

TR Number	24-33
Primary Reference	Preface to Guide
Secondary Reference	192.8
Purpose	To add language to the preface to address offshore lines.
Origin/Rationale	During balloting for TR 22-07, there were several comments regarding offshore gathering lines. In reviewing the Guide, there are very few references to offshore lines, mostly in sections that have very specific requirements for offshore. The guide really does not address offshore pipelines. The suggestion is to add language to the preface that the guide is not designed to address offshore pipelines.

Note: Revisions are shown in yellow highlight and red font.

PREFACE

The guide material presented in the Gas Piping Technology Committee's (GPTC) "Guide for Gas Transmission, Distribution, and Gathering Piping Systems" (Guide) contains information and some "how to" methods to assist the operator in complying with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 49 as follows:

- Part 191 - Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline: Annual Reports, Incident Reports, and Safety-Related Condition Reports
 - Part 192 - Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline: Minimum Federal Safety Standards
- Parts 191 and 192 are typically referred to hereinafter as the "Regulations."

The recommendations contained in the Guide are based on sound engineering principles developed by a committee balanced in accordance with accepted committee procedures and must be applied by the use of sound and competent judgment. All guide material is of equal importance and validity, whether immediately following the Regulations or in Guide Material Appendices.

The guide material is advisory in nature and contains guidance and information for consideration in complying with the Regulations. As such, it is not intended for public authorities or others to adopt the Guide in mandatory language, in whole or in part, in laws, regulations, administrative orders, ordinances, or similar instruments as the sole means of compliance.

The operator is cautioned that the guide material may not be adequate under all conditions encountered, and should not restrict the operator from using other methods of complying with the Regulations. Following the Guide does not ensure that an operator is automatically in compliance with the requirements of Parts 191 and 192. Operators of intrastate facilities are also cautioned that some states have additional or more stringent requirements than Parts 191 and 192. Operators of both intrastate and interstate facilities may be subject to state-specific damage prevention requirements. The Guide specifically addresses the sections where offshore requirements are included in regulations. The Guide is not intended to address offshore gathering facilities.

Operators should recognize that certain activities may also be impacted by other agencies, such as United States Coast Guard (USCG), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). For example, TSA has issued pipeline security guidelines to assist pipeline operators in addressing the management of security-related threats, events, and responses.

HISTORY

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