

## Operator Qualifications

### Overview

In 1999, the Operator Qualification (OQ) rule was issued. The Department of Transportation (DOT) rules and regulations require enhanced training for those who perform covered tasks on natural gas and hazardous liquid facilities. Personnel must be qualified by their knowledge and experience to protect life and property.

### Covered Tasks

Covered Tasks are defined in an operator's written plan which defines specific job functions or activities that personnel are qualified to perform on a pipeline facility. For an activity to be considered a "Covered Task" the following must apply:

1. The activity is performed on a pipeline facility
2. The activity is an operations or maintenance task
3. The activity is required by either DOT 49 CFR 192 or 195
4. The activity will affect the pipeline's operation or integrity

This is known as the "Four-Part Test."

### What we can do for our Laborers

We can get our Laborers "Operator Qualified" (OQ) and maintain their qualification for any covered task needed by signatory contractors related to the natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline industries.

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