

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Gas Pipeline Safety OIR
Rulemaking 11-02-019
Data Response**

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QUESTION 6

Please provide all documents that constitute, report on or describe PG&E's written test(s) for qualifying personnel for its operator qualification program, which is referred to in PG&E's Answer 1.B.2, dated August 11, 2011, to U.A. Locals 246 and 342's Data Request of August 5, 2011.

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PG&E objects to providing copies of PG&E's written tests for qualifying personnel for its operator qualification program, on the grounds that the written test questions are confidential. Provision of the written test questions would undermine the integrity of the test, and could compromise gas pipeline safety. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objection, PG&E responds as follows:

PG&E currently has 81 Operator Qualifications (OQ) regulated by the DOT (see GasPipelineSafetyOIR_DR_LocalUnions246-342_002-Q02Atch01).

PG&E's Operator Qualification plan is outlined by the OQ Basic Plan (see GasPipelineSafetyOIR_DR_LocalUnions246-342_002-Q06Atch01 and GasPipelineSafetyOIR_DR_LocalUnions246-342_002-Q06Atch02). The written tests for the operator qualification program are identified in the OQ Basic Plan and are structured from the corresponding work procedures and standards. At this time, there is one written test per OQ Subtask (see GasPipelineSafetyOIR_DR_LocalUnions246-342_002-Q02Atch01). Each employee who takes the written evaluation is provided with the work procedures and standards associated with the test. The written test verifies the employee's understanding of the standards and procedures, and the performance based evaluation verifies the application of the employee's knowledge.