

**7530.1500 TESTING AND TEST RESULTS.**

Subpart 1. **Applicability.** This part applies to tests following reportable incidents in preparation to returning the pipeline to service. For purposes of this part, pipeline has the meaning given it in Minnesota Statutes, section 299J.02, subdivision 11.

Subp. 2. **Notice.** At least 48 hours before conducting pressure testing, including hydrostatic, air, nitrogen, or other test medium, the pipeline operator shall give notice of the test to the office and to the local governmental units traversed by the portion of pipeline to be tested, unless the operator determines that an emergency exists requiring immediate testing of the pipeline.

For an emergency requiring immediate testing, the pipeline operator shall notify the office before initiating the test.

Subp. 3. **Notice contents.** The notice of the test must include:

- A. a statement of the purpose of the test with supporting documents;
- B. the name, address, and telephone number of the pipeline operator;
- C. the specific location of the pipeline or pipeline section to be tested, including a suitable map of the route of the pipeline and the location of the test;
- D. the date and time the test is to be conducted;
- E. the method by which the test will be accomplished and the type of test medium to be used; and
- F. the name and telephone number of an independent testing firm or other person responsible for certification of results.

Subp. 4. **Observation.** Authorized representatives of the director and affected local governmental units may observe the test.

Subp. 5. **Results reported.** The results of a hydrostatic test conducted by the pipeline operator or by an independent testing company must be sent to the office and if requested, every local governmental unit traversed by the tested portion of the pipeline within ten days of the completion of the test. The test results must include:

- A. the date of the test;
- B. the specific location of the pipeline or pipeline section to be tested, including a suitable map of the route of the pipeline; and
- C. the results of the test.

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