

UPDATE TO MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS

Pub. L. 114-183, §27(b), June 22, 2016, 130 Stat. 532, provided that: “The Secretary of Transportation shall review and update the minimum safety standards prescribed pursuant to section 60103 of title 49, United States Code, for permanent, small scale liquefied natural gas pipeline facilities.”

§ 60104. Requirements and limitations

(a) OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT VIEWS.—The Secretary of Transportation shall give an interested person an opportunity to make oral and written presentations of information, views, and arguments when prescribing a standard under this chapter.

(b) NONAPPLICATION.—A design, installation, construction, initial inspection, or initial testing standard does not apply to a pipeline facility existing when the standard is adopted.

(c) PREEMPTION.—A State authority that has submitted a current certification under section 60105(a) of this title may adopt additional or more stringent safety standards for intrastate pipeline facilities and intrastate pipeline transportation only if those standards are compatible with the minimum standards prescribed under this chapter. A State authority may not adopt or continue in force safety standards for interstate pipeline facilities or interstate pipeline transportation. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, a State authority may enforce a requirement of a one-call notification program of the State if the program meets the requirements for one-call notification programs under this chapter or chapter 61.

(d) CONSULTATION.—(1) When continuity of gas service is affected by prescribing a standard or waiving compliance with standards under this chapter, the Secretary of Transportation shall consult with and advise the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or a State authority having jurisdiction over the affected gas pipeline facility before prescribing the standard or waiving compliance. The Secretary shall delay the effective date of the standard or waiver until the Commission or State authority has a reasonable opportunity to grant an authorization it considers necessary.

(2) In a proceeding under section 3 or 7 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b or 717f), each applicant for authority to import natural gas or to establish, construct, operate, or extend a gas pipeline facility subject to an applicable safety standard shall certify that it will design, install, inspect, test, construct, operate, replace, and maintain a gas pipeline facility under those standards and plans for inspection and maintenance under section 60108 of this title. The certification is binding on the Secretary of Energy and the Commission except when an appropriate enforcement agency has given timely written notice to the Commission that the applicant has violated a standard prescribed under this chapter.

(e) LOCATION AND ROUTING OF FACILITIES.—This chapter does not authorize the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe the location or routing of a pipeline facility.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1308; Pub. L. 107-355, §3(a), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2986.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
60104(a)	49 App.:1672(c).	Aug. 12, 1968, Pub. L. 90-481, §3(c), 82 Stat. 721; Nov. 30, 1979, Pub. L. 96-129, §§104(a)(2), (c), 109(c), 93 Stat. 992, 994, 996.
	49 App.:2002(g).	Nov. 30, 1979, Pub. L. 96-129, §§202(4) (28th-last words), 203(c) (last sentence), (g), 93 Stat. 1003, 1004, 1005.
60104(b)	49 App.:1672(a)(1) (6th sentence).	Aug. 12, 1968, Pub. L. 90-481, §3(a)(1) (6th, 9th, last sentences), 82 Stat. 721; Oct. 11, 1976, Pub. L. 94-477, §4(2), 90 Stat. 2073; Nov. 30, 1979, Pub. L. 96-129, §§101(a), 109(c), (e), 93 Stat. 990, 996; Oct. 24, 1992, Pub. L. 102-508, §116, 106 Stat. 3298.
	49 App.:2002(c) (last sentence).	
60104(c)	49 App.:1672(a)(1) (9th, last sentences).	
	49 App.:2002(d).	Nov. 30, 1979, Pub. L. 96-129, §203(d), 93 Stat. 1004; Oct. 24, 1992, Pub. L. 102-508, §215, 106 Stat. 3305.
60104(d)	49 App.:1676(a).	Aug. 12, 1968, Pub. L. 90-481, §9(a), 82 Stat. 725; Nov. 30, 1979, Pub. L. 96-129, §§109(i), 152(a), (b)(3), 93 Stat. 997, 999, 1001; Oct. 30, 1988, Pub. L. 100-561, §105(1), 102 Stat. 2807.
60104(e)	49 App.:1671(4) (33d-last words).	Aug. 12, 1968, Pub. L. 90-481, §2(4) (33d-last words), 82 Stat. 720.
	49 App.:2001(4) (28th-last words).	

Subsection (a) is substituted for 49 App.:1672(c) (last sentence) and 2002(g) (last sentence) to eliminate unnecessary words. The text of 49 App.:1672(c) (1st sentence) and 2002(g) (1st sentence) is omitted as unnecessary because 5:ch. 5, subch. II applies unless otherwise stated.

In subsection (c), the words “prescribed under this chapter” are added for clarity. The words “after the Federal minimum standards become effective” in 49 App.:1672(a) (last sentence) are omitted as obsolete.

In subsection (d)(1), the words “waiving compliance” are substituted for “action upon application for waiver” and “acting on the waiver application” to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “the provisions of” are omitted as surplus. The word “authority” is substituted for “commission” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the Code.

In subsection (d)(2), the words “and conclusive” are omitted as being included in “binding”. The words “Secretary of Energy” are substituted for “Department of Energy” because of 42:7231.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-355 inserted at end “Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, a State authority may enforce a requirement of a one-call notification program of the State if the program meets the requirements for one-call notification programs under this chapter or chapter 61.”

§ 60105. State pipeline safety program certifications

(a) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND SUBMISSION.—Except as provided in this section and sections 60114 and 60121 of this title, the Secretary of Transportation may not prescribe or enforce safety standards and practices for an intrastate pipeline facility or intrastate pipeline transportation to the extent that the safety standards and practices are regulated by a State authority (including a municipality if the standards and practices apply to intrastate gas pipeline trans-