

Mr. Michael E. Henry
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Dear Mr. Henry:

Thank you for sending use information about using aerial video taping to assist in compliance with some of the gas pipeline safety standards in 49 CFR Part 192.

Most of the Part 192 standards are written in performance language. Such language does not specify how the standards are to be met. Rather, it allows pipeline operators to use whatever means are suitable to achieve compliance, including aerial video taping.

We believe aerial video taping would be an acceptable part of the process of complying with the standards you discussed. Keep in mind, however, that actual compliance cannot be foretold. It is determined by our enforcement personnel, or those of State agencies, after inspecting and analyzing individual pipeline operations.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Beam
Director
Office of Pipeline Safety