

Part 192 for the Distribution Operator What You should Know about Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Codes!

March 26-28, 2019

Renaissance Hotel

Providence, RI

What the Course Will Cover:

This course is designed to review federal regulations in 49 CFR Parts 191 and 192 that apply to distribution piping systems. We will review the origin of pipeline safety codes, early involvement by states, and how the federal government became involved. The Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 and subsequent key revisions will be reviewed. Also, the roles of both the federal and state governments in pipeline safety regulation will be discussed. Performance and specification language regulations and how they impact operators will be discussed. The course will cover federal safety regulations including their intent and significant requirements as they apply to distribution systems.

Definitions, standards and reporting requirements will be reviewed, including :

- Mains
- Services
- Low-pressure distribution systems
- Standards incorporated by reference
- Incidents
- Safety-related conditions

What you will learn includes:

- How to determining design pressure
- Construction and initial inspection of mains
- Testing mains and services
- Uprating: When to do it (and when not to)
- Operation & Maintenance plans requirements
- Emergency plans requirements
- Damage prevention requirements
- Failure investigations
- MAOP: How is it computed?
- Maintenance requirements
- Requirements for leakage surveys
- Annual pressure control station checks
- What is a "Critical" valves
- How to report an incident

More information about the course:

The course will provide a review of the Public Awareness, DIMP, OQ and Control Room Management regulation and a high level overview of transmission, gathering line and TIMP regulations.

The course will also discuss how a regulation is enacted and the rights of the operators in this process. How to address interpretations and alleged violations of the regulations.

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Registration and Course Details:

Day 1 Registration Begins: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 11:00 AM—12 Noon

Day 1 Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 12 Noon (lunch included) until 5 PM (dinner on your own)

Day 2 Wednesday, March 27, 2019 8 AM—5 PM (breakfast and lunch included)

Day 3 Thursday, March 28, 2019 8 AM—4 PM (breakfast and lunch included)

Full Agenda details to follow soon.

Instructor Bio:

Philip Sher is an independent Pipeline Consultant and a recognized expert in gas pipeline safety, specializing in code interpretation, accident analysis (litigation), pipeline safety consulting services, training and related services.

For over 33 years he headed the State of Connecticut Gas Pipeline Safety Unit overseeing interstate and intrastate gas pipeline operators in Connecticut, as well as the Connecticut Call Before You Dig program. He previously worked for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in their Codes and Standards department, principally assigned to pipeline safety codes.

He has been a member of the Gas Piping Technology Committee (GPTC) for over 40 years, and has served as the 2nd Vice Chairman for the last 26 years, where he has worked extensively on the GPTC Guide for Gas Transmission, Distribution and Gathering Pipelines, ANSI Z380.1.

Please register via NGA's website, below is the link to NGA's member log in:

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- **NGA Member Rate: \$995.00**
- **Non-NGA Member Rate: \$1,495.00**

Registration Deadline March 8, 2019

Accommodations We have a block of rooms for those who require overnight accommodations at the rate of \$179.00 per night. All reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 1-866-630-0704 and providing the group name (Northeast Gas Association). The cut-off date for overnight rooms is February 26, 2019.

Questions Eileen Sitte, (781) 455-6800 ext. 117, esitte@northeastgas.org

Cancellation Policy Due to contractual obligations, cancellations received 15 business days prior to the program will receive a full refund. Cancellations received 6 to 14 business days prior to the event will receive a refund, less a \$100 administrative fee. No shows and last minute cancellations, 5 business days prior to the event or less, will be responsible for the full registration fee. Substitutions from your organization for the same event are always welcome.

Questions Questions regarding the program or how to register via online:
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