

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

2019 Gas State Program Evaluation

for

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION

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2019 Gas State Program Evaluation -- CY 2019 Gas

State Agency: Kansas Rating:

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

Date of Visit: 08/24/2020 - 08/27/2020

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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
A	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
TOTALS 94		94	
State Rating			100.0



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:

Progress Report scoring -4 for partial jurisdiction over certain GT lines and Gathering. -4 for highest % of inspectors under Cat I,II,III. -2 for not adopting 100K/1 Million Civil Penalty amounts. -8 for adoption of rule amendments within 36 months of effective date.

Total points scored for this section: 0

Total possible points for this section: 0



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1 Do written procedures address pre-inspection, inspection and post inspection activities 5 for each of the following inspection types: Chapter 5.1

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

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

Awareness Effectiveness Inspections

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

Evaluator Notes:

- a. General guidance provided under Section 5.4 and 5.5. Pre-inspection activities (5.4.2a), Inspection activities (5.4.2b), Postinspection activities (5.4.2c), b. General guidance provided under Section 5.4 and 5.5. Pre-inspection activities (5.4.2a), Inspection activities (5.4.2b), Post-inspection activities (5.4.2c), TIMP (5.5.4), DIMP (5.5.5), c. General guidance provided under Section 5.4 and 5.5. Pre-inspection activities (5.4.2a), Inspection activities (5.4.2b), Post-inspection activities (5.4.2c). OQ (5.5.6), d. General guidance provided under Section 5.4 and 5.5. Pre-inspection activities (5.4.2a), Inspection activities (5.4.2b), Post-inspection activities (5.4.2c). Section 5.6 - Damage Prevention Inspections & Frequency. e. Section 5.5.3 "Onsite Operator Training Provided by KCC". f. General guidance provided under Section 5.4 and 5.5. Pre-inspection activities (5.4.2a), Inspection activities (5.4.2b), Post-inspection activities (5.4.2c). Section 5.5.2 "Construction Inspections". g. No LNG facilities
- 2 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

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

Are inspection units broken down appropriately?

Evaluator Notes:

Inspection priorities derived from factors (elements) listed under Section 5.3 of written procedure. Example of Risk Ranking Model provided under Appendix 5 of manual. Units appear do be broken down sufficiently.

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

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

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

Evaluator Notes:

Section 5.8 (Procedures for notifying an operator when non-compliance is identified). b & c. Section 5.9 (Follow-up Procedures).

3 4 (Incident/Accident Investigations) Does the state have written procedures to address state actions in the event of an incident/accident?

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



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- 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.

Section 6 - Investigation of Pipeline Failures and Safety Related Conditions.

5 General Comments:

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Evaluator Notes:

No issues. No point deductions.

Info Only = No 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 5 Appendix C for requirements) Chapter 4.4

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

- Completion of Required OQ Training before conducting inspection as lead
- Completion of Required DIMP/IMP Training before conducting inspection as b.

lead

- Completion of Required LNG Training before conducting inspection as lead c.
- d. Root Cause Training by at least one inspector/program manager
- Note any outside training completed e.
- 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:

Information verified through T&Q Blackboard training site. Assistant Supervisor has only completed the PL1250 course. On waitlist for other base courses required for PM and Supervisors due to low priority status. Lead inspectors have the necessary mandatory training.

2 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 = 5 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-4

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Evaluator Notes:

PM has aproximately 30 years with the State pipeline safety program.

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Info Only = No Points

General Comments:

Evaluator Notes:

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No concerns identified. No point deductions.

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 2019 list of randomly selected operators. No issues. Program goal of performing a standard inspection on each inspection unit, at a minimum of once every two years. For CY2019 DT&C inspections 19.68% of SICT minimum total days.

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

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

Evaluator Notes:

Forms questions are incorporated in to the programs pipeline safety database. Program staff conduct a review every year to ensure form contents are up to date. database questions also provided complete CFR and state rule language as guidance. IA utilized primarily for OQ plan and Plan Verification. Occasionally used for PAPEI, TIMP and DIMP inspections. Also each type have a component in the programs inspection guides (checklists).

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:

No issues noted. Largest operators reviewed annually.

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?



No issues. a: Largest operators reviewed annually. DIMP component questions 144 thru 148 of Distribution Records form. b: Verified during standard inspections. Questions 153 and 176. c: Low pressure systems Questions 91 thru 93 of Distribution Records inspection form.

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:

Items is covered under the programs written procedures and included in the programs list of gas distribution questions (Distribution Records and Procedures Guides). NTSB Recommendations called out as separate questions under the program's "Procedures Inspection Guide".

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

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Evaluator Notes:

No bulletins issued in CY2019. Typically done during annual seminars. Flash drive provided to all operators. Hand out advisory notices via email.

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

- 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.
- Within 30 days, conduct a post-inspection briefing with the owner or operator outlining any concerns



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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:

No issues noted for a thru j. Compliance letters sent to appropriate company/government officials well within the required timeframes, most within one to two weeks of inspection completion. Penalties issued totaling \$22,500 for violations of state dig law. Civil penalties to be issued in 2020 for violations occurring in CY2019.

8 (Incident Investigations) Were all incidents investigated, thoroughly documented, with 10 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:

Section 6 (Investigation of Pipeline Failures and Safety Related Conditions). No reportable incident in CY2019

9 Did state respond to Chairman's letter on previous evaluation within 60 days and correct 1 or address any noted deficiencies? (If necessary) Chapter 8.1

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Letter sent out 9/12/2019. Response received 10/9/2019. The Commission is working to resolve Progress Report scoring deductions.

Did State conduct or participate in pipeline safety training session or seminar in Past 3 Info Only Info Only Years? Chapter 8.5 Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

KS conducts a Training Seminar annually. The 2019 seminar was conducted on Nov 6-7, 2019 in Manhatten, KS. Reviewed Flash drive content provided to each operator. Reviewed copy of seminar agenda and attendance list

Has state confirmed transmission operators have submitted information into NPMS Info Only Info Only database along with changes made after original submission?

Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

Yes. Question 23 on the program's Gas Transmission "Records" question set. Reviewed during remote field observation session with operator KGS.

Does the state have a mechanism for communicating with stakeholders - other than state pipeline safety seminar? (This should include making enforcement cases available to public).

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Yes. The KSCC website provides basic information on NG Safety, Call B4 You Dig (via Twitter), summary of enforcement

history by calendar year, pipeline safety rules, and pipeline staff contact information. Docketed cases which have been closed are made available for review on-line or via open records request.

13 Did state execute appropriate follow-up actions to Safety Related Condition (SRC) Reports? Chapter 6.3

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

No intrastate SRCR's reported in CY2019. Confirmed in WMS.

14 Was the State responsive to:

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

- Surveys or information requests from NAPSR or PHMSA;
- Operator IM notifications; and b.
- c. PHMSA Work Management system tasks?

Evaluator Notes:

Yes. Responded to NAPSR/PHMSA surveys or requests for information. No IM Notifications or SRCR's assigned via WMS.

15 If the State has issued any waivers/special permits for any operator, has the state verified conditions of those waivers/special permits are being met? This should include having the operator amend procedures where appropriate.

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

No open waivers/special permits in CY2019.

16 Were pipeline program files well-organized and accessible? Info Only Info Only

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Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

No issues.

17 Discussion with State on accuracy of inspection day information submitted into State Inspection Day Calculation Tool (SICT). Has the state updated SICT data?

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

Evaluator Notes:

SICT minimum estimated at 520 days. Actual for CY2019 was 717.76. DT&C inspections 19.68% of SICT minimum total days. Tool updated annually. No significant changes.

18 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

Damages per 1000 tickets down slightly from CY2018. Ratio is approximately 2.1 damages per which is lower than the national average of 2.7. Inspection days trending up since 2016, now averaging 19.5 days per 1K miles of pipe. MM/LPG unit days trending up since 2017 now averaging 1 day per unit. Inspector qualification core training average down to 50%. 5 year retention percentage continues to remain low as in the past.

19 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

- b. Reference AGA recommendation to members May 20, 2019

https://pipelinesms.org/

Evaluator Notes:

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Covered during annual seminars. The States largest operators and to a certain extent other smaller operators have adopted and implemented systems to various degrees.



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20 General Comments:

Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

No concerns noted. No point deductions.

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



- 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

A standard records inspection of the Kansas Gas Service Transmission pipeline via MS Teams. Last inspected in 2019. The operator was present during the inspection. Inspector observed has been with the safety program approximately two years.

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 inspector used the KSCC 2020 Inspection Guide form for conducting transmission records, D&A, and OQ P9 review. No issues noted.

3 Did the inspector adequately review the following during the inspection 10

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:

The inspector had previous to the remote sessions acquired certain records from the operator. Records reviewed during remote session included TD&C, CP, Reg stations, Patrolling, Leak Survey, Valves. Operator had difficulty navigating various company databases to access electronic records. Additional follow-up required by inspector to ensure operator is compliant.

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

The inspector demonstrated a baseline knowledge consummate with the time the individual has been with the safety program.

5 Did the inspector conduct an exit interview, including identifying probable violations? (If 1 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

Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

The inspection was not completed at the time of the field evaluation. No issues identified at the time.

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

a. No unsafe acts should be performed during inspection by the state inspector



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- 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

Inspection conducted remotely via MS Teams. The quality of questions asked and ancillary probing by the inspector was proportionate to his respective training and experience. The inspector conducted himself in a courteous and professional manner.

7 General Comments:

Info Only Info Only

Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

No issues. Inspector new to pipeline safety. Requires time in job to further develop skills and knowledge base.

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



- 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. Operators are required to file annual reports with the KSCC. AR's are reviewed prior by inspectors performing standard inspections. AR data is entered in the program's risk model (Database). Also questions 43 & 44 of Distribution Records form.

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)

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

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Evaluator Notes:

Data is collected via DIRT (Operator/Excavator Root Cause report) but more robust analysis efforts needed. Questions 43 & 44 of Gas Distribution Records Guide.

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:

Data is collected (Operator/Excavator Root Cause report) but more robust analysis efforts needed. DP issues pertaining to mismarks, locating within time requirements, timely mapping corrections, and evaluation of damage causes under Part D.1.c not covered in inspection checklists.

4 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?

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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?



Distribution records checklist address DP causes including stakeholder education and training causing most damages. Operators are required to file reports of damage report data to the KSCC. KSCC has a virtual DIRT program they use to review the damages per 1,000 locate requests and they upload the data from the operators into CGA's Virtual DIRT Program. DIRT data is reviewed as part of progress reports for the One Call grant and for the State Damage Prevention Grant. Only cursory evaluation been given of the effectiveness of the damage prevention education offered by the operators. Operators rely on the One Call center to do excavator awareness meetings but they don't get any meaningful metrics back from One Call describing how effective the program was.

5 General Comments:

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Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

No point deductions. For questions 3 & 4, while data is collected via DIRT, Annual Reports reviews, and during standard inspections, a more robust analysis effort is required.

Total points scored for this section: 4

Total possible points for this section: 4



PART G - Interstate Agent/Agreement States

Points(MAX) Score

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

Info Only = No Points

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Evaluator Notes:

Not a Interstate Agent. 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:

Not a Interstate Agent. 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?

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Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

Not a Interstate Agent. 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?

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Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

Not a Interstate Agent. 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

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Evaluator Notes:

Not a Interstate Agent. Does not have a 60106 agreement.

6 General Comments:

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Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

Not a Interstate Agent. Does not have a 60106 agreement.

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

