



## Pipeline Safety Regulatory Fact Sheet: Rhode Island

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 **interstate** gas and hazardous liquid pipeline operators in Rhode Island.

Through certification by OPS, the state of Rhode Island regulates and inspects the **intrastate** gas pipeline operators in Rhode Island. This work is performed by the Gas Safety Division of the Rhode Island Division Public Utilities Commission.

Rhode Island state regulations can be found at <http://www.ripuc.org/regs/index.html>.

Here is contact information pertaining to pipelines in Rhode Island:

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