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# Emergency Plans

§192.615

WARNING  
PIPELINE  
IN AN EMERGENCY CALL



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Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

# Purpose

- Provide a refresher on recent changes to §192.615 and the impact on emergency response plans
- The changes we will discuss are from Amdt 192-130 effective 10-5-2022
- In this final rule PHMSA revised §192.615 to require that emergency procedures provide for rupture mitigation in response to a rupture event



# Amdt 192-130

- Docket No. PHMSA-2013-0255: (Amendment 192-130)
- RIN: 2137-AF06
- Effective Date: October 5, 2022
- With this final rule PHMSA revised §192.615 paragraphs (a)(2), (a)(6), (a)(8), and (a)(11)
- A new par (a)(12) was added, and the introductory text of paragraph (c) was revised



# §192.615(a) Written Procedures

Minimize the hazard  
resulting from a gas  
pipeline emergency



# §192.615 (a)(2)

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- Establishing and maintaining adequate means of communication with appropriate fire, police, and other public officials

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- ....communication with the appropriate public safety answering point(i.e., 911 emergency call center) where direct access to an emergency 911 call center is available from the location of the pipeline, and fire police and other public officials



# §192.615(a)(6)

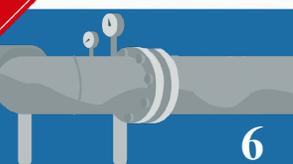
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- Emergency shutdown and pressure reduction in any section of the operator's pipeline system necessary to minimize hazards to life and property

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- Taking necessary actions...to minimize hazards of released gas to life, property, or the environment

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PIPELINE  
IN AN EMERGENCY CALL



# §192.615(a)(8)

10-4-2022

- Notifying appropriate fire, police, and other public officials of a gas pipeline emergencies and coordinating with them both planned responses and during an emergency

10-5-2022

- Notifying 911 where available and fire, police, & other public officials, of gas pipeline emergencies....the operator must immediately and directly notify the appropriate public safety answering point after receiving a notice of potential rupture



# §192.615(a)(11)

10-4-2022

- Actions required to be taken by a controller during an emergency in accordance with §192.631

10-5-2022

- ....in accordance with the operator's emergency plans and requirements set forth in §§192.631, 192.634, and 192.636



# §192.615(a)(12)

The final rule added a new par (a)(12) to section 192.615

- Requires operators to develop written rupture identification procedures to evaluate and identify whether a notification of potential rupture, is an actual rupture event or a non-rupture event
- These procedures must, at a minimum, specify the sources of information, operational factors, and other criteria that operator personnel use to evaluate a notification of potential rupture and identify an actual rupture
- For operators installing valves in accordance with §192.179(e), §192.179(f), or that are subject to the requirements in §192.634, those procedures must provide for rupture identification as soon as practicable



# §192.615(c) Introductory text

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- Each operator shall establish and maintain liaison with appropriate fire, police, and other public officials

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- Each operator must establish and maintain liaison with the appropriate public safety answering point (911 emergency call center) where available





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