

WAC 173-180-310 Transmission pipeline transfer requirements.

(1) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Appropriate person" means a person designated by the facility as being competent and trained to implement a designated function.

(b) "Pipeline operator" means the operator of a transmission pipeline.

(2) General requirements. No person may conduct an oil transfer operation to or from a transmission pipeline unless the appropriate person and the pipeline operator have conducted pretransfer communications which identify:

(a) Type of oil;

(b) Transfer volume;

(c) Flow rates;

(d) Transfer startup or arrival time.

(3) Class 1 facilities which receive oil from a transmission pipeline must:

(a) Confirm that the proper manifold and valves are open and ready to receive product;

(b) Notify the transmission pipeline operator when a storage tank has less than one foot of oil above the inlet nozzle;

(c) Coordinate arrival time of oil with the pipeline operator;

(d) Confirm the available storage capacity for transfers to a facility;

(e) Ensure that only the designated tank(s) is (are) receiving oil;

(f) Ensure that proper transfer alignment of the pipeline, valves, manifolds and storage tanks have been made;

(g) Establish adequate communication in English between the facility and pipeline operator;

(h) For the purpose of scheduling inspections, ecology may require a twenty-four-hour notification to ecology in advance of any transfer of bulk oil by a facility operator. Ecology must request notification in writing when this procedure is required;

(i) Transfer operations must be supervised by an appropriate person;

(j) Each facility operator must ensure that the means of operating or requesting emergency shutdown is immediately available while oil is being transferred between the facility and the pipeline;

(k) If startup, shutdown, and/or emergency shutdown are controlled by the pipeline operator directly using instrumentation and control devices, the accuracy of these devices must be checked at least annually; and

(l) All transfer operations must be conducted in accordance with operations manuals approved under this chapter.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 88.46.160, 88.46.165, and chapter 90.56 RCW. WSR 06-20-034 (Order 06-02), § 173-180-310, filed 9/25/06, effective 10/26/06.]