299J.02 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** The definitions in this section apply to sections 299J.01 to 299J.17.

Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety.

Subd. 3. **Director.** "Director" means the director of the Office of Pipeline Safety.

Subd. 4. **Emergency.** "Emergency" means a condition that poses a clear and immediate danger to life or health or that threatens a significant loss of property.

Subd. 5. **Emergency release.** "Emergency release" means a release that poses a clear and immediate danger to life or health or that threatens a significant loss of property.

Subd. 6. **Emergency responder.** "Emergency responder" means a fire department or company, a law enforcement official or office, an ambulance or other emergency rescue service, or the Division of Emergency Management created by section 12.04, subdivision 1.

Subd. 7. **Gas.** "Gas" has the meaning given it in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 192.3.

Subd. 8. **Hazardous liquid.** "Hazardous liquid" means "hazardous liquid" and "highly volatile liquid" as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 195.2.

Subd. 8a. **LNG; liquefied natural gas.** "LNG" or "liquefied natural gas" means natural gas or synthetic gas having as its major constituent methane that has been changed to a liquid or semisolid.

Subd. 8b. **LNG facility.** "LNG facility" means a pipeline facility that is used for liquefying or solidifying natural gas or synthetic gas or transferring, storing, or vaporizing liquefied natural gas.

Subd. 9. **Local governmental unit.** "Local governmental unit" means a county, town, or statutory or home rule charter city.

Subd. 10. **Person.** "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, association, or other business entity or a trustee, receiver, assignee, or personal representative of any of them.

Subd. 11. **Pipeline.** "Pipeline" means:

(1) pipe with a nominal diameter of six inches or more, located in the state, that is used to transport hazardous liquids, but does not include pipe used to transport a hazardous liquid by gravity, and pipe used to transport or store a hazardous liquid within a refining, storage, or manufacturing facility; or

(2) pipe operated at a pressure of more than 275 pounds per square inch that carries gas.

Subd. 12. **Pipeline operator.** "Pipeline operator" means a person who owns or operates a pipeline or LNG facility.

Subd. 13. **Release.** "Release" means a spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, leaching, dumping, disposing, flowing, or any other uncontrolled escape of a hazardous liquid or gas from a pipeline or gas from a LNG facility.

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