



Description

This procedure describes the requirements for public notice and follow-up in connection with excavation activities around gas pipelines.

NOTE: Texas Intrastate Pipelines: WTG will follow the excavator portions of this procedure when they are performing excavations or have contractors excavating on their behalf. They will follow the operator requirements when others are excavating in the vicinity of WTG pipelines.

**Regulatory
Applicability**

- Regulated Transmission Pipelines
- Regulated Gathering Pipelines (Type A)
- Regulated Gathering Pipelines (Type B)
- Regulated Distribution Pipelines

The following Texas intrastate pipelines are exempt from the requirements of this procedure:

- The exemptions in Texas Utilities Code, §251.003;
- The movement of earth that does not exceed a depth of 16 inches;
- Surface mining operations;
- The following activities when performed by an employee of TxDOT within TxDOT right-of-way:
 - Sampling and repair of pavement, base, and subgrade;
 - Repair of roadway embankment adjacent to pavement structure;
 - Reshaping of unpaved shoulders and drop-offs;
 - installation and maintenance of guardrails, cable barriers, delineators, vehicle attenuators, sign posts, mailboxes, and cables for traffic signals and luminaries;
 - Cleaning of ditches; and
 - Removal of silt from culverts; or
- Hand digging by an employee or contractor of TxDOT for TxDOT's archeological program.

Frequency

Provide notifications to excavators and the public as often as needed to make them aware of the damage prevention program.

Receive and respond to line locate requests on an ongoing basis.

Reporting for Texas Intrastate Pipelines:

- Excavator –
 - When damage is done to an underground pipeline, contact the Operator through the notification center immediately, but no more than 2 hours after the damage and the Commission within 10 days through TDRF.



- If a second notification is required for marking due to no response, notify the Commission through TDRF.
- If an Operator does not provide a positive response to the second notification notify the Commission through TDRF.
- Operator
 - Report to the Commission all damage to pipelines caused by an excavator within 10 days of the damage incident or of the operator's actual knowledge of the damage incident through TDRF.

Reference 49 CFR 192.614 *Damage Prevention Program*
 LA Title 43 Part XIII *Damage Prevention Program*
 165 OAC Chapter 20-5-51 *Mandatory Participation in Oklahoma One Call*
 NM 18.60.5 *Pipeline Excavation Damage Prevention*
 TAC Title 16, Part 1, Chapter 18, *Underground Pipeline Damage Prevention*
 Texas Utilities Code, Section 251
 American Public Works Association (APWA) Uniform Color Code (ANSI
 Standard Z535.1, Safety Color Code)

Forms / Record Retention F-192.614 *Damage Prevention / Life of Pipeline System if our line was crossed; 5 Years if it was not*
 F-192.706 *Leakage Survey / 5 Years*
 Form WTG-1100 *Exposed Pipeline Inspection / 5 Years*
 Form WTG-1101 *Leak Survey Report Form / Life of the Pipeline System*
 One-Call Ticket or Excavator Request

Related Specifications None

OQ Covered Task 1291 *Locate underground Pipelines*
 1331 *Damage Prevention Inspection During Third Party Excavation or Encroachment Activities as Determined Necessary by Operator*
 1341 *Provide or Assure Adequate Pipeline Support During Operator Initiated Excavation Activities*

(In order to perform the tasks listed above; personnel must be qualified in accordance with West Texas Gas's Operator Qualification program or directly supervised by a qualified individual.)



*WTG's Individual State Specific Damage Prevention Plans are located at
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