

Local Governments of Colorado/ PUC Collaboration for Gas Pipeline Safety

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Advanced Leak Detection Technology Rulemaking - Casey Hensley
- Pipeline Safety Program Mapping Status - Casey Hensley
- Sunset Review Results - Rebecca White
- Open Forum - Casey Hensley

Advanced Leak Detection Technology Rules

Definitions

- ALDT
- Business District

Reporting

- Verbal Reporting
- Annual Reporting

11209: ALD Survey Requirements

- Require the use of ALDT in leak survey
- Leak Survey intervals

11210: Leak Classification & Repair Requirements

- Leak Classification
- Repair Requirements

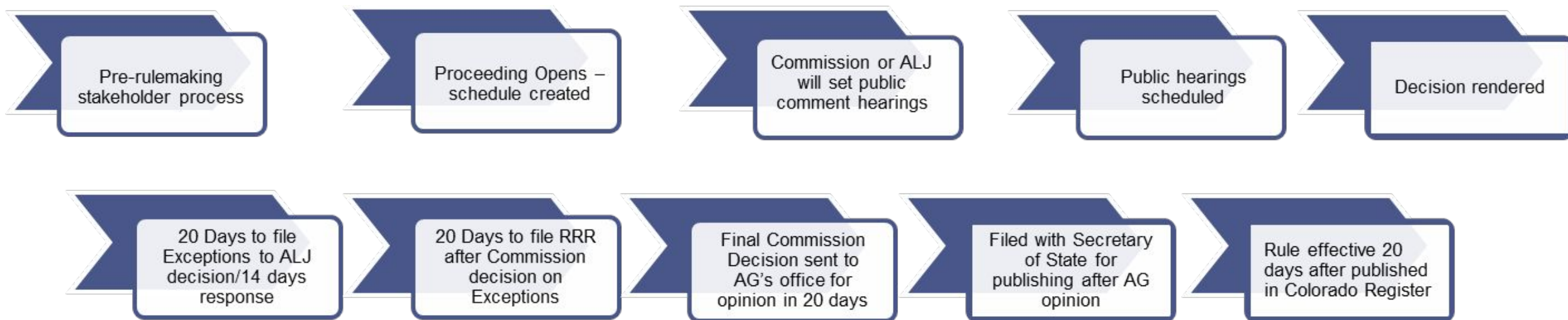
Leak Survey Intervals

Pipeline Type	Location	Current Requirements	CO Proposed Requirements
Transmission/Gathering	Class 1 out HCA	1/year	1/year
Transmission/Gathering	Class 2 out HCA	1/year	1/year
Transmission/Gathering	Class 3 out HCA	2/year	1/year
Transmission/Gathering	Class 1 in HCA	1/year	2/year
Transmission/Gathering	Class 2 in HCA	1/year	2/year
Transmission/Gathering	Class 3 in HCA	2/year	2/year
Transmission/Gathering	Class 4	4/year	4/year
Distribution	Inside Business District	1/year	1/year
Distribution	Outside Business District*	1/ 3 years	1/year
Distribution	Outside Business District	1/ 5 years	1/ 3 years

Leak Classification & Repair Requirements

Leak Type	Metrics/Definition	Repair Timeline	Monitoring
Grade 1	Hazardous (GPTC Definition)	Immediate	Continuous
Grade 2	Non-hazardous; LPG, hydrogen gas, or carbon dioxide; Judgement of operator	12 months	6 months
Grade 3	Non-hazardous; Does not meet criteria of Grades 1 or 2	2 years	12 months
Grade 3 - scheduled for abandonment		5 years	12 months

Updates to Rules Regulating Pipeline Operators & Gas Pipeline Safety (4 CCR 723-11)



<https://puc.colorado.gov/participate>

Pipeline Safety Program Mapping Status

May 30, 2024

Mapping rules became effective

March 31

Jurisdictional operators must submit GIS data electronically

December 30, 2025

- Map went live: <https://puc.colorado.gov/gaspipelines>

2025 Sunset Review - Public Utilities Commission

Recommendation 1

- Continue the Public Utilities Commission and schedule future sunset reviews to occur by industry sector
- PSP is scheduled for 2035

Recommendation 22

- Repeal the requirement for mandatory minimum penalty of \$5,000 for small operators of natural gas pipelines that violate a rule or order concerning pipeline safety
- Small operator is a regulatory definition of less than 1,000 customers.

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