

July 15, 1993

Mr. Gerald F. Classen
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Dear Mr. Classen:

Ed Ondak of our Western Region Office has asked me to respond to your letter of June 1, 1993. You asked if it is necessary to inspect and maintain records on individual (single customer) meter sets off high pressure (50 psi and above) distribution lines.

The regulations governing the transportation of gas by pipeline are in 49 CFR Part 192. These regulations do not contain inspection requirements that apply specifically to customer meter sets. However, because customer meter sets are part of service lines, the sets are subject to the same inspection requirements as service lines. These requirements include monitoring for atmospheric corrosion under §192.481 and periodic leakage surveys under §192.723.

Records of corrosion inspections are required by §192.491, and §192.603(b) requires records of leakage surveys. These records may cover pipelines as a whole, and need not identify specific parts of the pipeline, such as customer meter sets.

Sincerely,

Cesar De Leon
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Office of Pipeline Safety