

Mr. Michael J. Maurizio
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Dear Mr. Maurizio:

This responds to your letter of April 22, 1975, asking if the Penns Grove Housing Authority is responsible for compliance with 49 CFR Part 192 with respect to pipeline facilities in its housing project, Silver Run Park, which are used to distribute gas to tenants. The pipeline facilities are located downstream from a master meter. From your description, it appears they are owned and operated by the South Jersey Gas Company who supplies gas to the facilities. The Housing Authority purchases gas from the gas company at the master meter and then releases it to tenants for their consumption.

The Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 USC 1671 et seq.) requires that each person who owns or operates gas pipeline facilities subject to the Federal gas pipeline safety standards, Part 192, must comply with applicable standards. Insofar as the Housing Authority does not own or operate the facilities in Silver Run Park, it is not required to comply.

The fact that the Housing Authority is engaged in the sale of gas distributed through the facilities is not determinative of whether it must comply with Part 192. The sale of gas merely indicates that the pipeline facilities are used in commerce and therefore subject to the jurisdiction of Part 192.

We trust this satisfactorily answers your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Cesar DeLeon
Acting Director
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Safety Operations

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