

JUDICIAL ACTIONS

There were no judicial actions involving the pipeline safety program completed in 1994. The following actions were pending at the end of 1994:

In re Columbia Gas Transmission Company, Case No. 91-804 (Bankr. D. Del. July 31, 1991).

In March 1992, RSPA filed proofs of claim in this Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding for unpaid pipeline user fees (\$391,000) and civil penalties arising from probable violation of safety regulations. There was no significant action with respect to these proofs of claim in 1994.

American Gas Association (AGA) v. Secretary of Transportation, No. 94-1499 (D.C. Cir. filed July 8, 1994).

The AGA filed a petition for review of RSPA's final rule entitled "Passage of Instrumented Internal Inspection Devices" (59 FR 17275). The rule implements a statutory mandate that new and replaced pipelines be constructed to accommodate the passage of instrumented internal inspection devices. AGA challenged the requirement that segments of natural gas pipelines be made to accommodate internal inspection devices whenever any portion of the line pipe in the segment is replaced. RSPA reopened the rulemaking to reconsider this issue and others raised in administrative petitions for reconsideration of the rule. Judicial proceedings were stayed pending administrative action of the reopened rulemaking.

REPORT UNDER THE MINERAL LEASING ACT

Background. Subsections 28(w)(3) and (4) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (Pub. L. 93-153, 30 U.S.C. 185), specifically provide:

“(3) Periodically, but at least once a year, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall cause the examination of all pipelines and associated facilities on Federal lands and shall cause the prompt reporting of any potential leaks or safety problems.”

“(4) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall report annually to the President, the Congress, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Energy any potential dangers of or actual explosions, or potential or actual spillage on Federal lands and include in such report a statement of corrective action taken to prevent such explosion or spillage.”

These responsibilities of the Department have been delegated to RSPA. RSPA exercises safety regulatory authority over operators, other than Federal agencies, engaged in the transportation of natural gas and hazardous liquids by pipeline.

Reporting and Examination Requirements of RSPA. RSPA requires all private operators engaged in the transportation of natural and other gas by pipeline to report immediately by telephone all incidents that fall under the criteria established in 49 CFR Part 191. Part 191 also requires that each operator of a gas distribution system, other than a master meter system, each operator of a transmission system, and each operator of a gathering system in a nonrural area submit a written report to RSPA within 30 days of an incident for which a telephonic report was

Table 18

1994 Natural Gas Pipeline Federal Land Data

Pipeline Type	Total Incidents Reports	Federal Land Reports	Federal Land Fatalities	Federal Land Injuries
Transmission & Gathering	80	1	0	0
Distribution	141	1	0	0

Table 19

1994 Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Federal Land Data

Total Accident Reports	Federal Land Reports	Federal Land Fatalities	Federal Land Injuries
244	12	0	0

required. Operators are also required to identify in the written reports those incidents and leaks repaired or those scheduled for repair on Federal lands. The term “Federal lands” is defined in the written reports to mean all lands owned by the U.S. except lands in the National Park System, lands held in trust for an Indian or Indian tribe, and lands on the Outer Continental Shelf.

During 1994, only one of the reported 221 natural gas incidents occurred on Federal lands (see Table 18 on page 42). RSPA also requires hazardous liquid pipeline operators to report immediately by telephone each hazardous liquid pipeline leak or failure that falls under the criteria established in 49 CFR Part 195. A written report must follow the telephonic report within 30 days.

Operators filing written reports are required to indicate whether the accident occurred on Federal lands. During 1994, 12 of the reported 244 hazardous liquid accidents occurred on Federal lands (see Table 19 on page 42).

It should be noted that failures on pipelines owned and operated by Federal agencies on Federal lands are not included in those reporting requirements because a Federal agency is not subject to the Federal pipeline safety regulations.

Appendix A

1994 Natural Gas/Hazardous Liquid Enforcement Cases Opened

Operator

Eastern Region

Washington Gas Light Company
Charlottesville Dept. Of Public Works
New Jersey Natural Gas Company
Bay State Gas Company
Texas Eastern Pipeline Company
CNG Transmission Corporation

Location

Montgomery County, Maryland
Charlottesville, Virginia
Cliffhead Beach, New Jersey
Brocton, Massachusetts
Linden, New Jersey
West Virginia/Pennsylvania

Southern Region

Kuttawa Gas System
Richmond Gas System
Hazard Gas System
City of Morehead, Kentucky
Olive Hill Natural Gas System
Delhi Gas Pipeline Corporation
Arkla Pipeline Group
Louisiana-Nevada Transit Company

Kuttawa, Kentucky
Richmond, Kentucky
Hazard, Kentucky
Morehead, Kentucky
Olive Hill, Kentucky
Fort Smith, Arkansas
Biggers, Arkansas
Hope, Arkansas

Central Region

Oxford Natural Gas Company
Verona Natural Gas Company
Midwest Gas Company
Northwestern Public Service Company
KN Energy, Inc.
Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation
Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company
Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company
Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company
Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company
Central Gas Ontario Inc.
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America
Northern Natural Gas Company
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America

Oxford, Ohio
Oxford, Ohio
Des Moines, Iowa
Brookings, Mitchell & Webster, SD
Larned, Kansas
Cambridge, Ohio
Bemidji, Minnesota
Greensburg/Haven, Kansas
Indianapolis, Indiana
Elkhart, Kansas
Minnesota and Canada
Minneola, Kansas
Meade, Kansas
Marble Hill, Missouri
Minneola, Kansas

Central Region con't.

Northern Natural Gas Company
Northern Natural Gas Company
Northern Natural Gas Company
Northern Natural Gas Company
Northern States Power Company

Location

Platteville, Wisconsin
Clarion, Iowa
Duluth, Minnesota
Wrenshall, Minnesota
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Southwest Region

Transok, Inc.
Gas Company of New Mexico
Williams Natural Gas Company
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corp.
Trunkline LNG Company

Tulsa, Oklahoma
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Houston, Texas
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Western Region

Cohasset Mobile Home Park
Amerigas Propane
Raton Natural Gas Company
Northern Plains Natural Gas Company
Norgasco, Inc.
KN Energy, Inc.
Enstar/Alaska Pipeline Company
Marathon Oil Company
Unocal Energy Resources
Colorado Interstate Gas
The Gas Company
White Pass Transportation, Inc.
Lomita Gasoline Company, Inc.
City of Coalinga
Turner Gas Company
KN Energy, Inc.
ARCO Pipe Line Company
Union Pacific Resources
Paiute Pipeline Company

Chico, California
Chester, California
Raton, New Mexico
Glascow, Montana
Dead Horse, Alaska
Sterling, Colorado
Kenai, Alaska
Anchorage, Alaska
Kenai, Alaska
Aurora, Colorado
Oahu, Maui, Maliki, Hawaii
Skagway, Alaska
Long Beach, California
Coalinga, California
Mammoth Lakes, California
Brighton, California
Farmington, New Mexico
Evanston, Wyoming
Carson City, Nevada

1994 Hazardous Liquid Enforcement Cases Opened

Operator

Eastern Region

Colonial Pipeline Company

Southern Region

Texas Eastern Product Pipeline Company

Texas Eastern Product Pipeline Company

Hess Pipeline Company

Mid-Valley Pipeline Company

Koch Industries

Farm Bureau Oil Company

Central Region

Texas Eastern Product Pipeline Company

Mobil Pipe Line Company

Farmland Industries, Inc.

Minnesota Pipe Line Company

Amoco Pipeline Company

Mid-America Pipeline Company

Norco Pipe Line Company

Kaneb Pipe Line Company

Badger Pipe Line Company

Portal Pipe Line Company

Marathon Pipe Line Company

Portal Pipe Line Company

Williams Pipe Line Company

Koch Industries

National Cooperative Refinery Association

Koch Industries

Koch Industries

Countrymark Cooperative, Inc.

Unocal Pipeline Company

Koch Gathering Systems

Mid America Pipeline Company

Location

Reston, Virginia

Seymour, Indiana

Baytown, Texas

Lumberton, Mississippi

Oxford, Mississippi

Herman, Missouri

Mt. Vernon, Indiana

El Dorado, Arkansas

Wilmington, Illinois

Kansas City, Missouri

Cottage Grove, Minnesota

Dupont, Colorado

Kearney, Missouri

Schererville, Indiana

York, Nebraska

Arlington Heights, Illinois

Minot, North Dakota

Findlay, Ohio

Clearbrook, Minnesota

St. Paul, Minnesota

Cottage Grove, Minnesota

Blue Rapids, Kansas

Cottage Grove, Minnesota

Cottage Grove, Minnesota

Indianapolis, Indiana

Mokena, Illinois

El Dorado, Kansas

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Southwest Region

Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline Partners, L.P.
Explorer Pipeline Company
Mid-America Pipeline Company
Exxon Pipeline Company
Texaco Pipeline Company
Citgo Pipeline Company
Colonial Pipeline Company
Explorer Pipeline Company
Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline Partners L.P.
Mobil Pipe Line Company
Chevron Pipe Line Company
Penzoil Company
Aquila Energy Resources Corporation
Agip Petroleum, Inc.

Location

Arizona
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Galliano, Louisiana
Houma, Louisiana
Oil City, Louisiana
Jackson, Louisiana
Houston, Texas
Tucson, Arizona
Dallas, Texas
New Orleans, Louisiana
Lafayette, Louisiana
Houston, Texas
Houston, Texas

Western Region

Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
Anschutz Ranch East Pipeline, Inc.
Western Gas Resources
Tesoro Alaska Petroleum Company
Unocal Pipeline Company
Total Petroleum, Inc.
Mid-America Pipeline Company
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
Texaco Pipeline, Inc.
Calnev Pipelines
Chase Pipe Line Company
Cenex, Inc.
Koch Gathering, Inc.
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
Conoco Pipe Line Company
White Pass Transportation Limited

Anchorage, Alaska
Evanston, Wyoming
Granger, Wyoming
Kenai, Alaska
Moab, Utah
Denver, Colorado
Farmington, New Mexico
Anchorage, Alaska
Glendive, Montana
Colton, California
Aurora, Colorado
Laurel, Montana
Baker, Montana
Anchorage, Alaska
Anchorage, Alaska
Utah, Montana, Wyoming
Skagway, Alaska

Appendix B

1994 Natural Gas/Hazardous Liquid Enforcement Cases Closed

Operator

Disposition

Eastern Region

Palmer Gas Company, Inc.	Closed by Region - Action Taken
Energy North Propane	Closed by Region - Action Taken
Leonard's Gas and Electric Service	Closed by Region - Action Taken
Eastern Propane Gas, Inc.	Closed by Region - Action Taken
City of Danville, VA	Civil Penalty \$1,000
Equitable Resources, Incorporated	Closed by Region - Action Taken
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp.	Civil Penalty \$7,000
CNG Transmission Corporation	Civil Penalty \$3,500
Texas Eastern Pipeline Company	Hazardous Facility Order
CNG Transmission Corporation	

Southern Region

North Middletown, KY	Civil Penalty \$4,000
City of Vanceburg, KY	Civil Penalty \$2,000
City of Hickman, KY	Civil Penalty \$3,000
City of Murray, KY	Civil Penalty \$7,000
City of Prestonburg, KY	Civil Penalty \$1,000
Mississippi Valley Gas Company	Notice Withdrawn by Region
Kuttawa Gas System	Notice Withdrawn by Region
City of Morehead, KY	Civil Penalty \$1,000
Delhi Gas Pipeline Corporation	Closed by Region - Action Taken
Arkla Pipeline Group	Closed by Region - Action Taken

Central Region

Tenneco Gas Pipeline Company	Closed by Region - Action Taken
Oxford Natural Gas Company	Civil Penalty \$5,000
Verona Natural Gas Company	Civil Penalty \$2,000
Minnegasco Inc.	Civil Penalty \$23,000
Northern Natural Gas Company	Notice Withdrawn by Region
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America	Civil Penalty \$9,000
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America	Civil Penalty \$29,400

Southwest Region

Palo Duro Pipeline Company	Civil Penalty \$7,000
United Gas Pipe Line Company	Civil Penalty \$20,000
Arco Oil and Gas Company	Civil Penalty \$5,000
Great Western Offshore, Inc.	Civil Penalty \$5,000
Williams Natural Gas Company	Notice Withdrawn by Region
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corp	Notice Withdrawn by Region
Explorer Pipeline Company	Notice Withdrawn by Region

Western Region

Operator

Union Pacific Resources Company
Chevron USA, Inc.
Southern California Gas Company
Washington Natural Gas Company
Public Service Company
Enstar Natural Gas Company
Northwest Natural Gas Company
Southwest Gas Corporation
Mobil Exploration and Producing U.S. Inc.
Northern Plains Natural Gas Company
Norgasco, Inc.
Marathon Oil Company
KN Energy, Inc.
Arco Pipe Line Company
Union Pacific Resources

Disposition

Closed Post Compliance Order Review
Civil Penalty \$30,350
Civil Penalty \$5,000
Civil Penalty \$58,500
Notice Withdrawn by Region
Civil Penalty \$28,000
Compliance Order
Closed by Region - Action Taken
Civil Penalty \$38,000
Compliance Order
Compliance Order
Compliance Order
Closed by Region - Action Taken
Closed by Region - Action Taken
Closed by Region - Action Taken

1994 Hazardous Liquid Enforcement Cases Closed

Operator

Disposition

Eastern Region

None

Southern Region

Mid-Valley Pipeline Company	Civil Penalty \$8,000
Central Florida Pipeline Corporation	Civil Penalty \$4,000
Koch Industries	Civil Penalty \$11,000

Central Region

Amoco Pipeline Company	Post Compliance Order Review
Dome Pipeline Corporation	Closed by Region - Action Taken
Amoco Pipeline Company	Closed by Region - Action Taken
Gulf Central Pipeline Co.	Closed by Region - Action Taken
Amoco Pipeline Company	Compliance Order
Texas Eastern Product Pipeline Co.	Closed by Region - Action Taken
Minnesota Pipe Line Company	Civil Penalty \$5,000
Marathon Pipe Line Company	Notice Withdrawn by Region
Portal Pipe Line Company	Notice Withdrawn by Region
Portal Pipe Line Company	Closed by Region - Action Taken
Koch Industries	Civil Penalty \$5,650
Koch Gathering Systems	Closed by Region - Action Taken

Southwest Region

Exxon Pipeline Company	Civil Penalty \$16,000
Texas-New Mexico Pipeline Company	Civil Penalty \$36,000
Texaco Pipeline Inc.	Civil Penalty \$27,000
Parker and Parsley Gas Processing Co.	Notice Withdrawn by Region
Mid-America Pipeline Company	Notice Withdrawn by Region
Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline Partners, L.P.	Civil Penalty \$3,000
Walter Oil & Gas Corporation	Civil Penalty \$23,000
Newfield Exploration Company	Civil Penalty \$500
Mid-America Pipeline Company	Notice Withdrawn by Region
Exxon Pipeline Company	Civil Penalty \$5,000
Texaco Pipeline Inc.	Notice Withdrawn by Region
Explorer Pipeline Company	Notice Withdrawn by Region
Pennzoil Company	Civil Penalty \$12,000
Aquila Energy Resources Corporation	Civil Penalty \$500

Operator

Disposition

Western Region

Trans Mountain Oil Pipe Line Corporation	Civil Penalty \$1,000
Scurlock Permian Corporation	
Marathon Pipeline Company	Closed by Region - Action Taken
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company	Civil Penalty \$100,000
Chevron Pipe Line Company	Civil Penalty \$8,000
Unocal Pipeline Company	Notice Withdrawn by Region
Alyeska Pipeline Company	Civil Penalty \$20,000
Texaco Pipeline, Inc.	Closed by Region - Action Taken
Chase Pipeline Company	Closed by Region - Action Taken
Conoco Pipe Line Company	Closed by Region - Action Taken

Appendix C

1994 Natural Gas/Hazardous Liquid Enforcement Cases — Warning Letters

Operator

Location

Southern Region

Wheelwright Gas System	Wheelwright, Kentucky
Union Gas Co. Of Ky, Inc. (Benton Gas)	Benton, Kentucky
Bardwell Natural Gas System	Bardwell, Kentucky
Texas Gas Transmission Corporation	Owensboro, Kentucky
Mississippi River Transmission Corp.	Wilmar, Arkansas
Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company	Prestonburg, Kentucky
Indiana Utilities Corporation	Corydon, Indiana
Columbia Gulf Transmission Company	Tennessee/Mississippi
East Tennessee Natural Gas Co.	Kingsport, Tennessee

Central Region

Minnegasco	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Midwest Gas Company	Yankton, South Dakota
Great Lakes Gas Transmission Co.	Ashland, Minnesota
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America	Harper District - Keota Storage Field
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America	Emerson, Iowa
Northern Natural Gas Company	Carlton, Minnesota
Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation	Illinois/Missouri

Southwest Region

Stellar Transmission Company	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Williams Natural Gas Company	Alva, Oklahoma

Western Region

Superior Propane	Guerneville, California
City of Long Beach	Long Beach, California
Pacific Gas Transmission Company	Spokane, Washington
Pacific Gas Transmission Company	Oregon
Paiute Pipeline Company	Lovelock, Nevada
Paiute Pipeline Company	Reno, Nevada
Unocal Energy Resources Division	Santa Fe Springs, California

1994 Natural Gas/Hazardous Liquid Enforcement Cases - Warning Letters

Operator

Location

Southern Region

Sun Pipe Line Company
Everglades Pipeline Company

Conway, Arkansas
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Central Region

Amoco Pipeline Company
Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Inc.
Mid-America Pipeline Company
Dome Pipeline Corporation
Jayhawk Pipeline, L.L.C.

Freeman, Missouri
Bemidji, Minnesota
Iowa/Minnesota
Eagle Lake, Minnesota
Sedgwick, Kansas

Southwest Region

Sid Richardson Gasoline Co.
All American Pipeline Company
Fina Pipeline Company
Shell Pipe Line Corporation
Mesa Transmission Company
Texaco Pipeline Inc.
Louisiana Land & Exploration Company

Odessa, Texas
Arizona
Texas/Oklahoma
New Orleans, Louisiana
Lafayette, Louisiana
Houma, Louisiana
Lafayette, Louisiana

Western Region

Four Corners Pipeline Company
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company

San Bernardino, California
Anchorage, Alaska

Appendix D

Office of Pipeline Safety Locations

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Atlanta Federal Center
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Atlanta, GA 30303-3104
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Central Region, DPS-26
1100 Main Street, Room 1120
Kansas City, MO 64105
(816) 426-2654

Southwest Region, DPS-27
2320 La Branch, Room 2116
Houston, TX 77004
(713) 718-3746

Western Region, DPS-28
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(303) 231-5701

States Under Regional Jurisdiction

Connecticut	New Jersey
Delaware	New York
District of Columbia	Pennsylvania
Maine	Rhode Island
Maryland	Vermont
Massachusetts	Virginia
New Hampshire	West Virginia

Alabama	Mississippi
Arkansas	North Carolina
Florida	Puerto Rico
Georgia	South Carolina
Kentucky	Tennessee

Illinois	Missouri
Indiana	Nebraska
Iowa	North Dakota
Kansas	Ohio
Michigan	South Dakota
Minnesota	Wisconsin

Arizona	Oklahoma
Louisiana	Texas
New Mexico	

Alaska	Montana
California	Nevada
Colorado	Oregon
Hawaii	Utah
Idaho	Washington
	Wyoming