

with the assurance that appropriate action will be taken as rapidly as possible.

(b) Each gas utility shall maintain a log that shows the receipt and handling of each leak, odor or emergency report received. Information concerning the time that the report was first received, that utility personnel were first dispatched to the scene, that such personnel arrived, and that the condition was considered safe should be included.

(c) Each gas utility shall analyze its performance in responding to the reports required under this section. Both the logs and the analysis shall be made available to the Board upon request. Summary reports shall be furnished to the Board quarterly in the form specified by the Board.

(d) The quarterly submittal required under this section shall include information for both normal working hours and other than normal working hours, sorted by each operating division or district in the gas utility. If the utility failed to respond within 60 minutes to any call regarding an odor or leak, the submittal shall separately list each such call, the time between the utility receiving the call and the arrival on the scene of operator-qualified personnel; along with the date, address and actual time the call was received and responded to.

R.1974 d.87, effective April 1, 1974.
See: 5 N.J.R. 122(a), 6 N.J.R. 201(d).
Amended by R.2001 d.306, effective September 4, 2001.
See: 33 N.J.R. 1891(a), 33 N.J.R. 3041(a).
Added (b)1.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 14:6-3.12 by R.2005 d.377, effective November 7, 2005.
See: 37 N.J.R. 1401(a), 37 N.J.R. 4292(a).
Former N.J.A.C. 14:6-3.11 was Reserved.
Amended by R.2007 d.63, effective February 20, 2007.
See: 38 N.J.R. 3245(a), 39 N.J.R. 663(a).

In (b), substituted "utility" for "company" two times and recodified last sentence as (c); recodified former (b)1 as (d); in (c), inserted "Each gas utility shall" and "required under this section", substituted "the" for "such"; and rewrote (d).

14:6-3.12 Emergency personnel

(a) Each gas utility shall have available and equipped an adequate number of personnel to promptly handle gas emergencies on a 24-hour a day, seven days a week basis. Emergency personnel must be able to reach all parts of the company's service area as rapidly as possible.

(b) Each employee who would respond to a gas emergency shall have adequate training in the proper procedures for handling gas emergencies, including but not limited to emergency shutdown procedures.

R.1974 d.87, effective April 1, 1974.
See: 5 N.J.R. 122(a), 6 N.J.R. 201(d).
Recodified from N.J.A.C. 14:6-3.13 by R.2005 d.377, effective November 7, 2005.
See: 37 N.J.R. 1401(a), 37 N.J.R. 4292(a).
Former N.J.A.C. 14:6-3.12, Analysis and reporting of odor, leak and emergency calls, recodified to N.J.A.C. 14:6-3.11.
Amended by R.2007 d.63, effective February 20, 2007.
See: 38 N.J.R. 3245(a), 39 N.J.R. 663(a).

In (a), substituted "utility" for "company" and inserted "promptly".

14:6-3.13 Training

Each gas company employee shall be adequately trained for the job to which he or she is assigned and have adequate knowledge of the characteristics and hazards of natural gas. Employees assigned to positions covered by 49 CFR Part 192, Subpart N, shall be operator-qualified in accordance with the requirements therein.

R.1974 d.87, effective April 1, 1974.
See: 5 N.J.R. 122(a), 6 N.J.R. 201(d).
Recodified from N.J.A.C. 14:6-3.14 by R.2005 d.377, effective November 7, 2005.
See: 37 N.J.R. 1401(a), 37 N.J.R. 4292(a).
Former N.J.A.C. 14:6-3.13, Emergency personnel, recodified to N.J.A.C. 14:6-3.12.
Amended by R.2007 d.63, effective February 20, 2007.
See: 38 N.J.R. 3245(a), 39 N.J.R. 663(a).
Inserted gender neutral language and final sentence.

14:6-3.14 Drug and alcohol testing; incorporation by reference of Federal regulations

(a) The Board hereby adopts, by reference, as though set out in full, the current edition (and amendments as issued) of Drug and Alcohol Testing, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 40 and 199 (Federal Code).

(b) Each gas company employee, as defined in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 40 and 199, shall be tested for the presence of prohibited drugs and alcohol and shall be provided with an employee assistance program as required by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 40 and 199.

New Rule, R.1991 d.456, effective September 3, 1991.
See: 23 N.J.R. 944(a), 23 N.J.R. 2652(a).
Recodified from N.J.A.C. 14:6-3.15 by R.2005 d.377, effective November 7, 2005.
See: 37 N.J.R. 1401(a), 37 N.J.R. 4292(a).
Former N.J.A.C. 14:6-3.14, Training, recodified to N.J.A.C. 14:6-3.13.
Amended by R.2007 d.63, effective February 20, 2007.
See: 38 N.J.R. 3245(a), 39 N.J.R. 663(a).
Section was "Drug testing; incorporation by reference of Federal regulations". Substituted "Parts 40 and" for "Part" throughout; in (a), inserted "and Alcohol"; and in (b), inserted "and alcohol".

14:6-3.15 (Reserved)

Recodified to N.J.A.C. 14:6-3.14 by R.2005 d.377, effective November 7, 2005.
See: 37 N.J.R. 1401(a), 37 N.J.R. 4292(a).
Section was "Drug testing; incorporation by reference of Federal regulations".

SUBCHAPTER 4. METERS

14:6-4.1 Testing of gas meters

(a) Each gas utility shall provide itself with equipment necessary for testing meters that are either in use or in inventory. Utilities may cooperate in arranging for such facilities.

(b) A bell type prover shall be set up permanently in the location where it is to be used. All provers will be calibrated according to ANSI B109, incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented, and is available at www.ansi.org. Whenever a utility calibrates a prover, the calibration shall be witnessed and approved by the Board. Whenever a manufacturer calibrates a prover, the calibration shall be verified and approved by the Board.

(c) All gas utilities shall ensure that each prover is furnished an inspection and approval tag by the Board.

Amended by R.1991 d.456, effective September 3, 1991.
See: 23 N.J.R. 944(a), 23 N.J.R. 2652(a).

Bell-type provers calibrated to ANSI B109 required.
Amended by R.1996 d.411, effective September 3, 1996.
See: 28 N.J.R. 2830(a), 28 N.J.R. 4106(a).

Amended by R.2007 d.63, effective February 20, 2007.
See: 38 N.J.R. 3245(a), 39 N.J.R. 663(a).

Inserted designations (a) through (c); in (b) inserted “, incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented, and is available at www.ansi.org”; and in (c), substituted “All gas utilities shall ensure that each” for “Each” and “is” for “will be”.

14:6-4.2 Periodic meter testing

(a) No gas utility shall allow a gas meter to remain in service for a period longer than 10 years, except where a sampling program has been established in accordance with ANSI B109 and approved by the Board.

(b) Meters shall neither remain in service after testing, nor be placed in service if the meters are outside the adjustment limits in accordance with ANSI B109.

(c) For any group of meters in a sampling program to remain in service, at least 80 percent of the meters in the sample tested must be within the accuracy limits of 98 percent (two percent error slow) to 102 percent (two percent error fast) at the low flow (check) rate, with no more than 10 percent of the meters exceeding 102 percent (two percent error fast). If a group of meters does not meet the performance standard, then corrective action shall be taken.

Amended by R.1991 d.456, effective September 3, 1991.
See: 23 N.J.R. 944(a), 23 N.J.R. 2652(a).

Testing standards completely revised.
Amended by R.2007 d.63, effective February 20, 2007.
See: 38 N.J.R. 3245(a), 39 N.J.R. 663(a).

Inserted designations (a) through (c); and in (b), inserted a comma following testing.

14:6-4.3 Determination of gas meter accuracy

A gas meter shall be considered correct if it, when passing gas at the flow rates of 20 to 35 percent of its rated capacity, shows in comparison with a standard gas prover, an error which is not greater than two percent.

Amended by R.1991 d.456, effective September 3, 1991.
See: 23 N.J.R. 944(a), 23 N.J.R. 2652(a).

Flow rate of 20 to 35 percent used to test.

Case Notes

Customer was not overcharged for gas service where amount billed reflected reading obtained from accurate meter. *Rucker v. Public Service Electric & Gas Company*, 96 N.J.A.R.2d (BRC) 70.

Customers not entitled to be billed on basis of 1,136 ccf of gas usage, rather than 11,136 ccf, for eight year period. *Thomas v. New Jersey Natural Gas Company*, 93 N.J.A.R.2d (BRC) 145.

SUBCHAPTER 5. UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS

14:6-5.1 Adoption by reference of the Uniform System of Accounts

The Board adopts by reference the Uniform System of Accounts for Classes A and B Gas Utilities that have been promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as well as all present and subsequent amendments, revisions, deletions and corrections which the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission may adopt insofar as they relate to gas utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and are in accordance with the Board's policies and procedures.

Amended by R.1991 d.456, effective September 3, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 944(a), 23 N.J.R. 2652(a).

Stylistic changes.

14:6-5.2 Adoption by reference of rules concerning preservation of records; gas utilities

(a) The “Regulations to Govern the Preservation of Records of Electric, Gas and Water Utilities,” promulgated and published in April 1972 by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and all subsequent amendments thereto, are adopted by reference as the rules of the Board governing the preservation and destruction of records for all classes of electric, gas and water utilities subject to its jurisdiction and as a supplement to its uniform system of accounts for all classes of electric, gas and water utilities.

(b) Copies of the full text of these rules are available for examination in the Board's offices at Two Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102, and are included in the case files in these dockets. Copies of these rules may be purchased at www.naruc.org.

R.1972 d.181, effective September 18, 1972.

See: 4 N.J.R. 241(b).

Public Notice: Change of address.

See: 19 N.J.R. 890(a).

Amended by R.1991 d.456, effective September 3, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 944(a), 23 N.J.R. 2652(a).

Source of copies changed.

Amended by R.1996 d.411, effective September 3, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2830(a), 28 N.J.R. 4106(a).

Amended by R.2007 d.63, effective February 20, 2007.

See: 38 N.J.R. 3245(a), 39 N.J.R. 663(a).

In (a), inserted a comma following “Utilities”; and in (b), substituted “at www.naruc.org” for “through the Secretary of the Board”.