

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 335 Department or Agency Environmental Management

Rule No. 335-6-15-.18

Rule Title: Methods of Release Detection for Piping

 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? YES

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

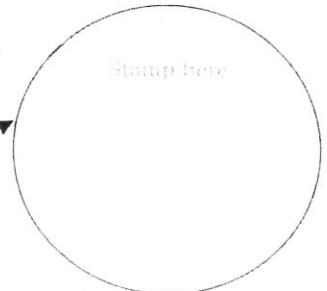
Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer Mandy Elliott

Date 11-7-13

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
WATER DIVISION**

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AGENCY NAME: DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

RULE NO. & TITLE: 335-6-15-.18 Methods of Release Detection for Piping (Amend)

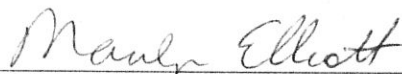
INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Department of Environmental Management proposes to amend Administrative Code Rule 335-6-15-.18.

SUBSTANCE OR PROPOSED ACTION: A revision is being proposed to this rule to require those who perform line tightness testing to be certified as being trained by the manufacturer of the line tightness testing equipment.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Comments may be submitted in writing or orally at a public hearing to be held at 1:00 p.m., January 9, 2014, in the ADEM Main Hearing Room, 1400 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: January 9, 2014

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Director

335-6-15-.18 Methods Of Release Detection For Piping. Each method of release detection for piping used to meet the requirements of rule 335-6-15-.15 must be conducted in accordance with the following:

(a) Automatic line leak detectors. Methods which alert the operator to the presence of a leak by restricting or shutting off the flow of regulated substances through piping may be used only if they detect leaks of 3 gallons per hour at 10 pounds per square inch line pressure within 1 hour. Systems which only trigger an audible or visual alarm must be modified to also include the ability to restrict or shut off the flow of regulated substances prior to August 6, 2008. An annual test of the operation of the leak detector must be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements.

(b) Line tightness testing. A periodic test of piping may be conducted only if it can detect a 0.1 gallon per hour leak rate at one and one-half times the operating pressure. The test must be performed by an individual having current certification of training from the manufacturer of the test method.

(c) Applicable tank methods. Any of the methods in rule 335-6-15-.17(e) through (h) may be used if they are designed to detect a release from any portion of the underground piping that routinely contains regulated substances.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, § 22-36-3.

History: April 5, 1989.

Amended: August 6, 2007; XXXXXX, 2014.