



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own motion into proposed rules concerning cast-iron pipe used in the distribution of gas.

The Department of Public Utilities ("Department") proposes new regulations governing the practices and procedures to be implemented by investor-owned gas companies and municipal gas departments for the replacement of cast-iron pipe in their gas distribution systems in Massachusetts. The new regulations would be designated 220 C.M.R. 113.00. Under the proposed regulations, each gas distribution operator must develop and implement a comprehensive program regarding the replacement of cast-iron pipe taking into consideration such factors as the size, age, location, and mechanical properties of the pipe, and environmental and safety conditions affecting the pipe. The proposed regulations provide specific requirements for the replacement of cast-iron pipe based on exposure of the pipe by a trench crossing and on its proximity to parallel excavations. The proposed regulations contain a requirement for training by each gas distribution operator in the replacement program and procedures and in the federal requirements pertaining to cast-iron pipe.

A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained by contacting Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, (617) 727-3500. The Department will hold a public hearing to receive oral comments on the proposed regulations, to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 9, 1990 in the Department's offices, Room 1210, Leverett Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Written comments on the proposed regulations will be received by the Secretary to the Department. Those wishing to comment at the public hearing are encouraged to submit preliminary, written comments by October 26, 1990. Final, written comments are due ten days after the close of public hearings.

By Order of the Department,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary L. Cottrell", written over a horizontal line.

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

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Notice of a hearing from DPU for Friday,
Nov. 9, 1990 at 100 Cambridge St., Boston
at 10:00 a. m. for an investigation into
proposed rules concerning cast-iron pipes
used in the distribution of gas.

In City Council,

October 22, 1990

*Referred to the
City Manager.
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