Subdivision 1. **Duty to report.** A pipeline operator shall immediately report by telephone to the emergency response center established by the commissioner of public safety an emergency release from the operator's pipeline or LNG facility.

- Subd. 2. **Felony.** (a) An employee of a pipeline operator who has responsibility to make the report under subdivision 1 is guilty of a felony if:
  - (1) the employee knows or has reason to know that an emergency release exists;
  - (2) the employee does not immediately report the release to the commissioner of public safety; and
- (3) the emergency release causes the death of an individual or great bodily harm as defined in section 609.02, subdivision 8.
- (b) A person convicted under this subdivision may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than seven years or payment of a fine of not more than \$14,000, or both.

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