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**From: Division of Public Utilities Pipeline Safety (UTPS)**

## **USDOT PHMSA OPID REQUIREMENT FOR MASTER METER OPERATORS**

Notice for pipeline systems that meet the definition of a master meter system under Title 49 CFR Part 191.3 (see attachment).

USDOT PHMSA requires all gas pipeline operators to obtain an Operator Identification Number (OPID) in Title 49 CFR Part 191.22(a) National Registry of Pipeline and LNG operators (see attachment). The report submission requirements are noted in Title 49 CFR Part 191.7 (see attachment).

**It is your responsibility to obtain an OPID at the following website:**

<http://portal.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline>.

**Use the OPID Registration link.**

If PHMSA has already assigned your facility an OPID, it is your responsibility to validate the information as stated in Title 49 CFR Part 191.22(b) (see attachment). If you do not already have an account for the PHMSA portal, you can create an account at <http://portal.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline>. Use the Create an Account link.

It is also your responsibility to notify PHMSA through the portal of any changes as listed in part (c) of 191.22 (see attachment).

*If you have any questions or need further assistance you may contact our office at 801-530-6286.*

Attachments

## **Attachment:**

### **Title 49 CFR Part 191.3 Definitions Master Meter System**

“Master Meter System means a pipeline system for distributing gas within, but not limited to, a definable area, such as a mobile home park, housing project, or apartment complex, where the operator purchases metered gas from an outside source for resale through a gas distribution pipeline system. The gas distribution pipeline system supplies the ultimate consumer who either purchases the gas directly through a meter or by other means, such as by rents;”

### **Title 49 CFR Part 191.22 National Registry of Pipeline and LNG operators.**

(a) OPID Request. Effective January 1, 2012, each operator of a gas pipeline, gas pipeline facility, LNG plant or LNG facility must obtain from PHMSA an Operator Identification Number (OPID). An OPID is assigned to an operator for the pipeline or pipeline system for which the operator has primary responsibility. To obtain an OPID, an operator must complete an OPID Assignment Request DOT Form PHMSA F 1000.1 through the National Registry of Pipeline and LNG Operators in accordance with § 191.7.

(b) OPID validation. An operator who has already been assigned one or more OPID by January 1, 2011, must validate the information associated with each OPID through the National Registry of Pipeline and LNG Operators at <http://opsweb.phmsa.dot.gov>, and correct that information as necessary, no later than June 30, 2012.

(c) Changes. Each operator of a gas pipeline, gas pipeline facility, LNG plant or LNG facility must notify PHMSA electronically through the National Registry of Pipeline and LNG Operators at <http://opsweb.phmsa.dot.gov> of certain events.

(1) An operator must notify PHMSA of any of the following events not later than 60 days before the event occurs:

(i) Construction or any planned rehabilitation, replacement, modification, upgrade, update, or update of a facility, other than a section of line pipe, that costs \$10 million or more. If 60 day notice is not feasible because of an emergency, an operator must notify PHMSA as soon as practicable;

(ii) Construction of 10 or more miles of a new pipeline; or

(iii) Construction of a new LNG plant or LNG facility.

(2) An operator must notify PHMSA of any of the following events not later than 60 days after the event occurs:

(i) A change in the primary entity responsible (i.e., with an assigned OPID) for managing or administering a safety program required by this part covering pipeline facilities operated under multiple OPIDs.

(ii) A change in the name of the operator;

(iii) A change in the entity (e.g., company, municipality) responsible for an existing pipeline, pipeline segment, pipeline facility, or LNG facility;

(iv) The acquisition or divestiture of 50 or more miles of a pipeline or pipeline system subject to Part 192 of this subchapter; or

(v) The acquisition or divestiture of an existing LNG plant or LNG facility subject to Part 193 of this subchapter.

(d) Reporting. An operator must use the OPID issued by PHMSA for all reporting requirements covered under this subchapter and for submissions to the National Pipeline Mapping System.

**Title 49 CFR Part 191.7 Report submission requirements.**

(a) **General.** Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (e) of this section, an operator must submit each report required by this part electronically to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration at <http://portal.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline> unless an alternative reporting method is authorized in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section.