



Description To implement the requirements for testing of natural gas piping systems in school facilities

**Regulatory
Applicability**

- Regulated Transmission Pipelines
- Regulated Gathering Pipelines
- Regulated Distribution Pipelines
- Regulated Production Pipelines – Texas Intrastate

Frequency Prior to beginning of school year as required per TAC 8.230.

Reference 16 TAC 8.230 School Piping Testing
16 TAC 8.235 *Natural Gas Pipelines Public Education and Liaison*

Forms TX Form PS-86-A Gas Pipe Testing Form / 2 Years or until Next Review whichever is Longer
TX Form PS-86-B Gas Pipe Test Results Form / 2 Years or until Next Review whichever is Longer

**Related
Specifications** None

OQ Covered Task None



Procedure Steps

Notification of Schools

- Prior to the beginning of each school year West Texas Gas will verify which schools in each assigned District are required to submit to WTG their written notification of compliance with Texas Utility Code 121.5005-121.507.
- Schools that have not met TUC 121.5005-121.507 will be notified by WTG prior to the beginning of each school year by written notification of their responsibility to have the gas pipelines within their school system tested in accordance with *TAC 8.230 School Piping Testing*.
- If prior to the beginning of the school year WTG has not received notice from the school regarding the completion of the school piping testing, WTG will terminate all gas service as required by TAC 8.230 School Piping Testing.
- If WTG receives notification of a hazardous leak in the school facility pipeline. WTG will terminate all gas service.

Pressure Testing

A pressure test to determine if the natural gas piping in each school facility will hold at least normal operating pressure will be performed as follows:

- School facility pipe testing includes all gas piping from the outlet of the purchase meter to each inlet valve of each appliance.
- For systems on which the normal operating pressure is less than 0.5 psig, the test pressure will be 5 psig and the time interval will be 30 minutes.
- For systems on which the normal operating pressure is 0.5 psig or more, the test pressure shall be 1.5 times the normal operating pressure or 5 psig, whichever is greater, and the time interval shall be 30 minutes.
- A pressure test using normal operating pressure shall be utilized only on systems operating at 5 psig or greater, and the time interval shall be one hour.

Providing Information to the School District

Upon written request from the school district, West Texas Gas will provide (in writing) the following parts of the *Emergency Response Plan* (ERP) relevant to the school, including:

- Description and map of the pipeline and/or facilities that are within 1,000 feet of the school facility;
- List of products transported through the pipeline segment that is within 1,000 feet of the school building or facility;
- Designated emergency number for the pipeline facility operator;



- Information on the state's excavation One-Call system; and
- Information on how to recognize report and respond to a product release.

Written reports to school facilities will be mailed by certified mail, return receipts requested, to the Superintendent of the school district in which the school building or facility is located.

Appearing at School Board Meetings

When requested by the school board, West Texas Gas or a representative will appear at regularly scheduled meetings of the school board to explain any items listed above.

Record Keeping

West Texas Gas will keep and maintain all forms, PS-86-A & PS-86-B, for a minimum of two years