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Pipeline Inspector Positions Now Open

Bismarck- The North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources, Oil and Gas Division will dedicate three new positions to the inspection of oil and gas gathering pipelines. In July, the state well count reached 15,000, triggering a state appropriation for three additional regulatory staff. The state's Oil and Gas Division plans to dedicate the additional positions towards the inspection of oil and gas gathering pipeline systems.

The new pipeline inspector positions will be stationed in the division's district filed offices in Minot, Dickinson and Williston.

"In the past year enough new gathering lines were laid in the ground to stretch from Seattle, Washington to Orlando, Florida," said Division Director Lynn Helms. "Best estimates indicate industry will continue to lay more than 2,000 miles of gathering infrastructure a year. Filling these positions will be a valuable resource in continued regulatory oversight."

New rules regulating the installation of gathering lines took effect in April. In part, these rules require pipelines to be installed in a manner that does not interfere with agriculture, and backfilled in a manner that provides firm support without damaging the pipeline. Companies must submit an affidavit certifying they have installed pipelines in compliance with the rules. They must also submit geographical information as to the location of that pipeline.

Pipeline inspectors will also investigate incidents relating to pipelines. Landowners may report problems with pipelines on their land via the department website.

The division currently has 32 full-time staff members dedicated to field inspection.

Position openings can be found on the division's website.
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