

School Pipe Testing Legislation
Texas Utilities Code
§ 121.5005 through § 121.507

§ 121.5005. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies to a facility of a public elementary or secondary school, including a charter school, or a private elementary or secondary school, but does not apply to a home school.

§ 121.501. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, “supplier” means an individual or company that sells and delivers natural gas to a school facility. If more than one individual or company sells and delivers natural gas to a school facility, each individual or company is a supplier for purposes of this subchapter.

§ 121.502. DUTY TO PRESSURE TEST. (a) A person responsible for a school facility shall perform biennial pressure tests on the natural gas piping system in the school facility. The tests must be performed before the beginning of the school year.

- (b) A person responsible for more than one school facility may perform the tests on a two-year cycle under which the person pressure tests the natural gas piping system in approximately one-half of the facilities each year.
- (c) If the person responsible for one or more school facilities operates the facilities on a year-round calendar, the pressure test in each of those facilities must be conducted and reported not later than July 1 of the year in which the pressure test is performed.
- (d) A natural gas piping pressure test performed under a municipal code satisfies the pressure testing requirements prescribed by this section.

§ 121.503. REQUIREMENTS OF TEST. (a) The person responsible for a school facility shall perform the pressure test to determine whether the natural gas piping downstream of the school facility’s meter holds at least normal operating pressure over a specified period determined by the railroad commission.

- (b) During the pressure test, each system supply inlet and outlet in the school facility must be closed.
- (c) At the request of a person responsible for a school facility, the railroad commission shall assist the person in developing a procedure for conducting the test.

§ 121.504. NOTICE OF TEST. (a) A person responsible for a school facility shall provide written notice to the school’s supplier specifying the date and result of each pressure test or other inspection.

- (b) The supplier shall maintain a copy of the notice until at least the first anniversary of the date on which the supplier received the notice.

§ 121.505. TERMINATION OF SERVICE. (a) A supplier shall terminate service to a school facility if:

- (1) the supplier receives official notification from the firm or individual conducting the test of a hazardous natural gas leakage in the facility piping system; or
 - (2) a test or other inspection at the facility is not performed as required by this subchapter.
- (b) A supplier is not liable for any damages that result from a failure to terminate service as required by Subsection (a)(2) for a facility other than a school district facility.

§ 121.506. REPORT OF LEAKAGE. An identified natural gas leakage in a school district facility must be reported to the board of trustees of the district in which the facility is located. An identified natural gas leakage in another school facility must be reported to the person responsible for the school facility.

§ 121.507. ENFORCEMENT. The railroad commission shall enforce this subchapter.