



Pipeline Safety Auditing: Federal Compliance Guide

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new & noteworthy

- **Pipeline Safety Enhancement Programs (PSEPs):** The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has issued a Notice outlining how it will review and process PSEP requests from pipeline owners and operators seeking to implement safety-enhancing testing programs for innovative technologies and operational practices on natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline facilities. In accordance with the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2020 (PIPES Act of 2020), PHMSA will review each PSEP application and, if approved, will provide regulatory oversight of the PSEP to ensure that the safety measures in the PSEP achieve a level of safety greater than that provided by existing regulations. For more information, see the Notice in the Federal Register at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-02-02/pdf/2022-02159.pdf>.

highlights of this release

- **Tab A—Natural Gas Systems:**

- Introduction: The Regional Offices and State Programs section has been updated with revised website addresses for the state programs in Alabama, Alaska, California, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Utah, Washington D.C., and Wyoming.

- **Tab C—Hazardous Liquids and Carbon Dioxide Transportation:**

- Introduction: The Key Compliance Definitions have been updated to add the definitions for “certain coastal waters” and “coastal beach.” The definition for “USA ecological resource” has been revised to include the two added terms.

- **Tab D—Alcohol Misuse Prevention and Anti-Drug Program:**

- Introduction: The Regulatory Summary has been updated to show that operators must include contractors who perform or are ready to perform covered functions among those to be tested for alcohol and drugs. Also, to further assist auditors, the regulatory definitions for “alcohol screening test,” “drugs,” “initial drug test,” and “confirmatory drug test” have been added to the Key Compliance Definitions.
- Rulebook Paragraph 2.3 has been updated to show that the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing remained at 50% for 2022.

release notes

please review

did you know?

- **International Proposals on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:** The United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE TDG) and the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP) are considering new proposals on transportation of dangerous goods. The proposals will be discussed at the following meetings:
 - The 60th session of the UNSCOE TDG, scheduled for June 27 to July 6, 2022, in Geneva, Switzerland;
 - The ICAO DGP Working Group 22, tentatively scheduled for November 21–25, in Montreal, Canada; and
 - The 61st session of the UNSCOE TDG, scheduled for November 28 to December 6, 2022, in Geneva, Switzerland.

PHMSA's Office of Hazardous Material Safety (OHMS) will host public meetings in advance of the three international meetings to allow the public to give input on the proposals. Each of the public meetings will be held approximately two weeks before the corresponding international meeting. Specific information for each meeting, including date, time, conference call-in number, and details for advance registration will be posted when available on the PHMSA website under "Upcoming Events" at <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/international-program/international-program-overview>. These meetings will be virtual, with concurrent in-person sessions possible, pending public health guidelines.

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