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Present law establishes the "Right-to-Know" law to inform the public of the risks and effects of certain hazardous materials and provides for certain reporting requirements and definitions. Present law provides that a "facility" is the physical premises in which hazardous materials are manufactured, used, or stored, and further provides that a natural gas pipeline is a facility.

Proposed law excludes natural gas pipelines from the definition of "facility".

Present law provides that an "owner or operator" is an entity engaged in activities which use, manufacture, emit, or store hazardous materials in a facility. Proposed law excludes owners of natural gas pipelines from the definition of "owner or operator".

Present law provides for alternative reporting procedures for certain owners and operators of certain facilities.

Proposed law removes natural gas pipelines from the facilities that qualify for alternative reporting procedures.

Present law provides for the reporting of certain information and for penalties related to a release of natural gas from distribution lines, the threshold for which is a reportable quantity of one thousand pounds or more of natural gas.

Proposed law removes the reportable quantity for releases of natural gas from distribution lines.

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(Amends R.S. 30:2363(7) and (13), 2370(H)(2), and 2373(B)(1))