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Editorial updates include application of the Editorial Guidelines, updating reference titles, adjustments to page numbering, and adjustment of text on pages. A major review of the document provided numerous publication and editorial refinements for improved format, consistency, and clarity. Additionally, the Index was enhanced to include coverage for Subpart P. Since the Guide is being republished, editorial updates and refinements are too numerous to universally mark.

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PREFACE

The guide material presented in the Gas Piping Technology Committee's (GPTC) Guide for Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems (Guide) contains information and some “how to” methods to assist the operator in complying with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 49 as follows:

- Part 191 -- Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline: Annual Reports, Incident Reports, and Safety-Related Condition Reports
- Part 192 -- Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline: Minimum Federal Safety Standards

Parts 191 and 192 are typically referred to hereinafter as the “Regulations.”

The recommendations contained in the Guide are based on sound engineering principles developed by a committee balanced in accordance with accepted committee procedures and must be applied by the use of sound and competent judgment. The guide material is advisory in nature and contains guidance and information for consideration in complying with the Regulations. As such, it is not intended for public authorities or others to adopt the Guide in mandatory language, in whole or in part, in laws, regulations, administrative orders, ordinances, or similar instruments as the sole means of compliance.

The operator is cautioned that the guide material may not be adequate under all conditions encountered, and should not restrict the operator from using other methods of complying with the Regulations. Following the Guide does not ensure that an operator is automatically in compliance with the requirements of Parts 191 and 192. Operators of intrastate facilities are also cautioned that some states have additional or more stringent requirements than Parts 191 and 192.

HISTORY

The Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act became effective on August 12, 1968. It required the Secretary of Transportation to adopt interim rules within three months which were to consist of the existing state standards, where such standards existed, or the standards common to a majority of states where no state standard existed, and to establish minimum federal standards within twenty-four months. The safety standard for gas pipelines and mains, in the majority of the states, was the American National Standard Code for Pressure Piping, Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems, B31.8. Thus, the interim minimum safety standards were essentially B31.8 Code requirements.

Between August 12, 1968 and August 12, 1970, the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) of the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) developed safety standards which would be applicable to gas facilities, with the exception of rural gas gathering systems. As a result, Title 49 Part 192 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) "Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipelines: Minimum Federal Safety Standards" became effective November 12, 1970.

Since the sponsoring organization of the ANSI B31.8 Committee was The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the ASME initiated discussions with the DOT/OPS, in an effort to establish the future role of the B31.8 Code Committee with respect to pipeline safety. As a result of those discussions, the ASME decided to form the ASME Gas Piping Standards Committee. The title of the Committee was changed to the Gas Piping Technology Committee (GPTC) on September 20, 1982.

The first edition of the "Guide for Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems" was published on December 15, 1970. It was essentially a compilation of the Federal Safety Standards and the then current ANSI B31.8 Code material that was relevant to the Part 192 requirements. Subsequent editions and addenda to the "Guide" had "how to" Guide Material directly following each of the standards of 49 CFR Part 192, and numerous guide appendices. Part 191 was subsequently added to the 1995 edition of the Guide.