U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

2018 Gas State Program Evaluation

for

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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2018 Gas State Program Evaluation -- CY 2018 Gas

State Agency: Texas Rating:

Agency Status: 60105(a): Yes 60106(a): No Interstate Agent: No

Date of Visit: 07/15/2019 - 09/20/2019

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete this evaluation in accordance with the Procedures for Evaluating State Pipeline Safety Program. The evaluation should generally reflect state program performance during CY 2018 (not the status of performance at the time of the evaluation). All items for which criteria have not been established should be answered based on the PHMSA representative's judgment. A deficiency in any one part of a multiple part question should be scored as needs improvement. Determine the answer to the question then select the appropriate point value. If a state receives less then the maximum points, include a brief explanation in the space provided for general comments/regional observations. If a question is not applicable to a state, select NA. Please ensure all responses are COMPLETE and ACCURATE, and OBJECTIVELY reflect state program performance. Increasing emphasis is being placed on performance. This evaluation together with selected factors reported in the state's annual progress report attachments provide the basis for determining the state's pipeline safety grant allocation.

Scoring Summary

PARTS		Possible Points	Points Scored
A	Progress Report and Program Documentation Review	10	9
В	Program Inspection Procedures	13	13
C	Program Performance	49	44
D	Compliance Activities	15	13
E	Incident Investigations	11	11
F	Damage Prevention	8	8
G	Field Inspections	12	12
Н	Interstate Agent State (If Applicable)	0	0
i I	60106 Agreement State (If Applicable)	0	0
TOTA	LS	118	110
State F	Rating		93.2



PART A - Progress Report and Program Documentation Review

Points(MAX) Score

1	Accuracy of Jurisdictional Authority and Operator/Inspection Units Data - Progress	1	1
	Report Attachment 1		
	Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5		

Evaluator Notes:

RRC tracks the inspection types and days in their database, PES (Pipeline Evaluation System). PES tracks the inspections from inspector packages and weekly work reports. Verified inspections for 2018 and seem to be accurate.

Review of Inspection Days for accuracy - Progress Report Attachment 2

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

RRC tracks the inspection days in their database, PES (Pipeline Evaluation System). Verified inspections days and they seem to be accurate.

3 Accuracy verification of Operators and Operators Inspection Units in State - Progress 1
Report Attachment 3
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Verified operators in Attachment 3 with PDM annual reports. The number of operators seem accurate.

Were all federally reportable incident reports listed and information correct? - Progress 1

Report Attachment 4

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, verified federally reportable incidents in PDM with Attachment 4 and they all seem to be accurate.

5 Accuracy verification of Compliance Activities - Progress Report Attachment 5

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Reviewed PES and verified compliance activities submitted in Attachment 5. The numbers seem to be accurate. There is a concern on the increased number of carry over compliance actions from previous years. There were 1348 carry over in 2017 which increased to 1738 in 2018 which was discussed with the RRC. There is an increase in number of inspectors which is a reason for the increase of violations. This issue was a concern in last year's evaluation which has not improved. The RRC needs to improve on closing out cases specifically on cases that span over a year. (SEE QUESTION D2 FOR POINT LOSS)

6 Were pipeline program files well-organized and accessible? - Progress Report 2 1
Attachment 6

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 Evaluator Notes:

All program files are kept electronically in PES and are easily accessed. There seems to be a tracking issue in identifying pipeline pipelines after they are transferred from one unit to another or sold to another operator. While reviewing inspections in PES, there were several systems that had changed units and were difficult to track where the system had transferred. The RRC needs to improve in the way pipeline transfers are documented.

7 Was employee listing and completed training accurate and complete? - Progress Report 1 1
Attachment 7

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Verified training with T&Q Blackboard and there's seems to be missing qualified inspectors in Blackboard. The problem seems to be with the most veteran inspectors. RRC will contact T&Q to check on the discrepancies.



8 Verification of Part 192,193,198,199 Rules and Amendments - Progress Report Attachment 8

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

All regulations and amendments adopted for Parts, 191, 192, 193, 198, 199

9 List of Planned Performance - Did state describe accomplishments on Progress Report in 1
 1 detail - Progress Report Attachment 10
 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, they listed the following as one part. In 2018, Pipeline Safety inspectors completed approximately 2,046 gas safety evaluations of 509 operators (this includes master meter operators), for which we sent 358 violation letters citing 1,770 alleged violations. Also, during 2018, we reported 1,380 violations as corrected; this number includes violations that were cited in previous years. Also, the Commission collected a total of \$204,725 in enforcement penalties for gas enforcement cases.

10 General Comments:

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Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

A.5-There is an increase in the number of carry over from the previous years. There were 1348 carry over in 2017 which increased to 1738 in 2018 which was discussed with the RRC. There is an increase in number of inspectors which is a reason for the increase of violations. This issue was a concern in last year's evaluation which has not improved. The RRC needs to improve on closing out cases specifically on cases that span over a year. (SEE QUESTION D.2 FOR POINT DEDUCTION)

A.6- All program files are kept electronically in PES and are easily accessed. There seems to be a tracking issue in identifying pipeline pipelines after they are transferred from one unit to another or sold to another operator. While reviewing inspections in PES, there were several systems that had changed units and were difficult to track where the system had transferred. The RRC needs to improve in the way pipeline transfers are documented.

Total points scored for this section: 9
Total possible points for this section: 10



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1 Standard Inspection procedures should give guidance to state inspectors that insure consistency in all inspections conducted by the state? The following elements should be addressed at a minimum - pre-inspection activities, inspection activities, post-inspection activities. Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

Standard Operating Procedure (SOG) 3: Routine Comprehensive Evaluation Procedures give guidance to the inspectors to perform standard inspections. Procedures include pre and post inspection procedures. 3.1 - Pre inspection, 3.2 DATA Collection for pre and post inspections.

IMP and DIMP Inspection procedures should give guidance to state inspectors that insure consistency in all inspections conducted by the state? The following elements should be addressed at a minimum - pre-inspection activities, inspection activities, post-inspection activities.

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

SOG 6.1 TIMP Procedures and SOG 6.2 DIMP Procedures give guidance to inspectors for performing IM inspections. TXRRC - has given all inspectors access to PDM and training on how to utilize it for pre inspection activities.

3 OQ Inspection procedures should give guidance to state inspectors that insure consistency in all inspections conducted by the state? The following elements should be addressed at a minimum - pre-inspection activities, inspection activities, post-inspection activities.

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

SOG 6.3 has OQ Inspection procedures which has details for performing OQ inspections. The procedures give enough guidance to inspectors to perform OQ inspections. OQ inspections are on a five year inspection cycle.

- 4 Damage Prevention Inspection procedures should give guidance to state inspectors that insure consistency in all inspections conducted by the state? The following elements should be addressed at a minimum - pre-inspection activities, inspection activities, postinspection activities.
 - Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

SOG 6.7 has details for Damage Prevention Inspections. Procedures give guidance to state inspectors that insure consistency in all inspections conducted by the state addressing pre-inspection activities, inspection activities, and post-inspection activities. Jim Ousterhaus retired in 2018. Stephanie is the Director for the Damage Prevention Section of RRC. Damage Prevention has 10.17 person years dedicated to program.

- 5 Any operator training conducted should be outlined and appropriately documented as needed.

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Section 5 of SOG has operator training and how it is conducted and documented.

6 Construction Inspection procedures should give guidance to state inspectors that insure consistency in all inspections conducted by the state? The following elements should be addressed at a minimum - pre-inspection activities, inspection activities, post-inspection activities.

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Need to add OQ verification of technicians while performing construction covered tasks.

TAX 8.115 is Texas law that requires operators to report any new construction 30 days prior to constructing more than 1 mile of pipe. Law is changing to 60 day notice and .1 miles of new pipe. The New Construction Lead Inspector must successfully

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complete required TQ courses prior to conducting any new construction inspections. This person should lead the evaluation with the assistance of other participating team members, if a team is utilized, and is to remain present during the duration of the evaluation.

7	unit	es inspection plan address inspection priorities of each operator, and if necessary each a, based on the following elements? = 6 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-5	6		6
	a.	Length of time since last inspection (Within five year interval)	Yes 💿	No 🔘	Needs Improvement
	b.	Operating history of operator/unit and/or location (includes leakage, incident and pliance activities)	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
	c.	Type of activity being undertaken by operators (i.e. construction)	Yes 💿		Needs Improvement
	d. areas	Locations of operators inspection units being inspected - (HCA's, Geographic s, Population Density, etc)	Yes •		Needs Improvement
		Process to identify high-risk inspection units that includes all threats - (Excavation age, Corrosion, Natural Forces, Outside Forces, Material and Welds, Equipment, rators and any Other Factors)	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
	f.	Are inspection units broken down appropriately?	Yes (•)	No ()	Needs

Evaluator Notes:

The RRC has developed a risk based formula in which PES uses to prioritize inspections. The risk base formula uses all of the following elements:

- a. Inspection intervals are at 5 year intervals.
- b. Operating history is included in their unit inspection risk ranking
- c. Procedures include activities undertaken by operator.
- d. HCA's and population are part of the unit risk ranking.
- e. SOG 3 was amended last year to include the tracking of incidents and causes which include Excavation damage. corrosion, natural outside forces, material and welds, equipment, operators and other factors.
- f. Units are broken down mostly by operating area for Distribution and by mileage for Transmission.

Procedures need to be amended to include that each LNG facility will be inspected at 3 year intervals.

8 General Comments:

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Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

The RRC of TX is mainly complying with Part B of the Evaluation.

B.6-Need to add to procedures that during construction inspections, OQ of technicians while performing construction covered tasks will be verified.

B.7-Procedures need to be amended to include that each LNG facility will be inspected at 3 year intervals.

Total points scored for this section: 13 Total possible points for this section: 13



Yes = 5 No = 0

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	A. Total Inspection Person Days (Attachment 2): 8116.00			
	B. Total Inspection Person Days Charged to the Program (220 X Inspection Person Years) (Attachment 7): 220 X 41.80 = 9194.90			
	Ratio: A / B 8116.00 / 9194.90 = 0.88			
	If Ratio >= 0.38 Then Points = 5, If Ratio < 0.38 Then Points = 0 Points = 5			
	Notes: No	tal persoi	ı days ra	tio. Ratio
2	Has each inspector and program manager fulfilled the T Q Training Requirements? (See Guidelines Appendix C for requirements) Chapter 4.4 Yes = 5 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-4	5		5
	a. Completion of Required OQ Training before conducting inspection as lead?	Yes 💿	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
	b. Completion of Required DIMP*/IMP Training before conducting inspection as lead? *Effective Evaluation CY2013	Yes	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
	c. Root Cause Training by at least one inspector/program manager	Yes 💿	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
	d. Note any outside training completed	Yes 💿	No 🔘	Needs Improvement
	e. Verify inspector has obtained minimum qualifications to lead any applicable standard inspection as the lead inspector.	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
b. Ye c.Yes d. Ne	es, all OQ lead inspectors have completed all required courses. es, all IMP/DIMP lead inspectors have completed all required courses. es, there are several inspectors who have completed the Root Cause Course. ew inspectors attend a training provided at an operators facility. Working on providing addres, reviewed inspection reports to assure qualified inspectors are leading inspection types in			
3	Did state records and discussions with state pipeline safety program manager indicate adequate knowledge of PHMSA program and regulations? Chapter 4.1,8.1 Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2		2
Evaluator Yes,	Notes: Stephanie Weidman is knowledgeable of the pipeline safety rules and regulations.			
4	Did state respond to Chairman's letter on previous evaluation within 60 days and correct or address any noted deficiencies? (If necessary) Chapter 8.1 Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2		2
Evaluator Yes, 28, 2	Notes: the Chairman responded within the 60 days, letter was sent on February 8, 2019 and respo	nse was r	eceived	on March
5	Did State conduct or participate in pipeline safety training session or seminar in Past 3 Years? Chapter 8.5 Yes = 1 No = 0	1		1
Evaluator				

Yes, the RRC conducts Pipeline Safety Seminars once a year. The last seminar was August 21-22, 2018

Was ratio of Total Inspection person-days to total person days acceptable? (Director of

State Programs may modify with just cause) Chapter 4.3



9	Did the state review operator procedures for surveillance of cast iron pipelines, including appropriate action resulting from tracking circumferential cracking failures, study of leakage history, or other unusual operating maintenance condition? (Note: See GPTC Appendix G-18 for guidance) (NTSB) Chapter 5.1 Yes = 1 No = 0
The	or Notes: RRC utilizes a form which resembles PHMSA Forms which have been modified to include the review of operator cedures for survelliance of cast iron pipelines.
The	Did the state review operator emergency response procedures for leaks caused by excavation damage near buildings and determine whether the procedures adequately address the possibility of multiple leaks and underground migration of gas into nearby buildings Refer to 4/12/01 letter from PHMSA in response to NTSB recommendation P-00-20 and P-00-21? (NTSB) Chapter 5.1 Yes = 1 No = 0 or Notes: e RRC utilizes a form which resembles PHMSA Forms which have been modified to include the review of operator ergency procedures for leaks caused by excavation damage near buildings and to determine if procedures address musts.
11	Did the state review operator records of previous accidents and failures including 1 reported third party damage and leak response to ensure appropriate operator response as required by 192.617? Chapter 5.1 Yes = 1 No = 0
	or Notes: cidents and failures are reviewed during inspections to assure operator response is appropriate as required by 192.617
12	Has the state reviewed Operator Annual reports, along with Incident/Accident reports, for 2 accuracy and analyzed data for trends and operator issues? Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1
The	or Notes: or Notes: or Procedures state that they will review annual reports and accident report for accuracy and analyze for trends. The lews the reports and analyzes for issues, trends or concerns. They utilize this data as part of their risk ranking of

Did state inspect all types of operators and inspection units in accordance with time

Did inspection form(s) cover all applicable code requirements addressed on Federal

Inspection form(s)? Did State complete all applicable portions of inspection forms?

Did the state review operator procedures for determining if exposed cast iron pipe was

examined for evidence of graphitization and if necessary remedial action was taken?

Yes, the RRC utilizes the PHMSA forms and also have state forms to guide the inspectors during an inspection.

Have PHMSA Form which was modified to include all NTSB and ADB questions included in the Evaluation. Cast iron

retention of inspectors and growth they expect to be in compliance in the near future.

No, the RRC is still behind on their inspection cycles on DIMP, TIMP, CRM, PAPEI and OQ inspections. There are many operators that have not been inspected within their established intervals of 5 years. The RRC is improving and with the

intervals established in written procedures? Chapter 5.1

Yes = 5 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-4

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

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(NTSB) Chapter 5.1 Yes = 1 No = 0

examination is question 27 and 28 of form.

Evaluator Notes:

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inspections.

Is state verifying operators OQ programs are up to date? This should include verification of any plan updates and that persons performing covered tasks (including contractors) are properly qualified and requalified at intervals determined in the operators plan. 49 CFR 192 Part N Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1
or Notes: the RRC is conducting OQ inspections on a yearly basis. Reviewed OQ inspections to verify rators are complying with CFR 192 Part N. Only issue is that the RRC is not conducting OQ in blished inspection cycles, which per their procedures is every 5 years.
Is state verifying operator's gas transmission integrity management programs (IMP) are up to date? This should include a previous review of IMP plan, along with monitoring progress on operator tests and remedial actions. In addition, the review should take in to account program review and updates of operators plan(s). (Are the State's largest operators programs being contacted or reviewed annually? Are replies to Operator IM notifications addressed? (formerly part of Question C-13)). 49 CFR 192 Subpart 0 Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 or Notes: The RRC is conducting IMP inspections on a yearly basis. Reviewed IMP inspections to verificators are complying with CFR 193 Subpart O. Only issue is that the RRC is not conducting In blished inspection cycles, which per their procedures is every 5 years. This issue is identified in action.
Is state verifying operator's gas distribution integrity management Programs (DIMP)?
This should include a review of DIMP plans, along with monitoring progress. In addition, the review should take in to account program review and updates of operators plan(s). (Are the State's largest operators programs being contacted or reviewed annually?). 49 CFR 192 Subpart P Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1
or Notes:
, the RRC conduct DIMP inspections on a yearly basis. Reviewed DIMP inspections to verify rators are complying with CFR 192 Subpart P. Only issue is that the RRC is not conducting DI restablished inspection cycles, which per their procedures is every 5 years. This issue is identi-
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for effectiveness as described in RP1162. PAPEI Effectiveness Inspections should be

conducted every four years by operators. 49 CFR 192.616

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

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Has state confirmed intrastate transmission operators have submitted information into

Is the state verifying operators are conducting drug and alcohol tests as required by

regulations? This should include verifying positive tests are responded to in accordance

Review and verify NPMS data during standard inspections. The question is included in the standard inspection forms.

NPMS database along with changes made after original submission?

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

with program. 49 CFR 199

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1**Evaluator Notes:** Yes, the RRC is conducting Drug and Alcohol inspections on a yearly basis. Reviewed Drug and Alcohol inspections to verify the RRC is assuring operators are complying with CFR 199. Only issue is that the RRC is not conducting D&A inspections within their established inspection cycles, which per their procedures is every 5 years. 2 1 the RRC is assuring spections within their 2 2 y the RRC is assuring MP inspections within their n question C.6 as a point 2 2 the RRC is assuring MP inspections within fied in question C.6 as a 2

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Evaluator Notes:

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Yes, the RRC is conducting Public Awareness (PAPEI) program inspections on a yearly basis. Reviewed PAPEI inspections to verify the RRC is assuring operators are complying with CFR 192.616. Only issue is that the RRC is not conducting PAPEI inspections within their established inspection cycles, which per their procedures is every 5 years. This issue is identified in question C.6 as a point deduction.. 19 Does the state have a mechanism for communicating with stakeholders - other than state 1 pipeline safety seminar? (This should include making enforcement cases available to Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5**Evaluator Notes:** Communicate with stakeholders by a subscription email service provide to public to receive information on seminars, meetings, etc. Also posts enforcement cases online for the public to view. 1 20 Did state execute appropriate follow-up actions to Safety Related Condition (SRC) 1 Reports? Chapter 6.3 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5**Evaluator Notes:** Yes, the RRC has a dedicated person to track the submittals of SRCR. Reviewed their datasheet which demonstrates the tracking of the SRCR. 21 Did the State ask Operators to identify any plastic pipe and components that has shown a 1 record of defects/leaks and what those operators are doing to mitigate the safety concerns? Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5**Evaluator Notes:** The RRC has modified their inspection forms to include this question so the inspectors can verify with the operator of any known defects of plastic pipe and components and what they do to mitigate problem. 22 Did the state participate in/respond to surveys or information requests from NAPSR or PHMSA? Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5**Evaluator Notes:** Yes, the RRC responds to surveys from NAPSR or PHMSA. 23 If the State has issued any waivers/special permits for any operator, has the state verified 1 1 conditions of those waivers/special permits are being met? This should include having the operator amend procedures where appropriate. No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 Yes = 1 State has open waivers that have been approved. The waiver to Cinco Pipeline has no future provisions the operator has to meet. There were stipulations that the operator had to meet before the installation of the flex steel piping. The RRC does not have any record to verify the stipulations were met. The RRC did supply documentation that the pipeline has been abandoned and is no longer in service. Monument Pipeline waiver was rejected. Fasken Pipeiine waiver was rejected. RRC has included Waiver Request in PES which helps track the Waivers.



Evaluator Notes: In the future the TX RRC needs to verify all conditions of waivers are met and keep records of the verification. 24 Did the state attend the NAPSR National Meeting in CY being evaluated? No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 Yes = 1 Alan Mann attended the National meeting due to the program manager being on maternity leave.

25 Discussion on State Program Performance Metrics found on Stakeholder Communication site - http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/states.htm

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	b. NTSB P-11-20 Meaningful Metrics	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
Evaluato Dan	or Notes: nages per 1,000 locates is gathered by the Damage Prevention section of the RRC. Their da	mages pe	r 1,000 i	
	cussed the steady increase of leaks repaired, hazardous leaks repaired and scheduled leaks t dman. Increase is due to more advanced leak survey equipment being utilized by operators		ired with	Stephanie
Insp	sector training has been trending in a positive way.			
26	Discussion with State on accuracy of inspection day information submitted into State Inspection Day Calculation Tool (SICT) Has the State updated SICT data? No = 0 Yes = 1	1		1
	or Notes: cussed SICT calculation with Stephanie Weidman and there is no issues or concerns in meeter. Reviewed numbers and there does not seem to be any issues with the numbers submitted			n days in the
27	Did the State verify Operators took appropriate action regarding Pipeline Flow Reversals Product Changes and Conversions to Service? See ADP-2014-04 Needs Improvement = .5 No = 0 Yes = 1	s, 1		1
		their Ins	spection 1	Form to
28	General Comments: Info Only = No Points	Info On	lyInfo Or	nly
that	or Notes: The RRC is still behind on their inspection cycles on DIMP, TIMP and PAPEI inspections have not been inspected within their established intervals of 5 years. The RRC is improving ectors and growth they expect to be in compliance in the near future. Loss of 2 Points			
	-C18 - RRC is not conducting Drug and Alcohol, OQ, PAPEI, IMP and DIMP nspections pedures state they will conduct each type of inspection every 5 years.	per their p	orocedure	es.
	7-Discussed with RRC the verification of flow reversals. Recommend to the RRC add ques	tion to the	eir Inspe	ction Form

Discussion of Potential Accelerated Actions (AA's) based on any negative trends

No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 Yes = 2

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No 🔾

Yes 💿

	1	Does the state have written procedures to identify steps to be taken from the discovery to resolution of a probable violation? Chapter 5.1 Yes = $4 \text{ No} = 0 \text{ Needs Improvement} = 1-3$	4		4
		a. Procedures to notify an operator (company officer) when a noncompliance is identified	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
		b. Procedures to routinely review progress of compliance actions to prevent delays or breakdowns	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
		c. Procedures regarding closing outstanding probable violations	Yes 💿	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
Eva	a. Pro b. Se- receiv	Notes: ocedures states that all compliance notifications are sent to company officers. oction 11, addresses the review of open compliance cases to avoid breakdowns. If no responsed, the RRC issues a delinquent letter to the operator. PES calculates the due date and kee and inspectors review the Plan of Corrections to assure the operator has responded to all professional professio	ps track o	of deling	ection is
	2	Did the state follow compliance procedures (from discovery to resolution) and adequately document all probable violations, including what resolution or further course of action is needed to gain compliance? (Incident Investigations do not need to meet 30/90 day requirement) Chapter 5.1 Yes = 4 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-3	4		2
		a. Were compliance actions sent to company officer or manager/board member if municipal/government system?	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
		b. Document probable violations	Yes 🔘	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
		c. Resolve probable violations	Yes 🔘	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
		d. Routinely review progress of probable violations	Yes 🔘	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
		e. Within 30 days, conduct a post-inspection briefing with the owner or operator of the gas or hazardous liquid pipeline facility inspected outlining any concerns; and	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
E		f. Within 90 days, to the extent practicable, provide the owner or operator with written preliminary findings of the inspection. Notes:	Yes	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
EVa	a. Re b. Re	viewed many inspection reports and found that compliance actions are being sent to compaviewed inspection reports and found Drug and Alcohol inspections that did not document pg the inspection.	-		ns found
	c. Th	ere seems to be some delay in resolving or closing out compliance actions. The number of east several years. There are some open compliance actions dating back to 2017.	,		
	d. Th 2017	e review of the progress of probable violations needs to improve. There are open compliant.	ce action	s dating	back to
	f. Ye	s, the RRC conducts and documents post inspection briefings after each inspection. s, the RRC provides the operator written notice of all preliminary findings. In addition, all dissued within 90 days.	complian	ce letter	s reviewed
	Reco	mmend to add the civil penalty amounts to be addressed in each compliance letter sent to o	perators.		
	3	Did the state issue compliance actions for all probable violations discovered? Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2		2
Eva	2 instrictions issue them	Notes: tances were found in the 251 randomly sampled inspections performed during the evaluation, advised the PM to have each inspector highlight the cells were an unsatisfactory has been easily. They are also in the process of creating a new data base system that will track the uninto the inspection form the unsatisfactory items transfer automatically to the compliance leads to the compliance of the comp	found so	the revi	ewer can see
	4	Did compliance actions give reasonable due process to all parties? Including "show cause" hearing if necessary. Yes = 2 No = 0	2		2

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Evaluator Notes:

Yes the RRC gives due process to all parties. SOG 11.2 has Pleading proceedings for operators to contest cases which is addressed in their state code under TAC Chapter 1

Is the program manager familiar with state process for imposing civil penalties? Were civil penalties considered for repeat violations (with severity consideration) or violations resulting in incidents/accidents? (describe any actions taken)

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

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Evaluator Notes:

Yes, Stephanie Weidnman is familiar with the civil penalty process. TAC 8.135 is state rules which has civil penalty process and explains amounts of civil penalty based on severity of violations.

Recommend to reference the TAC 8.135 code in their SOG which has civil penalty process.

6 Can the State demonstrate it is using their enforcement fining authority for pipeline safety 1 violations?

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, the RRC issued Civil Penalties in 2018. Reviewed inspections which Civil Penalties were issued.

7 General Comments: Info OnlyInfo Only

Evaluator Notes:

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- b. Reviewed inspection reports and found Drug and Alcohol inspections that did not document probable violations found during the inspection.
- c. There seems to be some delay in resolving or closing out compliance actions. The number of carry over have increased in the last several years. There are some open compliance actions dating back to 2017.
- d. The review of the progress of probable violations needs to improve. There are open compliance actions dating back to 2017.

D.5-Recommend to reference the TAC 8.135 code in their SOG which has civil penalty process.

Total points scored for this section: 13 Total possible points for this section: 15



1	Does the state have written procedures to address state actions in the event of an incident/accident? Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2		2
SO	or Notes: G Section 8 has procedures for addressing incident/accident actions and investigations. Sectidocumentation to verify there's sufficient data gathered if no onsite investigation was made.	on 8.1.1	.2 addres	sses the need
2	Does state have adequate mechanism to receive and respond to operator reports of incidents, including after-hours reports? And did state keep adequate records of Incident/Accident notifications received? Chapter 6 Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2		2
	a. Acknowledgement of MOU between NTSB and PHMSA (Appendix D)	Yes •	No 🔘	Needs Improvement
Evaluat	b. Acknowledgement of Federal/State Cooperation in case of incident/accident (Appendix E) or Notes:	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
Yes	s, the RRC has a 24 hour answering system that transfers calls to on-call inspector. Section 1 investigation will be conducted on all PHMSA reportable incidents.	8 has inc	ident pro	ocedures. On
	Have acknowledgement of MOU between NTSB and PHMSA. Have acknowledgement of MOU and of federal/state cooperation in case of an incident/accidented	ent.		
3	If onsite investigation was not made, did state obtain sufficient information from the operator and/or by other means to determine the facts to support the decision to not go on-site? Chapter 6 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1		1
Mo	or Notes: est reportable incidents were investigated on-site. There was enough information gathered on estigated on-site.	the incid	lents that	t were not
4	Were all incidents investigated, thoroughly documented, and with conclusions and recommendations? Yes = 3 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-2	3		3
	a. Observations and document review	Yes •	No 🔘	Needs Improvement
	b. Contributing Factors	Yes •	No 🔘	Needs Improvement
	c. Recommendations to prevent recurrences when appropriate	Yes •	No 🔘	Needs Improvement
a. T	or Notes: The RRC documents all incident investigations in the Incident Form and is uploaded to PES. re well documented.	Reports	that were	
b. Y	Yes, incident investigations had contributing factors in the report.			
с. Т	The RRC reviews the operators recommendations and plans of action to prevent recurrence o	f the inci	idents.	
5	Did the state initiate compliance action for violations found during any incident/accident investigation? Yes = 1 No = 0	1		1
	or Notes: s, there were several incident investigations that resulted in the issuance of compliance action	ıs		
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Did the state assist Region Office or Accident Investigation Division (AID) by taking

concerning incidents/accidents and investigate discrepancies) Chapter 6

appropriate follow-up actions related to the operator incident reports to ensure accuracy and final report has been received by PHMSA? (validate report data from operators

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

The RRC assists the Accident Investigation Division (AID) when they ask for information or assistance.

Does state share lessons learned from incidents/accidents? (sharing information, such as: 1 at NAPSR Region meetings, state seminars, etc)

Yes = 1 No = 0

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, the RRC shares lessons learned during the NAPSR SW Region meeting.

8 General Comments:

Info OnlyInfo Only

Info Only = No Points Evaluator Notes:

The RRC is mainly complying with Part E of the Evaluation.

Total points scored for this section: 11

Total possible points for this section: 11



Has the state reviewed directional drilling/boring procedures of each pipeline operator or its contractor to determine if they include actions to protect their facilities from the dangers posed by drilling and other trench less technologies? NTSB

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, the RRC has modified their inspection forms to included the review of directional/boring procedures of each pipeline operator. Question 27 and 31 of the transmission and distribution form covers this topic.

Did the state inspector verify pipeline operators are following their written procedures pertaining to notification of excavation, marking, positive response and the availability and use of the one call system?

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

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Evaluator Notes:

Yes, the RRC has modified their inspection forms to included the review their damage prevention procedures which include notification of excavation, making, and one call system. Question 28 and 32 of transmission and distribution inspection forms covers this topic.

Did the state encourage and promote practices for reducing damages to all underground facilities to its regulated companies? (i.e. such as promoting/adopting the CGA Best Practices encouraging adoption of the 9 Elements, etc.)

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

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Evaluator Notes:

Attend 46 damage prevention events in Texas during 2018, including DP council meetings that consists of utilities, contractors throughout the state. There are about 23 councils in Texas. They also attend mock drills with operators, contractors and excavators. Rules and statistics are posted on RRC website to educate the public and stakeholders.

Has the agency or another organization within the state collected data and evaluated trends on the number of pipeline damages per 1,000 locate requests? (This can include DIRT and other data shared and reviewed by the pipeline safety program)

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

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Evaluator Notes:

They collect data o all damages in Texas thru mandatory reporting by operators and excavators. They analysis the data to focus on areas that have the most issues. Their damages per 1000 locate tickets dropped from 2.86 in 2017 to 2.57 in 2018.

5 General Comments: Info Only = No Points Info OnlyInfo Only

Evaluator Notes:

The TX RRC is mainly complying with Part F of the Evaluation.

Total points scored for this section: 8 Total possible points for this section: 8

Operator, Inspector, Location, Date and PHMSA Representative Info Only = No Points Info OnlyInfo Only

Name of Operator Inspected:

1) Atmos Energy Company - Garland, TX; 2) Enbridge Pipeline

Name of State Inspector(s) Observed:

1) Phillip Landtiser, Brad Cox & Justin Ojemi; 2) William Dean

Location of Inspection:

1) Garland, TX; 2) Houston, TX

Date of Inspection:

1) July 8-11, 2019; 2) February 25-29, 2019

Name of PHMSA Representative:

1) Glynn Blanton, PHMSA State Liaision; 2) Agustin Lopez, State Liaison

Evaluator Notes:

1)Standard inspection on Atmos Energy Company Garland system in the Dallas, TX area. Atmos Company personnel: Douglas Beasley, Supervisor Compliance. Other company personnel: Leroy Garth, Corrosion Control Technician, Jeffery Richardson, Survey Technician, Aaron Nulisch Survey Technician

The last standard inspection was conducted on 10/26/2018 with no violations found.

2)Evaluated Mr. William Dean while he conducted an OQ inspection on Enbridge Pipeline. Mr. Dean reviewed the OQ Plan, records and a field evaluation technicians while performing covered tasks. He concluded the inspection with an exit briefing with the operator. Mr. Sam Copeland was also involved in the inspection.

Was the operator or operator's representative notified and/or given the opportunity to be present during inspection?

Yes = 1 No = 0

Evaluator Notes:

1) Yes, Douglas Beasley, Supervisor Compliance, was notified by Phillip Landtiser, TX RRC, on February 14, 2019 regarding the scheduled standard inspection.

2)Yes, the operator was contacted with enough notice to have any representatives present.

Did the inspector use an appropriate inspection form/checklist and was the form/checklist 2 used as a guide for the inspection? (New regulations shall be incorporated)

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

1) Yes, observed Phillip Landtiser using TX RRC spreadsheet to enter information on the company's records in meeting compliance with the pipeline safety regulations.

2)Yes, Mr. Dean was utilizing the OQ Form and their PES(Database) as a guide and to document the results of the inspection.

Did the inspector thoroughly document results of the inspection?

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

1) Yes, observed Phillip Landtiser taking field notes on leak locations and percentage of gas found, odorant readings, cathodic protection pipe-to-soil readings, set and open pressure on regulators and relief devices.

2) Yes, Mr. Dean documented the results on the OQ Inspection Form and in PES.

Did the inspector check to see if the operator had necessary equipment during inspection 1 to conduct tasks viewed? (Maps,pyrometer,soap spray,CGI,etc.)

Yes = 1 No = 0

Evaluator Notes:

		on? (check all that apply on to = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	list)	•		
	a.	Procedures			\boxtimes	
	b.	Records			\boxtimes	
	c.	Field Activities			\boxtimes	
	d.	Other (please comment)				
Evaluato	or Notes:	(I				
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cov	ered tasks	can reviewed the OQ Plan properties on the pipeline. He also perfect procedures an OQ Plan.				
7	regulation	inspector have adequate kno ons? (Evaluator will docume to = 0 Needs Improvement = 1			2	2
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		an discussed all issues and p technicians and corrosion c		ed during the inspection.	He identified	issues with AOC
10	descript	Comments: 1) What did the on of field observations and the States - (Field - could be	how inspector performed)	2) Best Practices to Shar		fo Only

1) Yes, observed inspector checking the date and who calibrated the instruments for leakage detection, cathodic protection

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2) Yes, the inspector assured the technician had all the proper equipment while performing tasks on the pipeline. He

Did the inspector adequately review the following during the field portion of the state

and hoses used to check the relief devices.

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compared the technicians performance with the procedures.

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Info Only	y = No Points	
a.	Abandonment	
b.	Abnormal Operations	\boxtimes
c.	Break-Out Tanks	
d.	Compressor or Pump Stations	
e.	Change in Class Location	
f.	Casings	
g.	Cathodic Protection	\boxtimes
h.	Cast-iron Replacement	
i.	Damage Prevention	
j.	Deactivation	
k.	Emergency Procedures	
1.	Inspection of Right-of-Way	
m.	Line Markers	\boxtimes
n.	Liaison with Public Officials	
0.	Leak Surveys	\boxtimes
p.	MOP	
q.	MAOP	\boxtimes
r.	Moving Pipe	
S.	New Construction	
t.	Navigable Waterway Crossings	
u.	Odorization	\boxtimes
v.	Overpressure Safety Devices	\boxtimes
w.	Plastic Pipe Installation	
х.	Public Education	
y.	Purging	
z.	Prevention of Accidental Ignition	
A.	Repairs	
B.	Signs	\boxtimes
C.	Tapping	
D.	Valve Maintenance	\boxtimes
E.	Vault Maintenance	
F.	Welding	
G.	OQ - Operator Qualification	\boxtimes
Н.	Compliance Follow-up	
I.	Atmospheric Corrosion	\boxtimes
J.	Other	

Evaluator Notes:

1) Mr. Phillip Landtiser performed a professional inspection and through with field notes being taken on cathodic protection readings, regulator station & relief device settings, patrolling and odorization.

An executive closing document and letter was sent to Atmos Energy Company allowing them the opportunity to correct the violations found on July 12, 2019. The Inspection Package Number is 122947.

2) Mr. Dean conduced an OQ Inspection of Enbridge's OQ Plan which included records review and a field inspection. He observed technicians perform covered tasks to check for qualifications and knowledge. Mr. Dean conducted himself very professionally and performed and excellent job.

Total points scored for this section: 12 Total possible points for this section: 12

Texas RRC in not an Interstate Agent 2	PART H - Interstate Agent State (If Applicable)		Points(MAX)	
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	Did the state use the current federal inspection form(s)?	1	NA
2 Are results documented demonstrating inspection units were reviewed in accordance with "PHMSA directed inspection plan"? Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 Evaluator Notes: Texas RRC in not an Interstate Agent 3 Did the state submit documentation of the inspections within 60 days as stated in its latest Interstate Agent Agreement form? Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 Evaluator Notes: Texas RRC in not an Interstate Agent 4 Were probable violations identified by state referred to PHMSA for compliance? (NOTE: 1 PHMSA representative has discretion to delete question or adjust points, as appropriate, based on number of probable violations; any change requires written explanation.) Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 Evaluator Notes: Texas RRC in not an Interstate Agent 5 Did the state immediately report to PHMSA conditions which may pose an imminent safety hazard to the public or to the environment? Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 Evaluator Notes: Texas RRC in not an Interstate Agent 6 Did the state give written notice to PHMSA within 60 days of all probable violations found? Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 Evaluator Notes: Texas RRC in not an Interstate Agent 7 Did the state initially submit documentation to support compliance action by PHMSA on probable violations? Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 Evaluator Notes: Texas RRC in not an Interstate Agent		1		
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Total points scored for this section: 0
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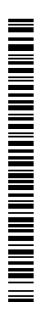


Evaluator Notes:

Info Only = No Points

Texas RRC in not an Interstate Agent

PART	T I - 60106 Agreement State (If Applicable)	oints(MAX)	Score
1	Did the state use the current federal inspection form(s)? Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	NA
Evaluato Texa			
2	Are results documented demonstrating inspection units were reviewed in accordance state inspection plan? Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	with 1	NA
Evaluato Texa	r Notes: as RRC does not have a 60106 Agreement		
3	Were any probable violations identified by state referred to PHMSA for compliance? (NOTE: PHMSA representative has discretion to delete question or adjust points, as appropriate, based on number of probable violations; any change requires written explanation.) Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	NA
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4	Did the state immediately report to PHMSA conditions which may pose an imminent safety hazard to the public or to the environment? Yes = $1 \text{ No} = 0 \text{ Needs Improvement} = .5$	1	NA
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5	Did the state give written notice to PHMSA within 60 days of all probable violations found? Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	NA
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6	Did the state initially submit adequate documentation to support compliance action by PHMSA on probable violations? Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	NA
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Total points scored for this section: 0 Total possible points for this section: 0

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Evaluator Notes:

General Comments: Info Only = No Points

Texas RRC does not have a 60106 Agreement