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4. Natural Gas Pipeline Condensate and Energy Recovery

Is natural gas pipeline condensate that exhibits the characteristic of ignitability and that is going to be burned for energy recovery a hazardous waste?

According to the January 4, 1985 FR page 630, off-spec fuels burned for energy recovery are not by-products, thus are not considered wastes. This includes natural gas pipeline condensate. The condensate contains many of the same hydrocarbons found in liquified natural gas and certain higher hydrocarbons that have energy value. It is generated in the pipeline transmission of natural gas and is not considered to be a by-product nor a waste when burned for energy.

By-products that exhibit any characteristics of hazardous wastes are, however, hazardous waste when burned for energy recovery.

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