



# 1.0 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose and Objectives

This plan outlines the responsibilities and procedures to safeguard life and property and maintain or restore service during a natural gas emergency. A gas emergency is defined as an actual or potential hazardous escape of gas, an extreme overpressure or underpressure situation, an interruption of gas supply, or a combination of these events. This plan also may be used as an instructional aid or a resource for post-emergency investigations.

## 1.2 Plan Requirement

The California Public Utilities Commission's General Order 112-E requires all scheduled and emergency operations to proceed safely and in accordance with established procedures and programs. GO 112-E establishes minimum requirements of what must be contained within these procedures and programs. This plan specifies the requirements for orderly procedures and programs in accordance with GO 112-E requirements.

- \* Plans for routine and emergency work may consist of standard procedures
- \* Complex situations may require plans that are tailored to specific needs and conditions

Detailed procedures for specific emergencies or conditions will be referenced in the plan or added to the appendix by local operating departments.

## 1.3 Plan Format

The plan defines the required procedures that all local gas operating departments must have in place to respond to gas emergencies. These procedures are either detailed in this document, referenced, or must be added to the appendices by local operating departments. All information to be added by local departments appears in **bold type** to let the reader quickly acknowledge the requirement.

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## 1.4 Scope of Plan

The plan applies to all Utility Operations (UO), including California Gas Transmission (CGT), departments, areas, and headquarters, and to all types and levels of gas emergencies. The policies and procedures contained in the plan will be implemented whenever response to a gas emergency is required.

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