

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
Oversight and Safety Division
Pipeline Safety Department



NOTICE TO PIPELINE OPERATORS

Requirement to Submit Abandoned Lines

To ensure public safety and promote damage prevention, it is imperative there is awareness of the presence of abandoned pipelines. The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) reminds pipeline operators of the requirement to submit digital mapping shapefiles, including abandoned pipelines, using the Pipeline Online Permitting System via the RRC Online System when applying for permit to operate a pipeline in Texas. The Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Title 49 defines “abandoned” as permanently removed from service”. Reference CFR Title 49, Part 192.3 for gas lines and CFR Title 49, Part 195.2 for liquid lines.

According to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §3.70, relating to Pipeline Permits Required, *(b) To obtain a new pipeline permit or to amend a permit because of a change of a classification, an operator shall file an application for a pipeline permit on the Commission’s online permitting system. The operator shall include or attach the following documentation and information: 5) any other information requested by the Commission.* Other information requested includes abandoned lines per the required attributes.

To view the required fields and attributes see the *TPMS Attribute Definitions Valid Codes and Digital Projection Requirements* on the Commission’s website at <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/47982/tpmsattributedefinitionsandvalidcodes.pdf>. If a pipeline operator needs copies of their shapefiles previously submitted to the Commission, they may submit a request, including the applicable permit number(s), using the email provided below.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Commission’s Pipeline Safety Department at tpms@rrc.texas.gov or 512-463-7058.

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