

Authorities per New Hampshire State Law/Administrative Rules

- The New Hampshire Pipeline Safety Program is codified under NH Statute [RSA 362:2](#) (definition of public utility) [362-4b](#) (Gas Companies, When Public Utilities) [363:27](#) (Staff; Separation of Functions) [365:6](#) (Inspection) [365.8](#) (Rulemaking for Safe Service, Investigations) [374:1](#) (Safe Service) coupled with [374:4](#) (Duty to Keep Informed) [374:7](#) (Investigation and Order Authority) [374:7-a](#) (Violation) [365:41](#) (Penalty Against Utility), [365:42](#) (Penalty Against Agent)
- In addition: NH Code of Administrative Rules Puc Chapter [500 Rules](#) for Gas Service adopts Federal Standards and where appropriate requires more stringent gas safety standards. It also includes processes for Inspections and Enforcement of Pipeline Safety Compliance actions. For a list of New Hampshire Pipeline Safety Initiatives that are more stringent than Federal Regulations see [here](#).
- The New Hampshire Underground Damage Prevention Program is codified under NH Statute RSA [374:48](#): [374:56](#)
With [Order No. DM 04-119](#), the Commission authorized the Safety Division with the responsibility of administering and enforcing the Damage Prevention Program.
- NH Code of Administrative Rules Chapter [Puc 800](#) Underground Utility Damage Prevention Program provides details of particular rules and enforcement mechanisms.