

Public Awareness and Damage Prevention for Small Operators

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§192.616 Public awareness.

(a) Except for an operator of a master meter or petroleum gas system covered under paragraph (j) of this section, each pipeline operator must develop and implement a written continuing public education program that follows the guidance provided in the American Petroleum Institute's (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 1162 (IBR, see §192.7).

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(j) **Unless the operator transports gas as a primary activity**, the operator of a master meter or petroleum gas system is not required to develop a public awareness program as prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (g) of this section. ...



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Instead the operator must develop and implement a ***written procedure*** to provide its customers public awareness messages **twice annually**.

If the master meter or petroleum gas system is located on **property the operator does not control**, the operator must provide similar messages **twice annually to persons controlling the property**.

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The public awareness message must include:

- (1) A description of the purpose and reliability of the pipeline;
- (2) An overview of the hazards of the pipeline and prevention measures used;
- (3) Information about damage prevention;
- (4) How to recognize and respond to a leak; and
- (5) How to get additional information.

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(a) **Except** as provided in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, each operator of a buried pipeline shall carry out, in accordance with this section, a written program to prevent damage to that pipeline from excavation activities.

Exceptions!!



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(d) A damage prevention program under this section is not required for the following pipelines:

(1) Pipelines located offshore.

(2) Pipelines, other than those located offshore, in Class 1 or 2 locations until September 20, 1995.

(3) Pipelines to which access is physically controlled by the operator.

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(e) Pipelines operated by persons other than municipalities (**including operators of master meters**) whose primary activity does not include the transportation of gas need not comply with the following:

(1) The requirement of paragraph (a) of this section that the damage prevention program be written; and

(2) The requirements of paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this section.

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So!

Where does that lead us?

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(b) An operator may comply with any of the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section through participation in a public service program, such as a one-call system, but such **participation does not relieve the operator** of responsibility for compliance with this section. ...

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(b) ... However, an operator must perform the duties of paragraph (c)(3) of this section through participation in a one-call system, if that one-call system is a qualified one-call system. In areas that are covered by more than one qualified one-call system, an **operator need only join one of the qualified one-call systems** if there is a central telephone number for excavators to call for excavation activities, or if the onecall systems in those areas communicate with one another.

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(b) ... An operator's **pipeline system must be covered by a qualified one-call system** where there is one in place. For the purpose of this section, a one-call system is considered a "qualified one-call system" if it meets the requirements of section (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section.

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The state has adopted a one-call damage prevention program under §198.37 of this chapter, or



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- (i) Is operated in accordance with §198.39 of this chapter;
- (ii) Provides a pipeline operator an opportunity similar to a voluntary participant to have a part in management responsibilities; and
- iii. Assesses a participating pipeline operator a fee that is proportionate to the costs of the one-call system's coverage of the operator's pipeline.

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program.(c)(1)&(c)(2)

Not required for most master meters

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(3) Provide a means of receiving and recording notification of planned excavation activities.

(4) If the operator has buried pipelines in the area of excavation activity, provide for actual notification of persons who give notice of their intent to excavate of the type of temporary marking to be provided and how to identify the markings.

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(5) Provide for temporary marking of buried pipelines in the area of excavation activity before, as far as practical, the activity begins.



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(6) Provide as follows for inspection of pipelines that an operator has reason to believe could be damaged by excavation activities:

(i) The inspection must be done as frequently as necessary during and after the activities to verify the integrity of the pipeline; and

(ii) In the case of blasting, any inspection must include leakage surveys.

