ACTION: Interpretation - Section 192.311

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Section 192.311, a general construction requirement for transmission lines and mains. limits plastic pipe repair to the use of a patching saddle or removal. Also, Paragraph 192.13(b) requires that when a segment of pipeline is replaced, relocated, or otherwise changed, then that replacement, relocation, or change must be made in accordance with this part. With these requirements in mind, would the existing Part 192 permit the addition of a band clamp (compression fitting) on an operating pipeline to permanently repair damage or a leak (1) on a plastic transmission line or main? (2) on a plastic service line?

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