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PREFACE

The guide material presented in the Gas Piping Technology Committee's (GPTC) "Guide for Gas Transmission, Distribution, and Gathering 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, Incident, and Other Reporting
 - 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. All guide material is of equal importance and validity, whether immediately following the Regulations or in Guide Material Appendices.

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. Operators of both intrastate and interstate facilities may be subject to state-specific damage prevention requirements.

Operators should recognize that certain activities may also be impacted by other agencies, such as United States Coast Guard (USCG), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). For example, TSA has issued pipeline security guidelines to assist pipeline operators in addressing the management of security-related threats, events, and responses.

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

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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.

On October 18, 1989, the GPTC voted to transfer its affiliation from ASME to the American Gas Association (AGA). The transfer of copyright for the Guide from ASME to AGA was effective on April 10, 1990 and the AGA was designated the committee Secretariat. The first edition of the Guide published by AGA, as the new copyright holder/Secretariat, was in November 1990 and was designated the 1990-91 Edition. The GPTC sought ANSI approval of their procedures and was approved as an Accredited Standards Committee GPTC Z380 on January 30, 1992. The 1990 Edition of the Guide was approved as ANSI GPTC Z380.1 on December 2, 1992.

The current 2025 Edition supersedes all previous editions and respective addenda as follows: *Guide for Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems* 1970, 1973, 1976, 1980, 1983, 1986 and then ANSI/GPTC Z380.1-1990, *Guide for Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems*, followed by 1995, 1998, 2003, 2009, and 2012. The title of the Guide was revised for the 2015 Edition to "Guide for Gas Transmission, Distribution, and Gathering Piping Systems" followed by 2018 and 2022.

FOREWORD

The primary purpose of GPTC Z380.1 "Guide for Gas Transmission, Distribution, and Gathering Piping Systems" (Guide) is to provide assistance to the operator in complying with the intent of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in the performance requirements contained in the Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipelines, Title 49 Subchapter D-Pipeline Safety: Part 191 - Annual, Incident, and Other Reporting; and Part 192 - Minimum Federal Safety Standards (typically referred to hereinafter as the "Regulations").

The Guide includes the Minimum Federal Safety Standards together with the design recommendations, material references, and recommended practices of the GPTC. The function of the GPTC's guide material is to provide "how to" supplementary recommendations related to the Minimum Federal Safety Standards. The Committee continuously works to pinpoint areas where more guide material could be provided in support of the Minimum Federal Safety Standards and related Regulations.

The Guide includes the Federal Regulations plus the GPTC's guide material for both Parts 191 and 192. The Guide is published in electronic formats. As changes occur to the Regulations and related guide material, addenda are issued. Addenda are available for free downloading from the GPTC webpage at www.aga.org/gptc. A new edition, incorporating all previous addenda that have been published, is usually issued every three years.

The historical reconstruction of the Regulations is available in AGA X69804, "Historical Collection of Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Regulations." It includes the original version of Parts 191 and 192 and all their amendments through Amdts. 191-15 and 192-93 (published September 15, 2003). The Federal Register preamble to the amendments is included as well. This collection of all earlier amendments has been established as a readily accessible reference to supplement the Guide or to aid research activity. However, considering the electronic availability of amendments starting in 2004, refer to the Federal Register web site for later amendments.

The format of the Guide includes the title of each numbered section of the Regulations and is followed by the effective date of the latest amendment activity or effective date of the original version if no amendment has been issued. The Regulation is followed by a list of amendment or control numbers for the respective

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section and the applicable guide material as developed by the Committee.

The Guide is maintained using the continuous maintenance process.

- (1) Guide material is reviewed and, where applicable, updated when PHMSA amends regulations or publishes an advisory bulletin.
- (2) The Committee acknowledges that other PHMSA documents, such as Inspection Protocols, FAQs, and Enforcement Guidance, may be used in the development of guide material. However, the guide material will not typically include a specific reference to such documents.

Proposals to revise any guide material may be submitted to the Committee at any time. A *Form for Proposals on ANSI GPTC Z380.1* is provided at the end of the Guide and may also be obtained on the GPTC website at www.aga.org/gptc. Use that form to describe and justify the proposal and submit it to: GPTC Secretary, American Gas Association, 400 N. Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001 (or email gptc@aga.org). A separate completed form should be submitted for each proposed revision.

Requests for interpretations, proposed additions, and revisions to the Regulations should be directed to the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety, Office of Pipeline Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, 2nd Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001.

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