

U.S. Department of Transportation
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Materials Safety
Administration

# 2020 Gas State Program Evaluation

for

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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# 2020 Gas State Program Evaluation -- CY 2020 Gas

State Agency: Washington Rating:

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

**Date of Visit:** 04/08/2021 - 04/08/2021

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PHMSA Representative: David Lykken, Transportation Specialist, PHMSA State Programs Division

Commission Chairman to whom follow up letter is to be sent:

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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 2020 (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	<b>Points Scored</b>
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	10	10
G	Interstate Agent/Agreement States	0	0
TOTAL	S	100	100
State Rating			100.0



# PART A - Progress Report and Program Documentation Review

Points(MAX) Score

Were the following Progress Report Items accurate? (\*items not scored on progress Info Only Info Only report)

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 & c) Operator/Inspection Unit totals on Attachment 1 are consistent with the Operator/Inspection Unit totals on Attachment 3. b) No issues. d & e) No issues. g) Information verified through T&Q Blackboard training site. Training for personnel found to be complete and accurate. h) Working to adopt new GT amendments in CY2021.

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:**

Yes. As in previous years. Sections referenced come from the program's written Policy & Procedures Manual. a. Section 14 General and Specialized Insp Procedures, Section 15. Entire section devoted to Pre, Inspection, and Post inspection activities; b. Sections 22 (IMP) and 36 (DIMP); c. Section 17; d. Damage Prevention activities under Section 31; e. Section 27 - Training and Outreach Policy; f. Section 21 Design, Testing & Construction Inspections; g. LNG inspection frequency (not to exceed 3 yrs) addressed under Section 13 - Inspection Scheduling Policy. Also Section 33 for CRM inspections.

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

- 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:**

Yes; a thru e - Sections 13 and 13.1 Workplan Development and Scheduling; f. Units apportioned satisfactory.

- 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:**

Yes. Sections referenced taken from the program's Policy & Inspection Manual. a thru c addressed under Sections 15 (Standard Intra Inspections & Correspondence), 25 (Compliance Enforcement Tracking Policy), Section 26 (Follow-up Inspection Policy), and Section 34 (Compliance and Enforcement Policy). Section 37 (Civil Penalty Consideration Factor Policy).

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:** 

Yes. Section 10 (On-Call and Telephonic Notification), Section 20 (Response to Pipeline Incidents), Section 24 (Investigations Policy), Section 24-A (Level of Investigation Matrix).

5 General Comments:

Info Only = No Points

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Evaluator Notes:

No issues identified. No point deductions.

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:** 

a. Yes. All inspectors including the Chief Engineer and PM have attended and successfully completed required OQ training. b & c. Yes. Lead inspectors qualified. d. Yes. Nine inspectors including Chief Engineer and PM have completed Root Cause Training. e. None in 2020 f. All inspection staff who led inspections were qualified.

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:** 

Yes. Sean Mayo has adequate knowledge of PHMSA programs and regulations. He has attended and successfully completed all core classes required for the PM position. Sean has been with the safety program 4 years.

3 General Comments:

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**Evaluator Notes:** 

No issues. No point deductions.

Info Only = No Points

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:**

Yes. Intervals for all inspection types met. D&A inspections noted as defiecint during last year's program evaluation have been corrected.

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:**

Yes. The program utilizes the IA application for conducting most inspection types except construction and operator annual reviews. IA now used for conducting D&A inspections.

3 Is state verifying monitoring (Protocol 9/Form15) of operators OQ programs? 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:**

Yes. The program has reviewed OQ plans within the timeframes established. Protocol 9 inspections conducted during LDC annual reviews, standard, construction inspections, and during incident investigations.

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 to ensure they are completing the full cycle of the DIMP/IMP process?
- 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:**

Yes. The program conducts a review annually with the state's four LDC's consisting in part a review of the operator's DIMP/TIMP plan revisions, plan effectiveness evaluation, remediation work performed the prior year and work anticipated for the coming year. Operators are required to file annual reports detailing all construction defects and material failures which result in leakage. Submissions are reviewed as part of the operator Annual Review process.

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 & b No CI remaining in WA c & d Reviewed under UTC supplemental Form C Records Review and Field Inspection. e & f Reviewed under IA Procedural Questions PD.OC.PDPROGRAM.P and GDIM.RA.INFOCONSIDERED.P g. Content updates to IA inspections forms bring focus to inside regulators/meter installations.
- 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:

Yes. Question is incorporated into the Operator Annual Review Checklist along with a link to the PHMSA web site. Also addressed during gas operator meetings.

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.
- 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:**

Yes. All non-compliance letters reviewed. No compliance letters exceeded the 90 day requirement. The program has demonstrated it's fining authority having most recently collected civil penalties in CY2017.

8 (Incident Investigations) Were all federally reportable 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:**

Yes. a. Pipeline operators contact the 24-Hr Emergency Response line which is then directed to the on-call engineer. b. Yes. Reviewed the one intrastate and one interstate incident reports generated. c. Both reportable were responded to. d & e. Yes. g. Yes, when applicable. h. The program maintains good communications with PHMSA AID and Western Region offices during reportable events. I. Yes, during seminars and annual NAPSR meetings.

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:**

Yes. Letter to Chairman sent out 8/6/2020. Chair's response received 8/19/2020. Corrective action to meet maximum time intervals for conducting D&A inspections has been completed.

10 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:**

Yes. Gas operator face to face meeting held in February 18-19, 2020. HL february 3rd, 2020. Agendas and PowerPoint presentations reviewed.

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

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Yes. Question #2 on the program's "Operator Annual Review Checklist". Reviewed all completed GT operator reviews conducted in CY2020. Klickitat PUD failed to submit NPMS information for CY2019. NPMS staff or contractor sent notices but reporting noncompliance continued. Operator was unresponsive.

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).

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

# **Evaluator Notes:**

Yes. As noted last year. The UTC web site provides information and links to other external resources including Call Before You Dig, State and Federal Pipeline Safety Rules, Pipeline News, Completed inspection reports, forms and compliance letters, Failure Investigation reports, enforcement action information, and the Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety.

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

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

Yes. 1 SRC reported by operator (CNG) in CY2020 on 1/9 and created in WMS same day. Actual event occured on 1/6. UTC deployed on-call engineer to site. Temporary by-pass installed and original abandoned. Permanent HDD bypass work underway on 1/8. Work completed and SRCR closed.

Was the State responsive to:

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

- a. Surveys or information requests from NAPSR or PHMSA; and
- b. PHMSA Work Management system tasks?

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

Yes. Reviewed PM emails to NAPSR in response to certain requests for data and Survey Monkey results.

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:**

None new since 2016 (covered construction of covered LNG impound system).

Were pipeline program files well-organized and accessible?

Info Only = No Points

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# Evaluator Notes:

No issues. The program utilizes Quickbase application for managing most files.

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

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**Evaluator Notes:** 

No issues. PM reviews annually and adjusts estimates as needed. No issues.

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:**

Yes. Discussed performance metrics. No significant changes. The WA-UTC metrics appeared to be at reasonable performance levels. Excavation damages per 1000 tickets (requested) continues to trend down since 2015 averaging approximately 3.0 damages in CY2019.

- 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:**

Yes. The program does promote implementation of PSMS via annual operator meetings and as part of the Operator Annual Reviews (Refer to OAR Checklist).

**20** General Comments:

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Info Only = No Points

**Evaluator Notes:** 

No issues. No point deductions.

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



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:**

Observed construction of a 8-inch PE main extension and a new residential housing joint utility trench project. The operator was not notified as this was considered a unannounced visit of a third party construction crew. WUTC inspector David Cullom has been with the safety program since 2010 as a pipeline inspector and prior to that responsible for the UTC Pipeline Safety Section GIS program.

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:**

Yes. The program utilizes a customized QuickBase application for documenting construction inspection results.

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:**

Yes. No issues. Mr. Cullom did a good job ensuring that construction personnel were qualified on fusion equipment and observed the production of 8-inch butt fusions and inspected the quality of butt and branch joints at both locations. He checked the general condition of pipe materials as well as those segments previously installed for proper shading, backfill, depth of cover, and proper separation from other utilities. Fusion equipment and associated appurtenances were checked for general condition as well as equipment calibration records. Site location visits were of appropriate length to determine compliance.

From your observation did the inspector have adequate knowledge of the pipeline safety program and regulations? (Evaluator will document reasons if unacceptable)

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Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

# **Evaluator Notes:**

Yes. As noted previously Mr. Cullom has been with the safety program since 2010 as a pipeline inspector and prior to that responsible for establishing the UTC's GIS program. He demonstrated good knowledge of regulations and program specifics.

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)

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

### **Evaluator Notes:**

No non-compliance or area's of concern's were identified.



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

  Info Only = No Points
  - 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:**

No unsafe acts were observed. Mr. Cullom conducted himself in a courteous and professional manner.

7 General Comments:

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Info Only = No Points Evaluator Notes:

No point deductions noted under Part "E".

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.

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

# **Evaluator Notes:**

Yes. As in the past the UTC performs a Operator Annual Review utilizing a customized checklist. Information taken from these reviews are incorporated into the programs risk-based inspection scheduling model. The program began a project this Spring to automate their Annual Review Checklist. The program also discuss detailed inspection/incident trends during their annual operator seminar.

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)

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Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

This is covered in their Annual Review Checklist Damage Prevention Data section, with additional elements from Q1 and Q2.

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

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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:**

Items a thru j covered in the program's Annual Review Checklist Damage Prevention Data section, with additional elements from Q1 and Q2. Also addressed during annual operator seminar. Had discussion with PM regarding preliminary CY2020 damage prevention annual report data indicating that the four large LDC's reporting damages caused due to 'One-call Notification Practices not being Sufficient' exceed the national average from 6 to 20%.

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?

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

Yes. No chaage from prior years. Mandatory reporting via the UTC's Virtual DIRT. Aggregated data is used to identify needs and trends. Results are posted on the UTC web site. This data and trending is also reflected on the Annual Review Checklist, and presented during their annual operator seminar. Outside of the annual review process, the program routinely works with operators when Annual Reports and DIRT reports are vague or do not demonstrate the level of detail they want from operators. Also present detailed trending at the annual operators meeting/seminar

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

**Evaluator Notes:** 

No point deductions identified.

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



# 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:** 

Yes. IA was utilized to document inspection results.

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:** 

No independent inspection conducted.

3 If inspections were conducted independent of a PHMSA team inspection was PHMSA Info 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:** 

No independent inspections conducted.

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:** 

No independent inspections conducted.

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:** 

Yes. No issues identified. One interstate incident reported and investigated in CY2020. No injuries, no fatalities. Property damage in excess of \$1.3 M. Also one NG SRC reported and investigated.

6 General Comments:

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Info Only = No Points

**Evaluator Notes:** 

No concerns/issues reported

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

