

“(2) INTERIM ACTIONS.—In determining the actions for an owner or operator of a pipeline facility to take under paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary shall take into account potential consequences to public safety and the environment, potential impacts on pipeline system reliability and deliverability, and other factors, as appropriate.

“(d) TESTING REGULATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall issue regulations for conducting tests to confirm the material strength of previously untested natural gas transmission pipelines located in high-consequence areas and operating at a pressure greater than 30 percent of specified minimum yield strength.

Deadline.

“(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the regulations, the Secretary shall consider safety testing methodologies, including, at a minimum—

“(A) pressure testing; and

“(B) other alternative methods, including in-line inspections, determined by the Secretary to be of equal or greater effectiveness.

“(3) COMPLETION OF TESTING.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and State regulators, as appropriate, shall establish timeframes for the completion of such testing that take into account potential consequences to public safety and the environment and that minimize costs and service disruptions.

Timeframes.

“(e) HIGH-CONSEQUENCE AREA DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘high-consequence area’ means an area described in section 60109(a).”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 601 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 60138 the following:

“60139. Maximum allowable operating pressure.”

SEC. 24. LIMITATION ON INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

Section 60102, as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(p) LIMITATION ON INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.—Beginning 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary may not issue guidance or a regulation pursuant to this chapter that incorporates by reference any documents or portions thereof unless the documents or portions thereof are made available to the public, free of charge, on an Internet Web site.”

Effective date.
Public
information.
Web posting.

SEC. 25. PIPELINE SAFETY TRAINING FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL.

49 USC 60117
note.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To further the objectives of chapter 601 of title 49, United States Code, the Secretary of Transportation may provide the services of personnel from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to provide training for State and local government personnel at a pipeline safety training facility that is established and operated by an agency or instrumentality of the United States, a unit of State or local government, or an educational institution.

(b) REIMBURSEMENTS FOR TRAINING EXPENDITURES.—