



Gas Pipeline Safety Program Updates

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4 CCR 723-11 Rulemaking Updates

- [Details of Proceeding 22R-0491GPS \(SB21-108\)](#)
- HB23-1216
- Advanced Leak Detection Technology



SB21-108

Details of Proceeding 22R-0491GPS

Nov 9, 2022

- Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking Published

Jan - Aug
2023

- Multiple Hearings & Commenting Periods

Nov 8, 2023

- Recommended Decision of ALJ Farley

Jan 30,
2024

- Final Rule



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HB23-1216

Dec 13,
2023

- Stakeholder Meeting

2024

- Proposed Rulemaking

2024

- Recommended Decision

2024

- Final Rule



Advanced Leak Detection Technology



PHMSA Proposed Rule: May 18, 2023



CO PUC Removed from Recommended Decision: Nov 8, 2023



GPAC Meeting #1: Nov 27 - Dec 1, 2023



GPAC Meeting #2: Mar 25 - 29, 2024



CO PUC Stand-alone Rulemaking: 2024



2022 PHMSA Rules & Proposed Rules

Date	Subject	Document Type	Part
3/21/2022	Revisions to Civil Penalty Amounts	Rule	107, 171, 190
4/8/2022	Pipeline Safety: Requirement of Valve Installation and Minimum Rupture Detection Standards	Rule	192, 195
5/4/2022	Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Gathering Pipelines: Extension of Reporting Requirements, Regulation of Large, High-Pressure Lines, and Other Related Amendments: Response to a Petition for Reconsideration; Technical Corrections; Issuance of Limited Enforcement Discretion	Rule	191, 192
5/11/2022	Administrative Rulemaking-Criminal Referrals	Rule	107, 190
8/24/2022	Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Transmission Pipelines: Repair Criteria, Integrity Management Improvements, Cathodic Protection, Management of Change, and Other Related Amendments	Rule	192
8/29/2022	Pipeline Safety: Periodic Standards Update II	Proposed Rule	191, 192, 195



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5/18/2023	Pipeline Safety: Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair	Proposed Rule	191, 192, 193
8/1/2023	Pipeline Safety: Requirement of Valve Installation and Minimum Rupture Detection Standards: Technical Corrections	Rule	192, 195
9/7/2023	Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Distribution Pipelines and Other Pipeline Safety Initiatives	Proposed Rule	191, 192, 198
12/28/2023	Revisions to Civil Penalty Amounts, 2024	Rule	107, 171, 190



Gathering in Colorado

Determine: 49 CFR 192.8 and API RP 80

Applicable: 49 CFR 192.9



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2023 Pipeline Safety Program Update

- Performed 87 Inspections
- Finalized 81 Inspections
- Issued 19 Warning Letters
- [Issued 3 Notice of Probable Violations \(NPV\)](#)
- Issued \$1.7 million in fines

US Code 60106: State Pipeline Safety Agreements

- Municipalities
- CO PUC Pipeline Safety: Inspecting/Auditing Agent
- PHMSA: Enforcement Agent
- Effective: September 2023

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Performance Audit Status Update

- 39 Recommendations; PUC agreed with 38.5
- 2 recommendations due June 2023 - Completed
- 2 recommendations due December 2023 - Completed
- 25 recommendations due March 2024
 - 9 Recommendations completed in December 2023
- 10 recommendations due June 2024
 - 6 Recommendations completed in December 2023

19 of 39 Recommendations Completed

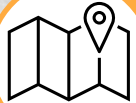


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Pipeline Safety Seminar



April 9, 2024



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