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Administration

2019 Gas State Program Evaluation

for

Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia

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2019 Gas State Program Evaluation -- CY 2019 Gas

State Agency: District of Columbia Rating:

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

Date of Visit: 05/06/2020 - 08/20/2020

Agency Representative: Udeozo Ogbue, Chief, Office and Compliance Enforcement

PHMSA Representative: Don Martin

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete this evaluation in accordance with the Evaluator Guidance for conducting state pipeline safety program evaluations. The evaluation should generally reflect state program performance during CY 2019 (not the status of performance at the time of the evaluation). 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 than the maximum points, include a brief explanation in the appropriate notes/comments section. If a question is not applicable to a state, select NA. Please ensure all responses are COMPLETE and ACCURATE, and they OBJECTIVELY reflect the state's program performance for the question being evaluated. Increasing emphasis is being placed on how the state pipeline safety programs conduct and execute their pipeline safety responsibilities (their 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	
Α	Progress Report and Program Documentation Review	0	0	
В	Program Inspection Procedures	15	15	
C	State Qualifications	10	10	
D	Program Performance	50	50	
E	Field Inspections	15	15	
F	Damage prevention and Annual report analysis	4	4	
G	Interstate Agent/Agreement States	0	0	
TOTAL	S	94	94	
State Rating				



PART A - Progress Report and Program Documentation Review

Points(MAX) Score

1 Were the following Progress Report Items accurate?

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- Info Only = No Points
 - a. Stats On Operators Data Progress Report Attachment 1
 - b. State Inspection Activity Data Progress Report Attachment 2
 - c. List of Operators Data Progress Report Attachment 3*
 - d. Incidents/Accidents Data Progress Report Attachment 4*
 - e. Stats of Compliance Actions Data Progress Report Attachment 5*
 - f. List of Records Kept Data Progress Report Attachment 6 *
 - g. Staff and TQ Training Data Progress Report Attachment 7
 - h. Compliance with Federal Regulations Data Progress Report Attachment 8
 - i. Performance and Damage Prevention Question Data Progress Report

Attachment 10*

Evaluator Notes:

- (a. DC has one operator with one distribution unit and one transmission unit. It is consistent with information in the PDM.
- (b. Reviewed speadsheet accounting for inspection person days and for each type of inspection. No issues.
- (c. Unit totals on Attachment 3 match totals on Attachment 1.
- (d. There were no incidents listed in Attachment 4. The PDM listed on incident that occurred on 12/26/2019. The incident did not meet federal reporting thresholds but a Metro Center was closed during the incident. The written report was not due until 1/28/2020.
- (e. 43 Notices Of Probable Violations (NOPVs) were prepared in CY 2019. 29 were issued for civil penalties totaling \$287,650 and 18 NOPVs were carried over to CY 2020. Final determination and issuance of the these 18 NOPVs and associated civil penalties is to be determined. In CY 2019 civil penalties totaling \$272,750 were collected and included \$97,050 which was carried over from CY 2018.
- (f. No issues.
- (g. TQ's Blackboard training system was reviewed. All inspectors have completed the minimum training requirements to lead a standard inspection. With engineering degrees, the completion of training warrants a Category I level which matches the entries in Attachment 7.
- (h. The DCPSC has automatic adoption authority. Further, per DC Code ?? 34-706 (b) and DCMR 2398.2, civil penalties for gas pipeline safety violations are linked to the maximum established by federal laws and regulations.
- (i. No issues were found with Attachment 10.

Total points scored for this section: 0 Total possible points for this section: 0

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Do written procedures address pre-inspection, inspection and post inspection activities for each of the following inspection types: Chapter 5.1

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

a. Standard Inspections, which include Drug/Alcohol, CRM and Public

Awareness Effectiveness Inspections

- b. TIMP and DIMP Inspections (reviewing largest operator(s) plans annually)
- c. OQ Inspections
- d. Damage Prevention Inspections
- e. On-Site Operator Training
- f. Construction Inspections (annual efforts)
- g. LNG Inspections

Evaluator Notes:

- (a. The DCPSC provides this guidance on Pages 11, 12 and 16 of NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, revision June, 2020 (DCPSC Procedures). Pre-inspection activities are described beginning on Page 11. Standard Inspection activities are described beginning on Page 12. Post inspection activities are covered on Page 16. No issues.
- (b. DIMP inspection activities are covered on Page 13 in DCPSC Procedures. TIMP inspection activities are described beginning on Page 13. Pre-inspection activities are described beginning on Page 11. Standard Inspection activities are described beginning on Page 12. Post inspection activities are covered on Page 16. No issues.
- (c. OQ Inspection Procedures are described beginning on Page 14 in DCPSC Procedures. Pre-inspection activities are described beginning on Page 11. Standard Inspection activities are described beginning on Page 12. Post inspection activities are covered on Page 16. No issues.
- (d. Damage Prevention Inspection Procedures are described beginning on Page 15 in DCPSC Procedures. Pre-inspection activities are described beginning on Page 11. Standard Inspection activities are described beginning on Page 12. Post inspection activities are covered on Page 16. No issues.
- (e. The DCPSC has one private distribution operator. There are no small operators in Washington DC. Operator training is not applicable in DC.
- (f. Construction Inspection Procedures are described beginning on Page 15 in DCPSC Procedures. Pre-inspection activities are described beginning on Page 11. Standard Inspection activities are described beginning on Page 12. Post inspection activities are covered on Page 16. No issues.
- (g. There are no LNG facilities in the District of Columbia.
- Do written procedures address inspection priorities of each operator, and if necessary each unit, based on the following elements and time frames established in its procedures? Chapter 5.1

Yes = 4 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-3

- a. Length of time since last inspection
- b. Operating history of operator/unit and/or location (includes leakage, incident and compliance activities)
- c. Type of activity being undertaken by operators (i.e. construction)
- d. Locations of operator's inspection units being inspected (HCA's, Geographic area, Population Centers, etc.)
- e. Process to identify high-risk inspection units that includes all threats -

(Excavation Damage, Corrosion, Natural Forces, Outside Forces, Material and Welds, Equipment, Operators and any Other Factors)

f. Are inspection units broken down appropriately?

Evaluator Notes:

The DCPSC provides inspection frequencies in tables on Pages 10 and 11 and Appendix A of NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, revision June, 2020 (DCPSC Procedures). The DCPSC considers (a through (f for identifying locations within the one operator's system. There is not a need to prioritize inspection units since the entire area of the District of Columbia is served by one operator and two inspection units. The DCPSC may want to consider breaking the one unit which has approximately 125,000 service lines.

3 (Compliance Procedures) Does the state have written procedures to identify steps to be taken from the discovery to resolution of a probable violation? Chapter 5.1

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Yes = 3 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-2

- a. Procedures to notify an operator (company officer) when a noncompliance is identified
- b. Procedures to routinely review progress of compliance actions to prevent delays or breakdowns
- c. Procedures regarding closing outstanding probable violations

Evaluator Notes:

The DCPSC provides enforcement procedures on Pages 19 - 21 of NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, revision June, 2020 (DCPSC Procedures).

- (a. On Page 20. No issues.
- (b. On Page 20 and 21. No issues.
- 9c. On Page 20 and 21. No issues.
- 4 (Incident/Accident Investigations) Does the state have written procedures to address state 3 actions in the event of an incident/accident?

Yes = 3 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-2

- a. Mechanism to receive, record, and respond to operator reports of incidents, including after-hours reports
- b. If onsite investigation was not made, do procedures require on-call staff to obtain sufficient information to determine the facts to support the decision not to go on-site

Evaluator Notes:

The DCPSC provides reportable incident investigation procedures on Pages 18 and 19 of NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, revision June, 2020 (DCPSC Procedures) and Commission Rule in FC No. 1089.

- (a. From 15 DCMR 2306 and 3017.8 Provides the requirement and mechanism for operators to report incident that meet federal reporting thresholds. Pages 18 and 19 of DCPSC Procedures provide response procedures to operator reports. No issues.
- (b. From Pages 18 and 19 of the DCPSC Procedures "Based on the initial information received by the DC PSC, the Office of Compliance and Enforcement may determine not to conduct on site-site investigation. The Office will keep records to support the decisions made. The Office will conduct on-site investigations of all federal reportable incidents (i.e., resulting in death, injury requiring hospitalization, or property damage exceeding \$50,000)." No issues.
- 5 General Comments:

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Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

There were no deficiencies found that resulted in a loss of points.

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



1 Has each inspector and program manager fulfilled training requirements? (See Guidelines 5 Appendix C for requirements) Chapter 4.4

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

- a. Completion of Required OQ Training before conducting inspection as lead
- b. Completion of Required DIMP/IMP Training before conducting inspection as lead
- c. Completion of Required LNG Training before conducting inspection as lead
- d. Root Cause Training by at least one inspector/program manager
- e. Note any outside training completed
- f. Verify inspector has obtained minimum qualifications to lead any applicable standard inspection as the lead inspector (Reference State Guidelines Section 4.3.1)

Evaluator Notes:

Upon a review of TQ's Blackboard training system, the following results were identified:

- (a. All inspectors have completed training to lead an OQ inspection.
- (b. No issues with IMP. One inspector has completed the required course to lead a Transmission IMP inspection. One other inspector lacks only the WBT course PL31C Investigating and Managing Internal Corrosion. No issues with DIMP training.

 (c. There are no LNG facilities in DC.
- (d. Root cause training requirement met.
- (e. No outside training noted.
- (f. The program manager has completed the required courses. All inspectors have completed the required courses to lead a Standard Inspection.
- Did state records and discussions with state pipeline safety program manager indicate

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 adequate knowledge of PHMSA program and regulations? Chapter 4.1,8.1

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

Evaluator Notes:

The Program Manager successfully completed the minimum required courses plus additional courses. He has a good understanding of pipeline safety regulations, state guidelines and grant document requirements.

General Comments:

Info Only = No Points

There were no deficiencies found that warranted a reduction in points.

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Evaluator Notes:

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



Did state inspect all types of operators and inspection units in accordance with time intervals established in written procedures? Chapter 5.1

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

- a. Standard (General Code Compliance)
- b. Public Awareness Effectiveness Reviews
- c. Drug and Alcohol
- d. Control Room Management
- e. Part 193 LNG Inspections
- f. Construction (did state achieve 20% of total inspection person-days?)
- g. OQ (see Question 3 for additional requirements)
- h. IMP/DIMP (see Question 4 for additional requirements)

Evaluator Notes:

Reviewed CY 2019 Inspection Spreadsheet Report/DCPSC Actual Inspection Intervals 2020-05-19 Spreadsheet and OCE's Annual Inspections Tracker (for further information related to the Actual Inspection Intervals 2020-05-19 Spreadsheet). No issues.

Did inspection form(s) cover all applicable code requirements addressed on Federal Inspection form(s)? Did State complete all applicable portions of inspection forms? Chapter 5.1. Do inspection records indicate that adequate reviews of procedures, records and field activities, including notes and the appropriate level of inspection person-days for each inspection, were performed?

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Yes = 10 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-9

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- f. Construction
- g. OQ (see Question 3 for additional requirements)
- h. IMP/DIMP (see Question 4 for additional requirements)

Evaluator Notes:

Reviewed CY 2019 Inspection Spreadsheet Report/DCPSC Actual Inspection Intervals 2020-05-19 Spreadsheet and OCE's Annual Inspections Tracker (for further information related to the Actual Inspection Intervals 2020-05-19 Spreadsheet) emailed to Evaluator. Reviewed sample EN Inspection Forms and Inspection Report with "Unsatisfactory" inspection finding and Exit Interview note on expected enforcement action for violation(s). No issues.

- 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 established in the operator's plan. 49 CFR 192 Part N

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Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

Reviewed CY 2019 Inspection Spreadsheet Report/DCPSC Actual Inspection Intervals 2020-05-19 Spreadsheet and OCE's Annual Inspections Tracker. No issues.

4 Is state verifying operator's integrity management Programs (IMP and DIMP)? This should include a review of plans, along with monitoring progress. In addition, the review should take in to account program review and updates of operator's plan(s). 49 CFR 192 Subpart P

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

- a. Are the state's largest operator(s) plans being reviewed annually?
- b. Are states verifying with operators any plastic pipe and components that have shown a record of defects/leaks and mitigating those through DIMP plan?



c. Are the states verifying operators are including low pressure distribution systems in their threat analysis?

Evaluator Notes:

Reviewed CY 2019 Inspection Spreadsheet Report/DCPSC Actual Inspection Intervals 2020-05-19 Spreadsheet and OCE's Annual Inspections Tracker . No issues.

Did the state review the following (these items are NTSB recommendations to PHMSA that have been deemed acceptable response based on PHMSA reviewing these items during the evaluation process): Chapter 5.1

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Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

- a. Operator procedures for determining if exposed cast iron pipe was examined for evidence of graphitization and if necessary remedial action was taken;
- b. 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):
- c. 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:
- d. Operator records of previous accidents and failures including reported thirdparty damage and leak response to ensure appropriate operator response as required by 192.617;
- e. 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:
- f. Operator procedures for considering low pressure distribution systems in threat analysis?
- g. Operator compliance with state and federal regulations for regulators located inside buildings?

Evaluator Notes:

(a. The question is on DCPSC Inspection Form (EN 42). The procedures are contained on Page 2 of WGL's O&M Procedures No. (b. Yes, contained WGL's O&M Procedures No.s 4011, 4014, 4050, 4078, 4079, and 4083. The DCPSC's Inspectors verifies the Operator conducts failure analysis of failed components as part of its engineering review. (c. It is contained in WGL's O&M Procedure # No.s 1040 and 3220 thru 3222. The procedures are also ncluded in WGL's Emergency Procedures Manual. A question is on DCPSC Inspection Form (EN 42). DCPSC Inspectors monitor to ensure that the operator tests for the presence of gas in a 360-degrees pattern from the point of origin, not just around the pipe, to determine the extent of migration. (d. WGL files mandatory bi-monthly damage reports. the DCPSC Inspectors conduct records inspections and confirm appropriate root cause investigation and remedial action by the Operator. Also, our Inspectors encourage the Operator to conduct failure analysis of failed components as part of its engineering review. (e. The DCPSC reviews WGL's O &M Manual Section 4100 and monitor its deployment of HDD/boring and other trenchless technologies in the District. The DCPSC has also included the protection of gas facilities from the hazards of drilling and other trenchless technologies in DCPSC's Damage Prevention Inspection Form (EN 27). (f. The DCPSC's review of WGL's DIMP plan confirmed that low pressure distribution systems in threat analysis. (g. The DCPSC has revised its DIMP inspection form to cover regulators and meters installed inside of building structures.

6 Did the State verify Operators took appropriate action regarding advisory bulletins issued 1 since the last evaluation? (Advisory Bulletins Current Year)

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

The DCPSC sends a written communication to WGL when an advisory bulletin is issued by PHMSA. The DCPSC follows up with WGL when conducting a portion of a Standard Inspection to determine if WGL took appropriate action. See PHMSA Bulletins on Protecting Meter Installations from Earth Movement and High Water Levels and on Vintage Jailbond Style Steel Risers amplified in WGL's O & M Manual.

7 (Compliance Activities) 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? Chapter 5.1

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- a. Were compliance actions sent to company officer or manager/board member if municipal/government system?
- b. Were probable violations documented properly?
- c. Resolve probable violations
- d. Routinely review progress of probable violations
- e. Did state issue compliance actions for all probable violations discovered?
- f. Can state demonstrate fining authority for pipeline safety violations?
- g. Does Program Manager review, approve and monitor all compliance actions?

(note: Program Manager or Senior Official should sign any NOPV or related enforcement action)

- h. Did state compliance actions give reasonable due process to all parties? Including "show cause" hearing, if necessary.
- i. Within 30 days, conduct a post-inspection briefing with the owner or operator outlining any concerns
- j. Within 90 days, to the extent practicable, provide the owner or operator with written preliminary findings of the inspection. (Incident investigations do not need to meet 30/90-day requirement)

Evaluator Notes:

Reviewed copies of Field Inspections-generated and Damage Reports-generated NOPVs complete with exit interviews and Unsatisfactory observations and follow up enforcement actions.

(a. through (j. - No issues.

8 (Incident Investigations) Were all incidents investigated, thoroughly documented, with conclusions and recommendations?

Yes = 10 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-9

- a. Does state have adequate mechanism to receive and respond to operator reports of incidents, including after-hours reports?
- b. Did state keep adequate records of Incident/Accident notifications received?
- c. If onsite investigation was not made, did the state obtain sufficient information from the operator and/or by means to determine the facts to support the decision not to go on site?
- d. Were onsite observations documented?
- e. Were contributing factors documented?
- f. Were recommendations to prevent recurrences, where appropriate, documented?
- g. Did state initiate compliance action for any violations found during any incident/accident investigation?
- h. Did state assist Region Office or Accident Investigation Division (AID) by taking appropriate follow-up actions related to the operator incident reports to ensure accuracy and final report has been received by PHMSA?
- i. Does state share any lessons learned from incidents/accidents?

Evaluator Notes:

There was an incident in the PDM that occurred on December 26, 2019, The written report was filed by operator on January 28, 2020. The incident was caused by third party excavation. There were no injuries, fatalities and damages were less than \$50,000. According to established criteria in Part 191, the incident was not required to reported; therefore, an investigation was not required. OCE followed up with DDOT to ensure investigation and closure. Assistant Associate PHMSA Administrator, AM, responded positively to Program Manager's email on closure of the incident.

- (a. It is described in Commission Rule in FC No. 1089 and in OCE's NGPSIEP Manual.
- (b. No issues.
- (c. NA. There were no reportable incidents during CY2019.
- (d. NA. There were no reportable incidents during CY2019.
- (e. NA. There were no reportable incidents during CY2019.
- (f. NA. There were no reportable incidents during CY2019.
- (g. NA. There were no reportable incidents during CY2019.
- (h. Email from AID on May 21st stated the DCPSC was very responsive.
- (i. The DCPSC covers lessons learned from incidents during its presentation at the NAPSR Eastern Region Meeting and Pipeline Safety Seminars.



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pipe pipe at ris Face	r Notes: DCPSC's line safety line safety sk pipes co ebook and	website has a section on pipeline safety and damage prevention that is accessible to mission is stated. There is a link to DCPSC and Federal pipeline safety regulations contacts in the DCPSC. The proceedings in gas pipeline safety formal cases such ontinue to be posted on the Commission web site and project progress is posted on s Instagram. Further, enforcement actions such as NOPVs and related Settlements are e-docket system.	s. There as Project ocial me	is a directory of etpipes to replace dia such as
13	Reports	te execute appropriate follow-up actions to Safety Related Condition (SRC) ?? Chapter 6.3 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1
Evaluato The	r Notes:	Safety Related Condition Reports in PDM during CY2019.		
14	Yes = 1 a.	e State responsive to: No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 Surveys or information requests from NAPSR or PHMSA;	1	1
Evaluato	b. c. r Notes	Operator IM notifications; and PHMSA Work Management system tasks?		
Thei	re were no	notifications listed in the PDM for CY2019. No delinquent tasks were found in the es where the DCPSC did not comply with survey requests.	WMS.	There were no
15	condition operato	tate has issued any waivers/special permits for any operator, has the state verified ons of those waivers/special permits are being met? This should include having the r amend procedures where appropriate. No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1

Did state respond to Chairman's letter on previous evaluation within 60 days and correct

There were no deficiencies found in the CY2018 evaluation; therefore, a response was not required.

Did State conduct or participate in pipeline safety training session or seminar in Past 3

Yes, in Maryland with MDPSC (October 2019) and in Virginia with VASCC (in April 2019).

Has state confirmed transmission operators have submitted information into NPMS

or address any noted deficiencies? (If necessary) Chapter 8.1

database along with changes made after original submission?

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Years? Chapter 8.5 Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes: There are no waivers listed on PHMSA's website that have been issued by the DCPSC. 16 Were pipeline program files well-organized and accessible? DUNS: 116190414 2019 Gas State Program Evaluation

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Evaluator Notes:

While conducting the CY2019 Program Evaluation, the electronic records functioned well.

Discussion with State on accuracy of inspection day information submitted into State
Inspection Day Calculation Tool (SICT). Has the state updated SICT data?
Yes = 3 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-2

Evaluator Notes:

The SICT submittal (in CY2019) for CY2020 minimum inspection person days was discussed with the program manager in a Microsoft Teams Meeting on May 19th. The DCPSC's SICT projects 127 inspection person days for Design, Test and Construction inspections which based upon past experience. Construction activity is not known for the calendar year at the time the SICT has to be completed. The inspection person days for

Peer review notes from your State Inspection Calculation Tool submission? "No specific time considerations were given to many of the inspection types such as CRM, DIMP, Public Awareness, Drug and Alcohol, etc. It appears all the time was lumped into standard inspection. Future submissions should take all inspection types into consideration and break out days."

Discussion on State Program Performance Metrics found on Stakeholder Communication Info Only Info Only site.\ http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/states.htm?nocache=4805
Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

The performance metrics were discussed with the program manager in a Microsoft Teams Meeting on May 19th. The bar chars contained in Primis were reviewed. The program manager was aware that damages per 1000 tickes had leveled off in the last two years reversing a downward trend. The program manager had initiated discussions with stakeholders focusing on improvement ideas. Leaks repaired have trended upwards but is the result of operator's more proactive action to repair leaks instead of monitoring. This is supported when viewing leaks scheduled for repair at the end of year (carry-over) has been reduced annually. All other metrics appeared to be reasonable.

- Did the state encourage and promote operator implementation of Pipeline Safety

 Management Systems (PSMS), or API RP 1173? This holistic approach to improving

 pipeline safety includes the identification, prevention and remediation of safety hazards.

 Info Only = No Points
 - a. https://pipelinesms.org/
 - b. Reference AGA recommendation to members May 20, 2019

Evaluator Notes:

The DCPSC volunteered and participated in the NTSB's Roundtable on PSMS, held on March 9th in Arlington, VA. The DCPSC held a Technical Conference with WGL on implementing Pipeline Safety Management Systems and Safety Culture in the gas operator's organization. See WGL's SMS and Safety Culture Implementation Plans from OCE/WGL Technical Conferences and Program Manager UO's Invitation to a high level NTSB Roundtable on the programs emailed to Evaluator.

20 General Comments: Info Only = No Points Info Only Info Only

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Evaluator Notes:

There were no deficiencies found which resulted in the loss of points.

Total points scored for this section: 50 Total possible points for this section: 50



Operator, Inspector, Location, Date and PHMSA Representative (enter specifics into the Info Only Info Only comments box below)

Info Only = No Points

- a. What type of inspection(s) did the state inspector conduct during the field portion of the state evaluation? (i.e. Standard, Construction, IMP, etc)
- b. When was the unit inspected last?
- c. Was pipeline operator or representative present during inspection?
- d. Effort should be made to observe newest state inspector with least experience

Evaluator Notes:

The DCPSC conducted a construction inspection of a distribution main replacement performed by Washington Gas and Light (WGL) on August 20, 2020. The location was in the vicinity of 14th STREET and DECATUR STREET, NW Washington, DC. The inspection was observed utilizing virtual technology. WGL's construction inspector, Aaron Hill, was present during the inspection. The DCPSC was represented by Udeozo Ogbue, Ahmadou Bagayoko and Earnest Scott. Earnest Scott was the Lead Inspector for the DCPSC.

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:

The DCPSC inspector used EN 34 inspection Form, Plastic Pipeline Construction. It is the form designated for construction inspections in the DCPSC's inspection procedures. OQ Protocol 9 requirements were reviewed during the inspection. EN 34 includes Protocol 9 questions. EN 34 was used to guide the inspection.

3 Did the inspector adequately review the following during the inspection

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Yes = 10 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-9

- a. Procedures (were the inspector's questions of the operator adequate to determine compliance?)
- b. Records (did the inspector adequately review trends and ask in-depth questions?)
- c. Field Activities/Facilities (did inspector ensure that procedures were being followed, including ensuring that properly calibrated equipment was used and OQ's were acceptable?)
- d. Other (please comment)
- e. Was the inspection of adequate length to properly perform the inspection?

Evaluator Notes:

- (a. The inspectors reviewed procedures for the abandonment of pipelines and construction procedures for the installation of high density plastic mains including joining with mechanical fittings and electrofusion joining, etc. The inspectors exhibited knowledge based upon their response to questions.
- (b. Not applicable for this inspection.
- (c. Proper execution of procedures were checked for each phase of the construction and calibration of equipment was verified. The inspectors scanned the barcodes on OQ Qualification Cards. The read out of qualifications was reviewed to verify individuals were qualified for the tasks they were performing.
- (d. None
- (e. The inspection was conducted in a comprehensive manner and appropriate time was satisfactory.
- From your observation did the inspector have adequate knowledge of the pipeline safety 2 program and regulations? (Evaluator will document reasons if unacceptable)

 Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, the inspectors were knowledgeable of the regulations and the operator's procedures related to main replacement construction. The inspectors had completed all of the required Training and Qualification Courses.



5 Did the inspector conduct an exit interview, including identifying probable violations? (If inspection is not totally completed the interview should be based on areas covered during time of field evaluation)

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, an interview was conducted with operator being notified that no probable violations were found during the inspection.

Was inspection performed in a safe, positive, and constructive manner?

Info Only = No Points

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- a. No unsafe acts should be performed during inspection by the state inspector
- b. What did the inspector observe in the field? (Narrative description of field observations and how inspector performed)
- c. Best Practices to Share with Other States (Field could be from operator visited or state inspector practices)
- d. Other

Evaluator Notes:

- (a. The inspector's wore personal protective equipment including masks and latex gloves.
- (b. The inspector's observed the replacement of approximately 500 feet of 12 inch cast iron main. The cast iron main was replaced with 12 inch high density polyethylene plastic pipe. The cast was abandoned in place.
- (c. None were identified.
- (d. It was noted that the District of Columbia has requirements for the wearing of facial masks and social distancing. It was evident that the construction crews and DCPSC inspectors were complying with these safety directives.

7 General Comments: Info Only = No Points Info Only Info Only

Evaluator Notes:

There were no deficiencies identified which resulted in the loss of points.

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



- 1 Has the state reviewed Operator Annual reports, along with Incident/Accident reports, for accuracy and analyzed data for trends and operator issues.

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Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, reviewed WGL DC CY 2019 Damage Prevention Annual Report and DC Damage Prevention Summary. No issues.

Has the state verified that the operators analyze excavation damages for the purpose of determining root causes and minimizing the possibility of a recurrence? (? 192.617)

Has the state verified that the operators have appropriately identified excavators who have repeatedly violated one-call laws and damaged their facilities. Have the operators taken steps to mitigate that risks? (? 192.1007)

2 NA

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, reviewed WGL DC CY 2019 Damage Prevention Annual Report and DC Damage Prevention Summary. No points assigned for CY2019 Evaluation per policy.

3 Has the state reviewed the operator's annual report pertaining to Part D ? Excavation Damage?

4 NA

Yes = 4 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-3

- a. Is the information complete and accurate with root cause numbers?
- b. Has the state evaluated the causes for the damages listed under "One-Call Notification Practices Not Sufficient" (Part D.1.a.)?
- c. Has the state evaluated the causes for the damages listed under "Locating Practices Not Sufficient" (Part D.1.b)? For each operator, does the state review the following?
- d. Is the operator or its locating contractor(s) qualified and following written procedures for locating and marking facilities?
- e. Is the operator appropriately requalifying locators to address performance deficiencies?
- f. What is the number of damages resulting from mismarks?
- g. What is the number of damages resulting from not locating within time requirements (no-shows)?
- h. Is the operator appropriately addressing discovered mapping errors resulting in excavation damages?
- i. Are mapping corrections timely and according to written procedures?
- j. Has the state evaluated the causes for the damages listed under "Excavation Practices Not Sufficient" (Part D.1.c.)?

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, reviewed WGL DC CY 2019 Damage Prevention Annual Report and DC Damage Prevention Summary. No points assigned for CY2019 Evaluation per policy.

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?

2

2

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

- a. What stakeholder group is causing the highest number of damages to the pipelines? Operator, contractor, locating company or public.
- b. Has the state verified the operator is appropriately focusing damage prevention education and training to stakeholders causing the most damages?
- c. Has the state evaluated which of the following best describes the reason for the excavation damages; i.e., operator or contractor not following written procedures, failure to maintain marks, failure to support exposed facilities, failure to use hand tools were required, failure to test-hole (pot hole), improper backfilling practices, failure to maintain clearance or insufficient excavation practices.
- d. Has the state verified the operator is appropriately focusing damage prevention education and training to address the causes of excavation damages?

Evaluator Notes:

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Yes, reviewed WGL DC CY 2019 Damage Prevention Annual Report and DC Damage Prevention Summary.

- (a. Third party excavators
- (b. Yes
- (c. Yes
- (d. Yes

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

Evaluator Notes:

There were no deficiencies found which resulted in the loss of points.

Total points scored for this section: 4

Total possible points for this section: 4



PART G - Interstate Agent/Agreement States

Points(MAX) Score

1 Were all inspections of interstate pipelines conducted using the Inspection Assistant program for documenting inspections.

Info Only Info Only

Info Only = No Points Evaluator Notes:

The DCPSC is not an interstate and does not have a 60106 agreement.

If inspections were conducted independent of a PHMSA team inspection was notice of allInfo Only Info Only identified probable violations provided to PHMSA within 60 days.

Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

The DCPSC is not an interstate and does not have a 60106 agreement.

3 If inspections were conducted independent of a PHMSA team inspection was PHMSA immediately notified of conditions which may pose an immediate safety hazard to the public or environment?

Info Only Info Only

Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

The DCPSC is not an interstate and does not have a 60106 agreement.

4 If inspections were conducted independent of a PHMSA team inspection did the state coordinate with PHMSA if inspections not were not included in the PHMSA Inspection Work Plan?

Info Only Info Only

Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

The DCPSC is not an interstate and does not have a 60106 agreement.

5 Did the state take direction from and cooperate with PHMSA for all incident investigations conducted on interstate pipelines?

Info Only = No Points

Info Only Info Only

Evaluator Notes:

The DCPSC is not an interstate and does not have a 60106 agreement.

6 General Comments:

Info Only Info Only

Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

The DCPSC is not an interstate and does not have a 60106 agreement.

Total points scored for this section: 0 Total possible points for this section: 0

