasSafety/Gas_Safety_Main.htm.

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