

The following Safety Recommendations were issued as a result of NTSB Pipeline Safety Recommendation Report “Natural Gas Distribution System Project Development and Review (Urgent).” Report Number PSR-18-02. Adopted on November 14, 2018. Published on November 14, 2018.

Safety Recommendation Number	Safety Recommendation Recipient	Safety Recommendation Text	Priority
P-18-005	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	Eliminate the professional engineer licensure exemption for public utility work and require a professional engineer’s seal on public utility engineering drawings.	
P-18-006	NiSource	Revise the engineering plan and constructability review process across all of your subsidiaries to ensure that all applicable departments review construction documents for accuracy, completeness, and correctness, and that the documents or plans be sealed by a professional engineer prior to commencing work. (Urgent)	Urgent
P-18-007	NiSource	Review and ensure that all records and documentation of your natural gas systems are traceable, reliable, and complete. (Urgent)	Urgent
P-18-008	NiSource	Apply management of change process to all changes to adequately identify system threats that could result in a	Urgent

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		common mode failure. (Urgent)	
P-18-009	NiSource	Develop and implement control procedures during modifications to gas mains to mitigate the risks identified during management of change operations. Gas main pressures should be continually monitored during these modifications and assets should be placed at critical locations to immediately shut down the system if abnormal operations are detected. (Urgent)	Urgent

November 15, 2018

Mr. Joseph Hamrock
Chief Executive Officer
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Among the safety recommendations are four urgent safety recommendations issued to NiSource, Inc., which can be found on page 7 of the report.

The NTSB is vitally interested in these recommendations because they are designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate a response within 30 days, detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement these recommendations. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendations by number. We encourage you to submit your response to correspondence@nts.gov. If it exceeds 10 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.



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