

regulation of gathering lines, something it previously had limited jurisdiction over and was primarily dependent on voluntary use of industry standards. If the new rules are approved, it is anticipated they will go into effect on April 1, 2014.

### Safety

The U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has regulatory responsibility for the safety of hazardous liquid and gas pipelines. As delegated by PHMSA, the PSC is responsible for safety issues related to intrastate natural gas pipelines.

### Emergency Response

Eliminating any danger to the public and the environment posed by hazardous substance releases and oil spills is the primary responsibility of the Emergency Management Program of the Environmental Protection Agency, along with the North Dakota Department of Health. Additional federal agencies that may be involved in responding to a pipeline emergency include the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Transportation, Fish and Wildlife Service, Minerals Management Service, National Forest Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries, and National Park Service.

**Primary Government Agency Oversight of Energy Pipelines in North Dakota**

		Hazardous Liquids			Natural Gas		
		Construction	Safety	Emergency Response	Construction	Safety	Emergency Response
Interstate (crosses state borders)	Gathering	IC*	IC*	EPA DOH*	IC*	IC*	EPA DOH*
	Transmission	PSC*	PHMSA	EPA DOH*	FERC	PHMSA	EPA DOH*
Intrastate (within North Dakota)	Gathering	IC	IC	EPA DOH	IC	IC	EPA DOH
	Transmission	PSC	PHMSA	EPA DOH	PSC	PSC	EPA DOH
	Distribution	N/A	N/A	N/A	PSC	PSC	EPA DOH

DOH: North Dakota Department of Health  
 EPA: Environmental Protection Agency  
 FERC: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
 IC: North Dakota Industrial Commission, Department of Mineral Resources, Oil and Gas Division  
 PHMSA: U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Office of Pipeline Safety  
 PSC: North Dakota Public Service Commission

\*North Dakota portion only

**NOTE: This chart was compiled with the assistance of the North Dakota Public Service Commission. It was compiled with the best available information. However, given the rapid changes in the energy industry and the continued growth of the pipeline infrastructure in North Dakota, this is a dynamic oversight system that continues to evolve.**