RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
Oversight and Safety Division

NOTICE TO PIPELINE OPERATORS

Required SYS_ID Attribute Character Limit Increasing from Six to Eight

Effective July 19, 2021, in response to a planned June launch of the Railroad Commission of Texas' (RRC) Pipeline Inspection Permitting & Evaluation System (PIPES), all former Pipeline Evaluation System (PES) System ID Numbers will be replaced with the new RRC PIPES Regulated Entity Number.

The RRC PIPES system will allow for the research and upload of records associated with the RRC's Pipeline Safety Program, including inspections, fees, incident reports and complaints. Pipeline operators may also log in to submit and upload applications and other documents for review and approval by the RRC. The RRC will provide additional information once the system launches.

To allow for future growth, the character limit will increase from six to eight characters. However, if an operator already has a six-digit SYS_ID Number they will continue to use it. Only newly assigned SYS_IDs will be eight characters.

The RRC assigns SYS_ID Numbers to regulated pipeline segments (subject to 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 191–195 and 16 Texas Administrative Code §8.1). SYS_ID Numbers should be kept by the pipeline operator for field inspection purposes. For future permit submittals, if a RRC PIPES Regulated Entity ID Number has not been assigned, pipeline operators should use eight zeroes (00000000) for the SYS_ID field. The SYS_ID field is a requirement for all regulated pipeline segments that have been assigned a Regulated Entity ID Number in RRC PIPES.

For a list of RRC PIPES Entity ID Numbers, visit the RRC website at https://www.rrc.texas.gov/pipeline-safety/reports/ and click the appropriate list. For all regulated gas gathering lines, click "Pipeline Operator Systems - Gas Transmission" and all regulated liquid lines, click "Pipeline Operator Systems - Hazardous Liquid."

For help with shapefile submissions, refer to the RRC's *Guide to Shapefile Submissions* available on the RRC website at https://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/ydkapdub/a-guide-to-shapefile-submissions_12_2_2020.pdf. This guide includes the requirements that pipeline operators must follow when submitting shapefiles by defining the required attribute fields within the database and explaining which codes are valid representations of those attributes.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the RRC's Pipeline Safety Department at tpms@rrc.texas.gov or 512-463-6802.

Please Forward to the Appropriate Section of Your Company

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