



Fee and reporting requirements for operator of a pipeline (under a licence, distribution or GHG stream)

Overview

Section 155 of the Petroleum and Gas (Safety) Regulation 2018 (P&G Regulation) makes liable the operator of a pipeline under a pipeline licence, the operator of a distribution pipeline (that is not part of a distribution system) or the operator of a greenhouse gas (GHG) stream pipeline. This is Category 7 of the petroleum and gas safety and health fee (the fee).

Section 158 of the P&G Regulation requires pipeline operators to report the length in kilometres and the **outside** diameter in millimetres of the pipelines operated.

Under section 157 of the P&G Regulation pipeline operators must lodge a **petroleum and gas safety and health fee return for each financial year by 31 July**.

The annual fee payable by pipeline operators helps fund the activities of the Petroleum & Gas Inspectorate, Resources Safety and Health Queensland in regulating and promoting safety for businesses and the community.

When do you need to pay the fee as the operator of a pipeline?

Operators are required to pay the fee on the pipeline index of operated pipelines under a pipeline licence, distribution pipelines or GHG stream pipelines in the reporting period. The pipeline index is calculated using the length and diameter reported for the pipeline. The calculation for the pipeline index is listed in Schedule 6, Part 3, Section 2 of the P&G regulation.

The fee is an annual invoice and will be issued to you on or before 10 November after the end of the financial year. Payment terms are detailed on the invoice. Interest and late penalties apply for late payment of invoices.

What is the reporting period?

The reporting periods are broken up into financial years (1 July to 30 June). If you are the operator of a pipeline under a pipeline licence, a distribution pipeline or a GHG stream pipeline at any time during the financial year you are liable to pay the fee.

What operating plants are subject to this fee?

Any commissioned pipelines that are any of the following:

- a pipeline under a pipeline licence
- a distribution pipeline (that is not part of a distribution system); and
- a GHG stream pipeline

Note: If a pipeline is decommissioned, abandoned or suspended (turned off) **during the reporting period**, it is still liable to be reported.

Reporting Measurements- What are operators required to report?

Length reporting requirement

Length is to be provided in exact figures (to three decimal places). Rounding is not to be applied.

Operators of pipelines constructed from steel

Operators with **steel** pipelines need to report the outside diameter as detailed in ISO 4200 or ASME B36.10. For example, a 300 mm nominal bore pipeline shall be reported as a 323.8 mm outside diameter – see below table

| Steel pipe nominal diameter | | Outside diameter (the reportable figure) | Steel pipe nominal diameter | | Outside diameter (the reportable figure) |
|-----------------------------|-----|--|-----------------------------|-----|--|
| inch | mm | mm | inch | mm | mm |
| 2 | 50 | 60.3 | 24 | 600 | 610 |
| 3 | 75 | 88.9 | 26 | 650 | 660 |
| 4 | 100 | 114.3 | 28 | 700 | 711 |
| 6 | 150 | 168.3 | 30 | 750 | 762 |
| 8 | 200 | 219.1 | 32 | 800 | 813 |
| 10 | 250 | 273.0 | 34 | 850 | 864 |
| 12 | 300 | 323.8 | 36 | 900 | 914 |
| 14 | 350 | 355.6 | 38 | 950 | 965 |

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|----|-----|-------|----|------|------|
| 16 | 400 | 406.4 | 40 | 1000 | 1016 |
| 18 | 450 | 457 | 42 | 1050 | 1067 |
| 20 | 500 | 508 | 44 | 1100 | 1118 |
| 22 | 550 | 559 | 46 | 1150 | 1168 |

Operators of pipelines constructed from polyethylene

Operators with **polyethylene** pipelines need to report the outside diameter of the pipeline. Diameters need to adhere to the standard nominal diameters listed in AS/NZS 4130:2018 for series 1 pipe (table 2 of the standard).

| PE nominal outside diameter (mm) | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| 50 | 160 | 355 | 800 |
| 63 | 180 | 400 | 900 |
| 75 | 200 | 450 | 1000 |
| 90 | 225 | 500 | 1200 |
| 110 | 250 | 560 | |
| 125 | 280 | 630 | |
| 140 | 315 | 710 | |

What operating plants are not subject to this fee?

1. Pipelines that are yet to be commissioned. If the pipeline is in the design phase or construction phase, it is not to be included.
2. Pipelines that have been decommissioned or abandoned in the **previous** reporting period.

More information

For more information regarding the fee and reporting requirements, please email the Safety and Health Fee Unit via safetyandhealthfee@rshq.qld.gov.au.

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