



Pipeline Safety: New Risk Assessment Program Could Help Evaluate Inspection Cycle: Rced-89-107

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BiblioGov. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 26 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.1in.ln response to a congressional request, GAO examined the Department of Transportations (DOT) Office of Pipeline Safetys development of the inspection cycle for natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines, focusing on whether the: (1) office based the pipeline inspection cycle on sound risk assessments; and (2) Pipeline Inspection Priority Program (PIPP) would identify pipelines with the greatest potential safety risks. GAO found that: (1) in 1987, the office determined that it should inspect each pipeline inspection unit every 2. 5 years; (2) although the office believed that the 2. 5-year cycle was reasonable, it did not consider variations in relative safety conditions among individual units; (3) regional chiefs believed that the cycle was too ambitious because of the time required to perform other important compliance activities; and (4) the office expected its field inspectors to conduct 32 investigations per year at an average of 2. 5 days per inspection, while field chiefs believed that inspectors needed between 2. 5 and 7. 5 days to complete an inspection. GAO also found that: (1) the office developed PIPP to identify the relative risk...



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