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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in service and facilities, providing  
3 for pipeline emergency management information.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Chapter 15 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

8 SUBCHAPTER C

9 PIPELINE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

10 Sec.

11 1541. Definitions.

12 1542. Pipeline emergency management information.

13 1543. Penalties.

14 § 1541. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter  
16 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Gas." As defined in 49 CFR 192.3 (relating to definitions).

19 "Gas high consequence area." A "high consequence area" as

1 defined in 49 CFR 192.903 (relating to what definitions apply to  
2 this subpart?).

3 "Hazardous liquid." As defined in 49 CFR 195.2 (relating to  
4 definitions).

5 "Hazardous liquid high consequence area." Any of the  
6 following:

7 (1) A commercially navigable waterway where a  
8 substantial likelihood of commercial navigation exists.

9 (2) A high-population area or urbanized area, defined  
10 and delineated by the United States Census Bureau, that  
11 contains 50,000 or more people and has a population density  
12 of at least 1,000 people per square mile.

13 (3) Another populated area, defined and delineated by  
14 the United States Census Bureau, as containing a concentrated  
15 population, including, but not limited to, an incorporated or  
16 unincorporated city, town, village or other designated  
17 residential or commercial area.

18 (4) An unusually sensitive area as defined in 49 CFR  
19 195.6 (relating to Unusually Sensitive Areas (USAs)),  
20 including a Class 1b aquifer, a lithology of which includes  
21 limestone, dolomite and locally evaporitic units that contain  
22 documented karst features or solution channels, regardless of  
23 size.

24 "Potential impact radius." The radius of a circle within  
25 which the potential failure of a pipeline could have significant  
26 impact on people or property.

27 "Transmission." The transportation, other than gathering, of  
28 gas through a transmission line as that term is defined in 49  
29 CFR 192.3 (relating to definitions) or of hazardous liquids  
30 through a pipeline as that term is defined in 49 CFR 195.2.

1 § 1542. Pipeline emergency management information.

2 (a) Local organization notice.--At least twice each calendar  
3 year, a public utility operating facilities for the transmission  
4 of gas or hazardous liquids shall meet with each local emergency  
5 management organization in the area in which the facilities are  
6 located. The public utility shall provide to each local  
7 emergency management organization the following information at a  
8 minimum:

9 (1) Identification of any gas high consequence area or  
10 hazardous liquid high consequence area and potential impact  
11 radius located within the jurisdictional limits of the local  
12 emergency management organization.

13 (2) The public utility's current emergency operating  
14 procedures.

15 (b) Local coordinator responsibilities.--The local emergency  
16 management organization coordinator shall consider the  
17 information received under subsection (a), as appropriate, when  
18 planning, administering and operating the local organization  
19 under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 75 (relating to local organizations and  
20 services).

21 § 1543. Penalties.

22 The commission may, after notice and opportunity to be heard,  
23 impose civil penalties under section 3301 (relating to civil  
24 penalties for violations) and other appropriate remedies for  
25 violations of this subchapter and the regulations and orders of  
26 the commission.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.