



May 14, 2021

2021 Notification Letter

Re: Natural Gas School Pipe Testing Notification and CPS Energy Procedures

Dear Natural Gas Customer:

The Texas Utilities Code requires that gas pipe in public, charter, or private school facilities be tested for leaks every two years. Attached is a list of schools CPS Energy believes are due for testing. Please be advised the list may be incomplete due to new school construction, building conversions, equipment replacements, database errors and other reasons. **Facilities not listed are the responsibility of the School and associated Administrators for reporting and testing in accordance with State law.**

The pipe or plumbing that should be tested extends from the outlet of the CPS Energy natural gas meter to the inlet valve of each appliance located within buildings or structures where students receive instruction or participate in school sponsored extracurricular activities. If a valve does not exist on the outlet of the CPS Energy meter, it is recommended that the School have one installed. Closing the CPS Energy valve and performing a pressure test exposes the meter and regulator to testing pressure that can potentially cause damage for which the School will be charged for repairing.

Maintenance or bus facilities, administrative offices, and similar facilities that students do not regularly utilize are not required to be tested, but an exemption must be submitted stating the reason the facilities were not tested.

CPS Energy is introducing a new School Pipe Testing Portal that allows School Districts to submit their results of the pipe test(s). **We ask that each School District provide CPS Energy with contact information of the representative(s) who will be submitting the test records. The contact information must include at a minimum Name, Email Address, and Phone Number.** Access to submit test record results will be provided to the identified contacts for each District / School Facility via link that will direct them to the portal.

The school pipe test results must be submitted to CPS Energy prior to Monday, August 2, 2021, (Thursday, July 1, 2021 for schools operating year-round).

Schools that do not have valid and correct test results submitted to CPS Energy prior to the beginning of their new school year will have their natural gas meters turned off and locked.

Your immediate attention to this request is greatly appreciated. If you require assistance, please contact us:

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Alex Chavez achavez@cpsenergy.com, 210-353-6592

Mailing Address: CPS Energy
Gas Standards and Compliance
PO Box 1771
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San Antonio, Texas 78296

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (210) 353-2928.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Linerode", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Linerode
Manager Gas Compliance

Enclosures



School Gas Pipe Testing Portal – Guide

Purpose

This document is a guide to introduce the School Pipe Testing Portal to School Facilities.

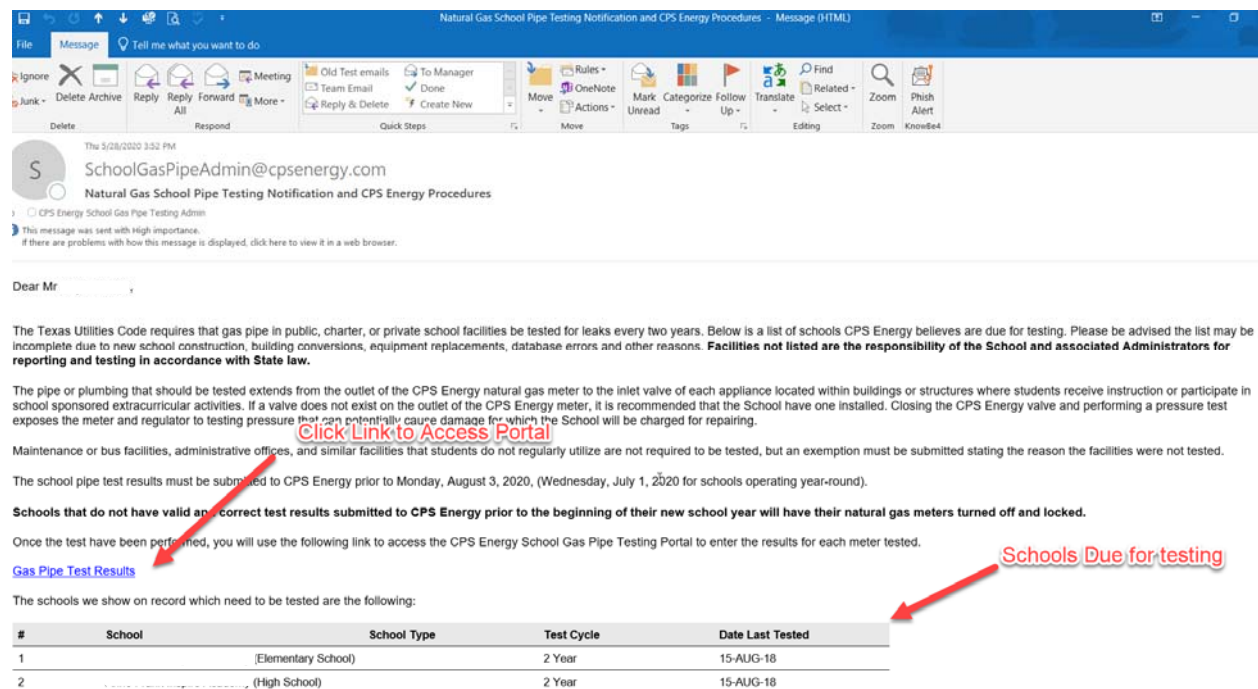
Note: The steps shown below are a quick overview of the school gas pipe testing portal schools will access to enter tests due.

Receiving Access to submit School Pipe Test Portal

School Administrators will receive an email similar to the one shown below.

Accessing the portal:

1. Click Hyperlink “Gas Pipe Test Results”



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The school pipe test results must be submitted to CPS Energy prior to Monday, August 3, 2020, (Wednesday, July 1, 2020 for schools operating year-round).

Schools that do not have valid and correct test results submitted to CPS Energy prior to the beginning of their new school year will have their natural gas meters turned off and locked.

Once the test have been performed, you will use the following link to access the CPS Energy School Gas Pipe Testing Portal to enter the results for each meter tested.

[Gas Pipe Test Results](#)

The schools we show on record which need to be tested are the following:

#	School	School Type	Test Cycle	Date Last Tested
1	(Elementary School)		2 Year	15-AUG-18
2	(High School)		2 Year	15-AUG-18

Email address
must match what
CPS Energy has
on record as the
contact for the
School.

Welcome to CPS Energy School Gas Pipe Testing

To keep our systems secure, please enter the below details.

Enter your email address:

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✓ VERIFY MY EMAIL

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For any additional questions, please contact :

Gas Standards Specialist
(210) 353-3614

Program/Project Manager
(210) 353-6592



2. You will see a list of schools that are due for testing.

School Gas Pipe Testing

CPS Energy School Gas Pipe Testing

The following schools need gas pipe testing entered. [Click on the button next to the school](#) to access the associated meter information.

Action	School Name
	School # 1
	School # 2
	School # 3
	School # 4
	School # 5
	School 6



Entering School Pipe Test Results

3. Click on the meter associated with the test record.

CPS Energy School Gas Pipe Testing

The following information must be entered once the testing is complete. Please enter the full name of who performed the test(s), as well as the person who witnesses/verified the test and results.

School Name: _____

Please complete all necessary fields for each service location for this school. Click on the blue section title below to expand the list of fields for each test. Accurate details of each test is necessary to meet State regulatory requirements.

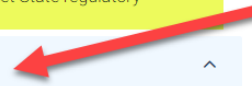
Meter(s) (123456)	^
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Tested By:

Verified By:

SAVE TEST RESULTS 

Click
Here



School Gas Pipe Testing : Administrative Portal

- Click the bar with the Meter # to expand and check the box to enter pipe test information.

CPS Energy School Gas Pipe Testing

The following information must be entered once the testing is complete. Please enter the full name of who performed the test(s), as well as the person who witnesses/verified the test and results.

School Name:

Please complete all necessary fields for each service location for this school. Click on the blue section title below to expand the list of fields for each test. Accurate details of each test is necessary to meet State regulatory requirements.

Meter(s) **This field expands to display the associated address of the meter selected.**

Premise #: 1	N.O.P.: 0.25	Meter #1: 123456
Meter address: #1, SAN ANTONIO TX, 78209		
☐ Add test results for this meter.		

Meter(s) **Click this box to enter test record information**

Tested By:

Verified By:

SAVE TEST RESULTS

5. Enter the results of the pipe test in the required fields. Do this for all tests performed.

School Name:

Please complete all necessary fields for each service location for this school. Click on the blue section title below to expand the list of fields for each test. Accurate details of each test is necessary to meet State regulatory requirements.

Meter(s) (123456)

Premise #:
N.O.P.: 0.25
Meter #1: 123456
Meter address: , SAN ANTONIO TX, 78209

☒ Add test results for this meter.
☐ Exempt Letter

Testing performed according to (select one):

☒ Railroad Commission of TEXAS Code
☐ Municipal Code

Date Tested: 02-April-2020
Start Time: 09:00 AM
Stop Time: 10:00 AM
☐ Next Day

Test Pressure: 5
Type: lbs

Repairs required:
☐ Yes
☒ No

Final Results:
☒ Pass
☐ Fail

VALIDATE

Meter(s) (123456)

Tested By:

Verified By:

SAVE TEST RESULTS

Select appropriate code used for test.

Enter Date Tested Start and Stop Time Test Pressure in lbs or oz and then click Validate.

Mandatory Fields

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6. You should receive a “Validated Successfully” notice if all information required has been submitted. Click “Save Test Results”

School Name: Alamo Heights High

Please complete all necessary fields for each service location for this school. Click on the blue section title below to expand the list of fields for each test. Accurate details of each test is necessary to meet State regulatory requirements.

Meter(s) (123456) ^

Premise #: 000001 **N.O.P.:** 0.25 **Meter #1:** 123456

Meter address: 150 E FAIR OAKS PL #1, SAN ANTONIO TX, 78209

☒ Add test results for this meter. ☐ Exempt Letter

Testing performed according to (select one):

☒ Railroad Commission of TEXAS Code

☐ Municipal Code

Date Tested: 02-April-2020 **Start Time:** 09:00 AM **Stop Time:** 10:00 AM ☐ Next Day

Test Pressure: 5 **Type:** lbs

Repairs required: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Final Results: ☒ Pass ☐ Fail

Validated Successfully.

Click Validate and Click Save Test Results

VALIDATE

Meter(s) (123456) ^

Tested By:

Verified By:

SAVE TEST RESULTS

7. Authorization pop up appears
 - a. Enter Authorized By
 - b. Select Send to CPS Energy

Name of the individual authorizing this information is required. Please enter then name of who is submitting this information to CPS Energy. Once sent, the tested meters can no longer be updated.

In the event there are questions, the district and/or school representative will be contacted by CPS Energy Gas Compliance Department.

☐ I'm not a robot


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Select

Authorized By:

Mandatory Field

Click Here



SEND TO CPS
ENERGY

8. You should receive a pop up stating the pressure test was successfully updated. If the test is rejected, you will be contacted by CPS Energy Gas Compliance Department with further direction.

