



# T-4 Pipeline Permitting and Mapping

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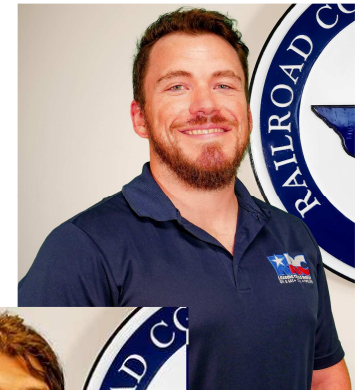


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# Agenda



- 16 TAC 3.70(r)
- Online Resources
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## 16 TAC 3.70(r)



- Current Rules webpage:

<https://www.rrc.texas.gov/general-counsel/rules/current-rules/>

Natural gas gathering (NGG) attributes must be submitted. Operators who fail to comply may be assessed a penalty as prescribed in §8.135 of this title (relating to Penalty Guidelines for Pipeline Safety Violations).

## Online Resources (1 of 3)



- Notices to Operators (NTO) webpage:

<https://www.rrc.texas.gov/pipeline-safety/notices-to-operators/>

All NTOs related to T-4 pipeline permitting and mapping are emailed to pipeline operators using the email addresses on file for the Filing, Compliance, and Mapping representatives in POPS. To ensure receipt of important communications from the RRC, pipeline operators must maintain current email addresses in POPS.

## Online Resources (2 of 3)



- Permitting & Mapping webpage:

<https://www.rrc.texas.gov/pipeline-safety/permitting-and-mapping/>

All forms, guides, resources, and rules pertaining to T-4 pipeline permitting and mapping are included on this webpage. Form T-4B Pipeline Transfer Certification was last updated in August 2024. Form C-LTR POPS Cover Letter and the Guide to Shapefile Submissions were last updated in December 2024.



# Online Resources (3 of 3)



## Permitting & Mapping

### Permitting

[Instructions for Filing the Online Permit Application](#)

[A Guide to Pipeline Permit Submissions](#)

[Pipeline Permit Guidance Sheet](#)

[Pipeline Permitting Forms, Sample Cover letters & Overview Maps](#)

[Pipeline Permitting & Mapping FAQs](#)

Pipeline operators register their applicable pipelines with the Railroad Commission by submitting a T-4 Pipeline Permit application. Pipeline permits are required for transmission pipelines, gathering lines, and production or flow lines as defined in TX Admin Code, Title 16, Chapter 3, Rule 3.70 Pipeline Permits Required.

New pipeline permits or amendments to permits require submission of maps along with pipeline attributes. Data is reviewed and validated for completeness, then added to the GIS public map viewer that has oil, gas, and pipeline data displayed in a geographical format.

[New Pipeline Construction Reports](#)

### Mapping

[Instructions for Submitting Shapefiles Online](#)

[A Guide to Shapefile Submissions](#)

[Sample Shapefiles](#)

[Correcting Shapefile Rejections](#)

[Vendor List](#)

### Pipeline Siting and Routing

- The route for intrastate pipelines is determined by the pipeline's owner/operator. The Railroad Commission has no pipeline routing or siting authority; and does not administer eminent domain, condemnation, or other property rights laws. Easement, Right-of-Way, and Encroachment agreements or issues between pipeline operators and landowners is beyond the scope of the State and Federal [pipeline safety rules](#).

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

- FERC considers applications from natural gas companies for construction and operation of interstate natural gas pipelines, storage facilities, compressor stations, other natural gas infrastructure, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals.
- FERC has public guidance information on their website under [Landowner Topics of Interest](#).

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[Eminent Domain & Condemnation FAQs](#)

[Public GIS Viewer](#)

[How to Search for T-4 Permits](#)

[Pipeline Map Request Form](#)

[Pipeline Shapefiles by County](#)

[POPS User Guide](#)

[Pipeline Fees](#)

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- Is it true that some production lines and flow lines are required to be reported to the RRC's Pipeline Safety Department?
  - Yes, that is true. Per 16 TAC 8.1(a)(1)(B), majority-gas onshore production pipelines, historically reported in T-4 as natural gas full well stream gathering (NFG), in Class 2, 3, or 4 locations must report as natural gas gathering (NGG) and are subject to 49 CFR §192.8(c) in determining if these pipelines and facilities are Type A or Type B and are subject to the rules in 49 CFR §192.9 for Type A or Type B pipelines.



- Is it true that onshore interstate natural gas gathering (NGG) lines are required to be reported to the RRC?
  - Yes, that is true. Per PHMSA, the RRC should regulate the portions of interstate NGG lines that are within the Texas border that do not have FERC certification. This applies to onshore NGG lines and onshore majority-gas production and flow lines in class 2, 3, and 4 locations that must be reported as NGG. The portions that are within Texas need to be reported as intrastate in T-4 pipeline permitting and mapping.



- Why did we receive a delinquent Renewal notice when we already submitted in POPS?
  - POPS is programmed to automatically generate and distribute these notices whenever a permit has not been approved for Renewal by expiration, even if the fee payment and the original application were submitted prior to expiration.

# Q&A

