

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. Transfer operations must be supervised by an appropriate person and conducted in accordance with operations manuals approved under this chapter. 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; and

(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 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 24-hour notification to ecology in advance of any transfer of bulk oil by a facility operator. Ecology must request notification when this procedure is required;

(i) 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; and

(j) 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.

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