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(5) For pipeline operating setups that are periodically, but infrequently used, providing an opportunity for control- 
ers to review relevant procedures in advance of their application.

(i) Compliance validation. Upon re-
quest, operators must submit their pro-
cedures to PHMSA or, in the case of an 
intrastate pipeline facility regulated 
by a State, to the appropriate State 
agency.

(j) Compliance and deviations. An oper-
ator must maintain for review during 
inspection:

(1) Records that demonstrate compli-
ance with the requirements of this sec-
tion; and

(2) Documentation to demonstrate 
that any deviation from the procedures 
required by this section was necessary 
for the safe operation of a pipeline fa-
cility.

[Amdt. 192–112, 74 FR 63327, Dec. 3, 2009, as 
amended at 75 FR 5537, Feb. 3, 2010; 76 FR 
35135, June 16, 2011]

Subpart M—Maintenance

§ 192.701 Scope.

This subpart prescribes minimum re-
quirements for maintenance of pipeline 
facilities.

§ 192.703 General.

(a) No person may operate a segment 
of pipeline, unless it is maintained in 
accordance with this subpart.

(b) Each segment of pipeline that be-
comes unsafe must be replaced, re-
paired, or removed from service.

(c) Hazardous leaks must be repaired 
promptly.

§ 192.705 Transmission lines: Patrol-
ing.

(a) Each operator shall have a patrol 
program to observe surface conditions 
on and adjacent to the transmission 
line right-of-way for indications of 
leaks, construction activity, and other 
factors affecting safety and operation. 

(b) The frequency of patrols is deter-
mined by the size of the line, the oper-
ating pressures, the class location, ter-
rain, weather, and other relevant fac-
tors, but intervals between patrols may 
not be longer than prescribed in the 
following table:

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<th>Class location of line</th>
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| At highway and rail-
road crossings | At all other places |
| 1, 2                  | 7½ months; but at least twice each cal-
endar year. |
| 3                     | 4½ months; but at least four times each calendar year. |
| 4                     | 4½ months; but at least four times each calendar year. |

(c) Methods of patrolling include 
walking, driving, flying or other approp-
riate means of traversing the right-of-
way.

[Amdt. 192–21, 40 FR 20283, May 9, 1975, as 
21, 1982; Amdt. 192–78, 61 FR 28796, June 6, 1996]

§ 192.706 Transmission lines: Leakage 
surveys.

Leakage surveys of a transmission 
line must be conducted at intervals not 
exceeding 15 months, but at least once 
each calendar year. However, in the 
case of a transmission line which 
transports gas in conformity with 
§ 192.625 without an odor or odorant, 
leakage surveys using leak detector 
equipment must be conducted—

(a) In Class 3 locations, at intervals 
not exceeding 7½ months, but at least 
twice each calendar year; and

(b) In Class 4 locations, at intervals 
not exceeding 4½ months, but at least 
four times each calendar year.

[Amdt. 192–21, 40 FR 20283, May 9, 1975, as 

§ 192.707 Line markers for mains and 
transmission lines.

(a) Buried pipelines. Except as pro-
vided in paragraph (b) of this section, a 
line marker must be placed and main-
tained as close as practical over each 
buried main and transmission line:

(1) At each crossing of a public road 
and railroad; and

(2) Wherever necessary to identify 
the location of the transmission line or 
main to reduce the possibility of dam-
age or interference.

(b) Exceptions for buried pipelines. Line 
markers are not required for the fol-
lowing pipelines: