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PRIMARY: Introductory Material

PURPOSE: Add a statement in the Introductory Material (possibly Preface) to explain the GPTC handling of Advisory Bulletins.

2nd Vice Chairman's Note: If GPTC were to develop such material, should it also address how GPTC addressed FAQs, protocols, etc.?

ORIGIN/RATIONALE: November 9, 2016 - Distribution Division minutes

## FOREWORD

The primary purpose of GPTC Z380.1 "Guide for Gas Transmission, Distribution, and Gathering Piping Systems" (Guide) is to provide assistance to the operator in complying with the intent of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in the performance requirements contained in the Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipelines, Title 49 Subchapter D-Pipeline Safety: Part 191 - Annual Reports, Incident Reports, and Safety-Related Condition Reports; and Part 192 - Minimum Federal Safety Standards (typically referred to hereinafter as the "Regulations").

The Guide includes the Minimum Federal Safety Standards together with the design recommendations, material reference, and recommended practices of the GPTC. The function of the GPTC's guide material is to provide "how to" supplementary recommendations related to the Minimum Federal Safety Standards. The Committee continuously works to pinpoint areas where more guide material could be provided in support of the Minimum Federal Safety Standards and related Regulations.

The Guide includes the Federal Regulations plus the GPTC's guide material for both Parts 191 and 192.....

The Guide is maintained using the continuous maintenance process.

- (1) Guide material is reviewed and, where applicable, updated when PHMSA amends regulations or publishes an advisory bulletin.
- (2) The Committee acknowledges that other PHMSA documents, such as Inspection Protocols, FAQs, and Enforcement Guidance, may be used in the development of guide material. However, the guide material will not typically include a specific reference to specific sections in such materials documents.

Proposals to revise any part may be submitted to the Committee at any time. A *Form for Proposals on ANSI GPTC Z380.1* is provided at the end of the Guide and may also be obtained on the GPTC website at [www.aga.org/gptc](http://www.aga.org/gptc). Use this form and submit proposals to: GPTC Secretary, American Gas Association, 400 N. Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. (or email [mbellmangptc@aga.org](mailto:mbellmangptc@aga.org))

Requests for interpretations, proposed additions, and revisions to the Regulations should be directed to the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety, Office of Pipeline Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001.