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(c) No public hearing or other proceeding is held directly on an application before its disposition under this section. If the Associate Administrator determines that the application contains adequate justification, he or she grants the waiver. If the Associate Administrator determines that the application does not justify granting the waiver, he or she denies the application. The Associate Administrator notifies each applicant of the decision to grant or deny an application.


§ 199.9 Preemption of State and local laws.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this part preempts any State or local law, rule, regulation, or order to the extent that:
(1) Compliance with both the State or local requirement and this part is not possible;
(2) Compliance with the State or local requirement is an obstacle to the accomplishment and execution of any requirement in this part; or
(3) The State or local requirement is a pipeline safety standard applicable to interstate pipeline facilities.

(b) This part shall not be construed to preempt provisions of State criminal law that impose sanctions for reckless conduct leading to actual loss of life, injury, or damage to property, whether the provisions apply specifically to transportation employees or employers or to the general public.


Subpart B—Drug Testing

§ 199.100 Purpose.

The purpose of this subpart is to establish programs designed to help prevent accidents and injuries resulting from the use of prohibited drugs by employees who perform covered functions for operators of certain pipeline facilities subject to part 192, 193, or 195 of this chapter.

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§ 199.101 Anti-drug plan.

(a) Each operator shall maintain and follow a written anti-drug plan that conforms to the requirements of this part and the DOT Procedures. The plan must contain—
(1) Methods and procedures for compliance with all the requirements of this part, including the employee assistance program;
(2) The name and address of the operator’s Medical Review Officer, and Substance Abuse Professional; and
(4) Procedures for notifying employees of the coverage and provisions of the plan.

(b) The Associate Administrator or the State Agency that has submitted a current certification under the pipeline safety laws (49 U.S.C. 60101 et seq.) with respect to the pipeline facility governed by an operator’s plans and procedures may, after notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in 49 CFR 190.206 or the relevant State procedures, require the operator to amend its plans and procedures as necessary to provide a reasonable level of safety.


§ 199.103 Use of persons who fail or refuse a drug test.

(a) An operator may not knowingly use as an employee any person who—
(1) Fails a drug test required by this part and the medical review officer makes a determination under DOT Procedures; or
(2) Refuses to take a drug test required by this part.

(b) Paragraph (a)(1) of this section does not apply to a person who has—
(1) Passed a drug test under DOT Procedures;
(2) Been considered by the medical review officer in accordance with DOT Procedures and been determined by a substance abuse professional to have