

January 21, 1975

Mr. Richard P. Crawshaw
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Dear Mr. Crawshaw:

This is in further response to your letter of December 16, 1974, addressed to the National Transportation Safety Board concerning gas pipeline regulations. The Office of Pipeline Safety in the Department of Transportation is responsible for the Federal safety regulation of gas pipelines.

You ask what regulations will go into effect in 1976 requiring gas companies to upgrade older lines. Corrosion control requirements under 49 CFR 192.457(b) become applicable August 1, 1976. This rule is contained in the enclosed copy of the Federal gas pipeline safety regulations.

Also enclosed are copies of recent notices of proposed rule making issued in 1974 which would provide new regulations for the gas industry.

As for the other areas of your concern, we suggest that you write the gas and oil industry directly, as it is the best source of information on recent activities.

We appreciate your interest in pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Caldwell
Director
Office of Pipeline Safety

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20591

January 2, 1975

Mr. Richard P. Crawshaw
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Dear Mr. Crawshaw:

This letter concerns your request for information about Federal regulations going into effect in 1976 which would require gas companies to upgrade older gas lines.

The Office of Pipeline Safety of the Department of Transportation, not the National Transportation Safety Board, has the regulatory powers in the field of pipeline safety. I am requesting them, by copy of this letter, to send you the pertinent regulations and other data regarding the upgrading of older pipelines.

The Safety Board is concerned about the safety of older pipelines, both liquid petroleum and natural gas, and it is also concerned about excavation damage to these facilities. I have enclosed for your interest some pipeline accident reports and a special study regarding these problems.

Thank you for your interest in pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

H.M. Shepherd
Acting Chief
Pipeline Safety Division

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Bureau of Aviation Safety
2300 East Devon Avenue
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018
December 19, 1974

Mr. Richard P. Crawshaw
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Dear Mr. Crawshaw:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter in which you request information concerning upgrading older gas lines, etc.

I am forwarding your letter to the Bureau of Surface Transportation Safety, Pipeline Safety Division, Washington, D.C. I believe they can help you with this information.

Sincerely,

George J. Green
Supervisory Air Safety Investigator

December 16, 1974

National Transportation Safety Board
2300 East Devin Avenue
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that new Federal Regulations will go into effect in 1976 requiring gas companies to upgrade older gas lines.

I would appreciate very much a copy of these new regulations being sent to this office along with any other information or data which might be available pertaining to new regulations for the gas industry. Any information you could furnish in the following areas would be appreciated:

Gas Distribution
Customer Service
Gas Storage Fields
Oil producing field
Coke Plants.

Thanking you in advance.

Very truly yours,

Richard P. Crawshaw
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