

**66-1,157b. Accidents or fires; investigation; possession of evidence.** Personnel of the state corporation commission pipeline safety program are hereby authorized to:

(a) Be on site and conduct an investigation as to the cause or origin of any accident or fire suspected to have been caused by natural gas; and

(b) receive or take possession of any and all property which constitutes evidence of the cause or origin of any such accident or fire pursuant to their investigation, except that, the property possessed by the commission shall remain available to the serving utility for the purpose of examining, testing and analyzing. The possession thereof shall be in such manner and under such physical conditions as to preserve it for future evidentiary purposes.

**History:** L. 1989, ch. 161, § 1; July 1.