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Who Regulates
Pipelines in the Salt
Lake Valley, and Are
Those Regulations
Adequate?



Where Do The Regulations Come From?

Main Sources of Pipeline Regulations

- U.S. Congress – the Statutes
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety (PHMSA) – the safety regulations
- The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – oversight of interstate rates and routing for interstate natural gas pipelines.
- The States – Can pass stronger rules for intrastate pipelines
- Local Government – Can use their planning, zoning and permitting authority for land uses near pipelines

Who Regulates Pipelines in Utah?

- The federal Office of Pipeline Safety regulates, inspects and enforces interstate natural gas pipelines and all hazardous liquid pipelines in Utah



- The Gas Pipeline Safety Division regulates, inspects and enforces the rules set by the Public Service Commission for intrastate natural gas pipelines in Utah



So PHMSA's Office of Pipeline Safety regulates:

- Questar Pipeline Co
- Kern River Gas Transmission Co
- Chevron Pipeline Co
- UNEV Pipeline
- Tesoro Pipelines



And the Pipeline Safety Section within the Public Utilities Division of the Utah Department of Commerce regulates

- Questar Gas

How can the public know if regulations are adequate?



- Incident record
- Look to lessons from previous failures. Are lessons being acted upon?
 - Integrity Management
 - Automated Valves and Leak Detection
 - Damage prevention
 - Older lines pressure tested
- Are new threats being identified and acted upon?

How can the public know if the pipeline companies are following the regulations?

- Overall Incident record
- Compare record to national averages and other companies
- Enforcement and inspection records
- Are they going beyond the minimum requirement?
- Are they actively engaged in programs to improve safety?



How can the public know if the regulators are providing adequate oversight?



- Incident Record
- Enforcement and inspection records
- Are identified problems acted upon effectively?
- Have states went beyond the minimum regulations
- NTSB recommendation to use “meaningful metrics.”

Utah Division of Public Utilities - Probable Violations & Compliance Actions

Year	Probable Violations Found	Probable Violations Corrected	Compliance Actions Taken	Number of Penalties Assessed	Dollars Assessed
2001	526	362	21	0	\$0
2002	624	233	0	0	\$0
2003	560	127	10	0	\$0
2004	266	232	36	0	\$0
2005	311	369	27	0	\$0
2006	89	129	22	0	\$0
2007	83	69	1	1	\$0
2008	45	59	0	0	\$0
2009	45	50	1	1	\$2,500
2010	69	64	0	0	\$0

Federal Enforcement Actions – 2006-2011

	Kern River Gas Transmission	Questar Pipeline Co.	Tesoro - Mountain Region	Chevron Pipe Line Co
Cases Initiated	4	4	3	22
Cases Resolved	4	3	3	22
Penalties Proposed	0	0	\$67,600	\$849,300
Corrective Action Orders Issued	0	0	0	1
Miles of pipeline	1379	2509	20	8679

Are Opportunities for Meaningful Public Involvement Provided?



Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety

