



## Pipeline Safety Fact Sheet: Washington

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. The Office of Pipeline Safety, within the Research and Special Programs Administration of the Department of Transportation, regulates pipelines. 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 in Washington.

Through certification by OPS, the state of Washington regulates, inspects, and enforces intrastate gas and liquid pipeline safety requirements. By signed agreement with OPS, Washington also inspects interstate liquid and gas pipeline safety requirements. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission perform this work.

Washington state regulations can be found at: <http://www.wutc.wa.gov>.

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