

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION**

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**PIPELINE SAFETY:  
PLASTIC PIPE RULE**

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**COMMENTS OF**  
**MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY**

COMES NOW, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), and submits the following comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking (“NPRM”), issued by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”), Department of Transportation (Vol. 80, No. 98, F.R. 29263; May 21, 2015).

MidAmerican is a combination gas and electric utility operating in the states of Iowa, Illinois, South Dakota and Nebraska. MidAmerican has 12,353 miles of gas distribution main, 656,078 services and 705 Miles of transmission pipeline. MidAmerican is the 23<sup>rd</sup> largest gas distribution company in the United States.

**Comments**

In response to the NPRM, MidAmerican provides the following comments:

1. 49 CFR §192.121 Design of plastic pipe.

The tables should list one inch CTS as a pipe size.

Additionally, the tables should have titles to clearly identify the applicable plastic pipe type (PE, PA-11, PA-12).

2. 49 CFR §192.204 Risers.

This section needs to address non-plastic risers

MidAmerican Energy Company appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking and requests its comments be given due consideration.

Dated at Davenport, Iowa this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

**MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY**

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