



Distribution Facilities Replacement Submission Guide (16 TAC §8.209)

Instructions

Pipeline operators of a gas distribution system, subject to 49 CFR Part 192, can use this guide for reporting annual facilities replaced and proposed replacement work plan per the requirement of 16 TAC §8.209. Enter “Yes” or “No” in the Y/N columns or “N/A” for “not applicable” in the N/A columns. If the response is “N/A” or “No”, provide a brief explanation. Then no later than March 15 of each year, submit the distribution facilities replacement documentation to the Railroad Commission of Texas via email to safety@rrc.texas.gov.

Operator Information

Operator Name	PHMSA OPID	Phone	Email

Risk Based Program & Replacement Plan

- Per 16 TAC §8.209(c), do you have a written procedure for implementing the requirements of distribution facilities replacement? If yes, attach procedure to submission. *Note: Do not send your entire DIM Program. If procedure is part of the program, attach page or section only.*

Y/N	N/A	If N/A or No, explain

- Do you have risk-based program to determine the relative risks and their associated consequences within your pipeline system or segment?

Y/N	N/A	If N/A or No, explain



3. Does the risk-based plan identify the distribution piping, by segment, that poses the greatest risk to the operation of the system?

Y/N	N/A	If N/A or No, explain

4. Per 8.209(d), was risk ranking established for pipeline segments and facilities in order to determine a prioritized schedule for line or facility replacement?

Y/N	N/A	If N/A or No, explain

5. Is steel service line the calculated highest risk in your system?

Y/N	N/A	If N/A or No, explain

6. If steel service line is the calculated highest risk, was steel service line leak repair analysis conducted as set forth in section 8.209(d) and was prescriptive model used as required in 8.209(f) for the replacement of those steel service lines?



Y/N	N/A	If N/A or No, explain

7. If steel service line is the highest risk and leak repair analysis conducted, what is your most recent steel service line annualized leak rate/priority class? Priority 1 = 5% or greater but less than 7.5, Priority 2 = less than 5%. *Note: If priority 1, operator must remove or replace no less than 10% of the original inventory per year.*

1 or 2	N/A	If N/A or No, explain

Replacement List & Proposed Work Plan

8. Per 8.209(h), do you have a replacement schedule? If yes, attach copy for RRC review and approval

Y/N	N/A	If N/A or No, explain

9. Did operator meet minimum annual replacement of 8% of the pipeline segments or facilities posing the greatest risk in the system and identified for replacement?



Y/N	N/A	If N/A or No, explain

10. Per 8.209(i)(1), is list of the steel service line or other distribution facilities (main, valves, regulators, meters, etc.) replaced during prior calendar year included in your submission?

Y/N	N/A	If N/A or No, explain

11. Per 8.209(i)(2), is proposed work plan for removal or replacement for current calendar year included in your submission?

Y/N	N/A	If N/A or No, explain