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Administration

### 2021 Hazardous Liquid State Program Evaluation

for

### VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

### Document Legend PART:

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# 2021 Hazardous Liquid State Program Evaluation -- CY 2021 Hazardous Liquid

State Agency: Virginia Rating:

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

**Date of Visit:** 08/30/2022 - 09/01/2022

**Agency Representative:** Mr. Scott Marshall

Program Manager

PHMSA Representative: Mr. Clint Stephens

Stater Liaison

**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 2021 (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**

<b>PARTS</b>		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	6	6
G	Interstate Agent/Agreement States	0	0
TOTAL	FOTALS 96		96
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 report)

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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:**

- 1a. Attachment 1 information in Progress Report seems accurate.
- 1b. Reviewed data in PIPES database verifying data in Attachment 2 of Progress Report.
- 1c. Attachment 3 information in Progress Report seems accurate.
- 1d. No incidents and confirmed in PDM for Attachment 4 of Progress Report.
- 1e. Attachment 5 data in Progress Report seems accurate.
- 1f. Attachment 6 in Progress Report is accurate.
- 1g. Attachment 7 in Progress Report is accurate.
- 1h. VSCC has automatic adoption of federal regulations.
- 1i. VSCC has a detailed synopsis of past and planned performance of pipeline safety program.

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. IMP Inspections
- c. OQ Inspections
- d. Damage Prevention Inspections
- e. On-Site Operator Training
- f. Construction Inspections (annual efforts)

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

Section 5, of the State Program Procedures, page 20-35, describes all pre-inspection, inspection and post inspection guidelines.

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 VA SCC utilizes a risk model which contemplates numerous operator data points, including but not limited to miles of pipe by facility type, material, numbers of services, performance factors including leak rates, outside force, earth movement, critical infrastructure etc. For a full list the risk model and its logic are described in detail Section 5.A "Annual Risk-Based Inspection Schedule" on Page 25 of the State's program procedures.

- 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
  - 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:**

State Program Procedures, Section 5.B.5 "Post-Inspection Activities" Pgs. 36, the Division has exception, weekly, and monthly SQL Db canned reports showing open inspections, open investigations, NOI compliance, etc. to assist in the management team tracking the progress of inspection/investigation work production.

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



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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:**

Section Q- Discusses State Program On-Call Process, Pg. 67. Appendix No. 7, Section VI (E). "DOT-NTSB Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU")", Pg. 105. Appendix No 7, Section VI (A) to (D) details the cooperative investigating efforts, Pg. 103. Section 7, VII, SCC Response to Incidents and Accidents, details follow up actions necessary to obtain additional information if a response is not necessary or unable (manpower) to occur, Pg. 109.

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

**Evaluator Notes:** 

There were no issues identified in Part B of the program evaluation.

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



- Has each inspector and program manager fulfilled training requirements? (See Guidelines

  Appendix C for requirements) Chapter 4.3

  Yes = 5 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-4
  - a. Completion of Required OQ Training before conducting inspection as lead
  - b. Completion of Required IMP Training before conducting inspection as lead
  - c. Root Cause Training by at least one inspector/program manager
  - d. Note any outside training completed
  - e. 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:**

Staff completed Root Cause Course were Gregory Connolly, Christopher DeLisle, Andrew Eaken, James Fisher, Lauren Govoni, and Scott Marshall. New employee(s)? Jackson Phillips (2022)

Did state records and discussions with state pipeline safety program manager indicate 5 adequate knowledge of PHMSA program and regulations?

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

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

Yes. The state pipeline safety program manager indicated adequate knowledge of PHMSA program and regulations.

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#### **Evaluator Notes:**

There were no issues identified in Part C of the program evaluation.

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



1	Did state inspect all types of operators and inspection units in accordance with time	5	5
	intervals established in written procedures? Chapter 5.1		

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. Construction (did state achieve 20% of total inspection person-days?)
- f. OQ (see Question 3 for additional requirements)
- g. IMP (see Question 4 for additional requirements)

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

Standard: Nustar Terminal Operations (2021 & 2020); Transmontaigne Operating Co. (2018);

P&A: Nustar Terminal Operations (2019); Transmontaigne Operating Co. (2019)

D&A: Nustar Terminal Operations (2021 & 2017); Transmontaigne Operating Co. (2018)

CRM: None Construction: None

OQ: Nustar Terminal Operations (2019); Transmontaigne Operating Co. (2019) IMP: Nustar Terminal Operations (2018); Transmontaigne Operating Co. (2018)

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?

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

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

Reviewed inspection reports: (Standard) Nustar Terminal Operations (2021) and (D&A) Nustar Terminal Operations (2021). No issues.

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 Part 195 Subpart G

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Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

There were no OQ inspections scheduled in 2021.

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 Part 195 Subpart F & G

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

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 records of previous accidents and failures including reported thirdparty damage and leak response to ensure appropriate operator response as required by 195.402; and
- b. 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;

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

The VSCC performs NTSB Supplemental Question Sets annually of each operator per Section 5 of the program procedures. Those questions detail items a-g as listed above. Where deficiencies are found with adequacy of regulatory required procedures, investigations are launched into the non-compliance.

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 VSCC asks applicable ADBs to each operator during standard inspections per Section 5 of the procedures. ADBs are listed in IA considerations. In addition, when new ADBs are issued they are shared through URS Safety Alert Emails to Staff and Operators.

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:**

There were no compliance actions for the operators in CY 2021.

8 (Accident Investigations) Were all federally reportable incidents investigated, thoroughly 10 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?
- If onsite investigation was not made, did the state obtain sufficient information c. 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?
- Were contributing factors documented? e.
- f. Were recommendations to prevent recurrences, where appropriate, documented?
- Did state initiate compliance action for any violations found during any incident/accident investigation?
- 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?
- Does state share any lessons learned from incidents/accidents?

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

There were no federally reportable incidents in CY 2021.

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 11/18/21, response received 01/28/22. No issues.

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

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

VSCC conducted a virtual pipeline safety training session on October 21, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was attended by 160 operator representatives, PHMSA, and other stakeholders. Topics included the NTSB report on the Silver Spring, Maryland explosion, PHMSA and State responses, a presentation from the Virginia State Police Fusion center on eco-terrorism targeting pipelines, cyber security, and the anti-pipeline movement, the new Gas Implementation Rule, and other topics.

11 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

VSCC reviews NPMS Data of all operators during standard inspections and review of annual reports for mileage changes. In addition, they utilize NPMS data during accident and incident response in coordination with PHMSA AID. During this year, there were no inconsistences or major changes to NPMS since the addition of the VNG Southside Connector Project on June 6, 2019.

VSCC did discover a segment of non-reported interstate pipeline operated by TransCanada providing service to the intrastate power generation facility which operates a short segment of intrastate metering and regulation. This was reported to PHMSA ER who worked with TransCanada to correct.

Outside of this inspection time period, in August of 2022, VSCC discovered an short interstate HL pipeline, that is not on NPMS or being reported under an OPID. PHMSA's WR Office was notified and the investigation continues.

12 1 1 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:**

The State utilizes Division Pipeline Safety Newsletter, URS Safety Alerts via e-mail alerts, Operator e-mail news list, state website, executive meetings, operator trainings upon request, and SCC/LDC meetings.

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Did state execute appropriate follow-up actions to Safety Related Condition (SRC)
Reports? Chapter 6.7

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

**Evaluator Notes:** 

There were no open SRC Reports in CY 2021.

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:** 

The VSCC responds to all NAPSR and PHMSA surveys and information requests from PHMSA. The VSCC responded to WMS tasks as required.

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:** 

There were no waivers/special permits for any HL operators.

Were pipeline program files well-organized and accessible?

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Info Only = No Points

**Evaluator Notes:** 

The VSCC inspection, investigation, and enforcement system of record is PIPES. Additional files used to support these activities also exist digitally on the Commission's SharePoint site and digital files. All are backed up through the Commissions IT Division processes.

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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Yes = 3 No = 0 Needs I Evaluator Notes:

Discussed with VSCC accuracy of inspection day information submitted into SICT. The VSCC updated the SICT tool prior to the requested due date.

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:** 

Discussed State Program Performance Metrics with the VSCC. Inspector Qualification? HL inspectors with % Core Training and % 5-Year Retention has decreased dramatically from 2020 to 2021. Added new staff in HL pipeline safety program. No issues.

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:** 

PSMS issues are used as a weight factor when deciding on a Warning Letter, NOPV, or NOA. There are numerous jurisdictional operators in the state of Virginia that use PSMS as means to address a safety culture environment.

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20 General Comments: Info Only = No Points

**Evaluator Notes:** 

There were no issues identified in Part D of the program evaluation.

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:**

- a. This was a two day construction inspection of Kinder Morgan Company performed the location and repair of anomalies on the 8 inch liquid petroleum pipeline at 11160 Railroad Lane & Longest Road in Ruther Glen & Wyndham, VA.
- b. This is a continuous inspection due to the number of anomalies found during the previous pig run of the line last year.
- c. Yes, representatives from Kinder Morgan and other construction crews were present.
- d. Stuart Rott and James Fisher were the two inspectors being observed.
- 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, both inspectors, Stuart Rott & James Fisher, were observed taking down and writing notes into their field inspection note books. Notes were later transferred into the field inspection form and final inspection document.

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. Observed both inspectors asking questions to the operator supervisor and work crew members about the repairs being made. Photos were taken at both sites with a review of the welders and labor crew member's OQ records checked.
- b. Yes, welding certification documents and operator qualification records were verified. Several questions were asked by the inspectors to the operator representatives on the company procedures and repair material, sleeves, being installed.
- c. Yes, calibration of testing equipment being used to check wall thickness and depth of dents were checked.
- d N/a
- e. Yes, the length of the inspection will continue until all repairs have been completed. This is an ongoing inspection due to the number of anomalies found on the pipeline.
- 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, Stuart Rott and James Fisher have completed the courses at TQ to meet the HL inspector qualifications. Stuart Rott and James Fisher clearly demonstrated professional knowledge and experience in pipeline safety regulations. They are subject matter experts in construction, operation and maintenance of hazardous liquid pipelines.

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



#### **Evaluator Notes:**

Yes Stuart Rott and James Fisher conducted an exit interview with each of the company personnel at the end of each day. They shared information on their observations and inspection of the pipeline repairs being made by the operator. They conducted the exit interviews in a very professional manner.

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. All safe practices were followed at each of the construction sites. In this regard, safety boots, safety vests, eye protection glasses and hard hats were being used.
- b. The inspectors observed the uncovering of the hazardous liquid pipeline, removal of the pipeline coating, testing the wall thickness of the pipeline and installation of repair sleeves.
- c. All safety and best practices procedures were being followed. Safety boxes were installed around the pipeline to insure the safety of the construction crews working on the pipeline. Access to the pipeline was limited to only authorized personnel.

#### 7 General Comments:

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Info Only = No Points

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

No loss of points occurred in this section of the evaluation. Stuart Rott and James Fisher performed their inspections in a very professional manner.

Total points scored for this section: 15

Total possible points for this section: 15



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#### **Evaluator Notes:**

The State program reviews the annual DOT reports of operators during the annual information request, March of each year. This is reviewed for trends and comparisons to other operators in the when conducting applicable inspections such as F1, F2, IM program inspections. Division damage data, internal and operator annual reports are reviewed through PDM or local copies submitted to the VSCC.

Annual report data is also supplied as a weighted variable in the Division's risk model.

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

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

Each pipeline operator is under Commission Order to report all pipeline damages and Disturbances to the State Program under URS-2020-00439.

"In order to further implement the Commission's enforcement authority under the Act, the Commission hereby orders that, effective January 1, 2021, Virginia jurisdictional gas and hazardous liquid operators shall report to the Commission all probable violations of the Act,2 and any incident involving damage, dislocation, or disturbance of any gas or hazardous liquid pipeline on the Commission's DPA-1 Incident Report Form Revised December 2020 ("DPA-1")."

Each submitted DPA requires supporting evidence including picture, photographs, sketches, and the operator's failure investigation. Should there be issues with the failure investigation or supporting documentation, pipeline safety inspectors are forwarded the issue for inspection/investigation. If probable violations are discovered action is taken under the applicable damage prevention, failure investigations, or procedural citations under the pipeline safety code sections.

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

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Info Only = No Points

- 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:**

The VSCC reviews annual report data with more detailed and aggregate state data on damages for trends. This is reviewed for trends and comparisons to other operators. When conducting applicable inspections such as F1, F2, IM program inspections, division damage data and both internal and operator annual reports are reviewed through PDM or local copies submitted to the State Program.

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? Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

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- What stakeholder group is causing the highest number of damages to the pipelines? Operator, contractor, locating company or public.
- Has the state verified the operator is appropriately focusing damage prevention education and training to stakeholders causing the most damages?
- 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.
- Has the state verified the operator is appropriately focusing damage prevention education and training to address the causes of excavation damages?

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

The State program reviews the annual DOT reports of operators during the annual information request, March of each year. This is reviewed for trends and comparisons to other operators in the when conducting applicable inspections such as F1, F2, IM program inspections. Division damage data, internal and operator annual reports are reviewed through PDM or local copies submitted to the VSCC.

Annual report data is also supplied as a weighted variable in the Division's risk model.

5 General Comments: Info Only = No Points

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**Evaluator Notes:** 

There were no issues identified in Part F of the program evaluation.

Total points scored for this section: 6 Total possible points for this section: 6



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

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Info Only = No Points

#### **Evaluator Notes:**

No Interstate hazardous liquid pipeline inspections regulated by Eastern Region were planned in CY2021. Inspections along Interstate hazardous liquid pipelines regulated by Southern Region were planned in CY 2021. Inspections were conducted using IA: planned questions were answered, and required forms complete within IA.

2 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 probable violations were identified.

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:** 

No immediate safety hazards conditions were identified.

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 unplanned inspections were conducted independent of a PHMSA team.

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:** 

PHMSA AID coordinated with VA on one incident. VA provided updates as requested and copied Eastern Region. Eastern Region did not direct VA to perform failure investigations. Additionally, VA SCC kept PHMSA updated on flooding along jurisdictional pipeline in the western part of VA.

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

**Evaluator Notes:** 

None.

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

