The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) policy on pipeline encasement is found in its Utilities Manual in Chapter 2, Section 20.3. The natural gas industry has presented its case that encasement should not be required as often as specified in the Manual. Thus, ALDOT wishes to review and potentially modify its encasement policies. This proposal outlines a plan to perform that function and to supply ALDOT with properly formatted revisions to the Utilities Manual and the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, as well as a recommendation for pipe analysis software to replace the program PISCES that ALDOT has specified for use in encasement variance requests.

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