

**§ 192.701**

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for training controllers to recognize abnormal operating conditions;

(3) Training controllers on their responsibilities for communication under the operator's emergency response procedures;

(4) Training that will provide a controller a working knowledge of the pipeline system, especially during the development of abnormal operating conditions; and

(5) For pipeline operating setups that are periodically, but infrequently used, providing an opportunity for controllers to review relevant procedures in advance of their application.

(i) *Compliance validation.* Upon request, operators must submit their procedures to PHMSA or, in the case of an intrastate pipeline facility regulated by a State, to the appropriate State agency.

(j) *Compliance and deviations.* An operator must maintain for review during inspection:

(1) Records that demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this section; and

(2) Documentation to demonstrate that any deviation from the procedures required by this section was necessary for the safe operation of a pipeline facility.

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**Subpart M—Maintenance**

**§ 192.701 Scope.**

This subpart prescribes minimum requirements for maintenance of pipeline facilities.

**§ 192.703 General.**

(a) No person may operate a segment of pipeline, unless it is maintained in accordance with this subpart.

(b) Each segment of pipeline that becomes unsafe must be replaced, repaired, or removed from service.

(c) Hazardous leaks must be repaired promptly.

**§ 192.705 Transmission lines: Patrolling.**

(a) Each operator shall have a patrol program to observe surface conditions on and adjacent to the transmission

line right-of-way for indications of leaks, construction activity, and other factors affecting safety and operation.

(b) The frequency of patrols is determined by the size of the line, the operating pressures, the class location, terrain, weather, and other relevant factors, but intervals between patrols may not be longer than prescribed in the following table:

| Class location of line | Maximum interval between patrols                       |  |
|------------------------|--|--|
|                        | At highway and railroad crossings                      | At all other places                                    |
| 1, 2 .....             | 7½ months; but at least twice each calendar year.      | 15 months; but at least once each calendar year.       |
| 3 .....                | 4½ months; but at least four times each calendar year. | 7½ months; but at least twice each calendar year.      |
| 4 .....                | 4½ months; but at least four times each calendar year. | 4½ months; but at least four times each calendar year. |

(c) Methods of patrolling include walking, driving, flying or other appropriate means of traversing the right-of-way.

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**§ 192.706 Transmission lines: Leakage surveys.**

Leakage surveys of a transmission line must be conducted at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year. However, in the case of a transmission line which transports gas in conformity with § 192.625 without an odor or odorant, leakage surveys using leak detector equipment must be conducted—

(a) In Class 3 locations, at intervals not exceeding 7½ months, but at least twice each calendar year; and

(b) In Class 4 locations, at intervals not exceeding 4½ months, but at least four times each calendar year.

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**§ 192.707 Line markers for mains and transmission lines.**

(a) *Buried pipelines.* Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a