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2022 Gas State Program Evaluation

for

CT Dept of Energy and Env Protection

Document Legend

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2022 Gas State Program Evaluation -- CY 2022

Gas

State Agency: Connecticut

Agency Status:

Date of Visit: 06/05/2023 - 06/09/2023

Agency Representative: Karl Baker, Supervisor of Technical Analysis

PHMSA Representative: Michael Thompson, State Liaison

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

Name/Title: Marissa Paslick Gillett, Chairman

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Rating:

60105(a): Yes **60106(a):** No **Interstate Agent:** Yes

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 2022 (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
- B Program Inspection Procedures
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TOTALS

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State Rating

100.0

PART A - Progress Report and Program Documentation Review

Points(MAX) Score

- 1 Were the following Progress Report Items accurate? (*items not scored on progress report) Info Only Info Only
- 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. Verified operator data with PDM and annual reports and the data is accurate.
- B. Verified inspection data with CT data and spreadsheet and the inspection days and activity are accurate.
- C. Reviewed PDM and annual reports to verify operator data. The data on Progress Report is accurate.
- D. There were no reportable incidents in CT in 2020. Verified in PDM.
- E. Reviewed CT reports and data to verify compliance actions submitted in Progress Report.
- F. CT lists all reports and records kept in their files.
- G. Verified inspector qualifications with T&Q Blackboard.
- H. State has automatic adoption of rules.
- I. CT has performance and damage prevention activities in attachment 10. They are maintaining the accelerated cast iron and bare steel replacement programs. Total miles of cast iron is approximately 920 miles and 0 services.

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 for each of the following inspection types: Chapter 5.1
Yes = 5 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-4 | 5 | 5 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (CTPURA) Procedures in Section 11 covers the conducting of all types of inspections including DIMP, TIMP, Standard, OQ, Damage Prevention, Operator Training, Construction and LNG. The section also includes pre and post inspection activities.

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| 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 | 4 | 4 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, Section 10 of the CTPURA procedures includes the prioritization of inspections. It takes the following into consideration:

A. The length of time since the last inspection

B. The operating history of the inspection unit (leak history, unaccounted-for gas, prior violations, accident/incident history, any other information available from the Operator's annual reports, etc. C. Types of activities being undertaken by the inspection unit.

D. Locations of Operator's inspection units being inspected - (Geographic area, Population Density, etc.

E. Threats to the facilities (Excavation damage, corrosion, natural forces, other outside forces, material or welds, equipment, operations)

F. Section 6 defines an inspection unit size.

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| 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 | 3 | 3 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, Their Procedures in sections 12, 13, 14 and 15 cover the steps taken from the discovery to the resolution of probable violations.

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

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, the Procedures in section 21 address actions in the event of an incident.

A. CT PURA procedures Section 21. Inspectors are on-call to handle incident notifications 24 hours a day.

B. There was 1 reportable incidents in 2021. There was a fatality in the incident so it was reviewed at the time of the evaluation. CT PURA procedures in section 21 also address the gathering of necessary information if the decision is made not to go onsite.

5 General Comments:

Info Only Info Only

Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

None

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



PART C - State Qualifications

Points(MAX) Score

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| 1 | 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 | 5 | 5 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Completion of Required OQ Training before conducting inspection as leadb. Completion of Required DIMP/IMP Training before conducting inspection as leadc. Completion of Required LNG Training before conducting inspection as leadd. Root Cause Training by at least one inspector/program managere. Note any outside training completedf. 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:

- Yes, verified training in T&Q Blackboard and reviewed inspections conducted off the operators random sample list.
- A. All inspectors are qualified to lead each type of inspections performed, including Program Manager
 - B. inspectors who lead DIMP/IMP are qualified inspectors.
 - C. inspectors who lead LNG are qualified inspectors.
 - D. all inspectors have completed the root cause course.
 - E. One inspector attended the Appalachian Shot Course that is provided by the Northeast Gas Association.
 - F. Reviewed randomly selected inspection reports to verify inspectors were qualified to lead the type of inspection.

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| 2 | Did state records and discussions with state pipeline safety program manager indicate adequate knowledge of PHMSA program and regulations?
Yes = 5 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-4 | 5 | 5 |
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Evaluator Notes:

- Yes, Discussions with the Program Manager indicated he has adequate knowledge of the PHMSA pipeline safety program and regulations.

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| 3 | General Comments:
Info Only = No Points | Info Only | Info Only |
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Evaluator Notes:

None

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



PART D - Program Performance

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| 1 | Did state inspect all types of operators and inspection units in accordance with time intervals established in written procedures? Chapter 5.1
Yes = 5 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-4 | 5 | 5 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Standard (General Code Compliance)b. Public Awareness Effectiveness Reviewsc. Drug and Alcohold. Control Room Managemente. Part 193 LNG Inspectionsf. 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, reviewed reports and records from Randomly Operator list. The CTPURA tracks all of it's previously conducted inspections. CTPURA is inspecting operators per their procedures. CTPURA Admin Procedures Section 10 covers interval inspection cycles.

A. Depending on the type of operator inspections are either every year, every other year or 5 years.

B. PAPEI are conducted every 5 years.

C. Drug and Alcohol are conducted every 5 years.

D. CRM inspection are conducted every 5 years.

E. LNG comprehensive inspections are performed every other year. Field inspection of LNG facilities conducted every year.

F. Construction inspections are conducted every year. 26.5% of all inspections were construction in CY 2021.

G. OQ comprehensive inspections are conducted every 5 years.

H. IMP/DIMP inspections are conducted every 5 years.

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| 2 | 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 | 10 | 10 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Standard (General Code Compliance)b. Public Awareness Effectiveness Reviewsc. Drug and Alcohold. Control Room Managemente. Part 193 LNG Inspectionsf. Constructiong. OQ (see Question 3 for additional requirements)h. IMP/DIMP (see Question 4 for additional requirements) | | |

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, CTPURA uses IA and PHMSA equivalent forms to document inspections. Reviewed inspections and reports from the Random Operators inspection list to verify that the forms are current and that all applicable portions are completed for each type of inspection reviewed

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

Yes CTPURA conducts OQ Program inspections per their procedures to verify the operators are in compliance with CFR 192.

- 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 Subparts O and P 2 2
- Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1
- a. Are the implementation plans of the state's large/largest operators(s) being reviewed annually to ensure they are completing full cycle of the 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, CTPURA conducts DIMP inspections of operators DIMP plans to verify they are in compliance with CFR 192.

A. CTPURA conducts yearly DIMP implementation reviews of all natural gas operators.

B. Yes, All data on class 1 and 2 leaks are required to be submitted to the state on a monthly basis. This data is reviewed by the state to determine trends including any plastic pipe issues.

C. Yes, CTPURA conducts DIMP inspections to verify the operator's threat analysis.

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- 5 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 2 2
- 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 third-party 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:

Yes, the NTSB and Advisory Bulletins questions are incorporated into their inspection forms which are reviewed during O&M Inspections.

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- 6 Did the State verify Operators took appropriate action regarding advisory bulletins issued since the last evaluation? (Advisory Bulletins Current Year) 1 1
- Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Advisory bulletins are sent by the Program Manager to each affected operator and a formal written response is required of the operator.

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- 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 10 10
- 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, compliance procedures were followed by the CTPURA. Reviewed inspections and compliance actions taken from the Random Operator Inspection List to verify.

A. Yes, compliance actions are sent to company/government officials.

B. Yes, probable violations are documented on inspection reports and compliance letters.

C. Yes, compliance actions are resolved in a timely manner.

D. Yes, the PM reviews progress of probable violations.

E. Yes, all probable violations found had compliance actions.

F. Yes, CT DEEP issues civil penalties.

G. Yes, the PM signs all correspondence.

H. Yes, all parties are given due process.

I. Yes, post inspection briefing is performed at the end of each inspection. J. Yes, operator received notices of probable violations within 90 days of completing inspections.

8	(Incident Investigations) Were all federally reportable incidents investigated, thoroughly documented, with conclusions and recommendations?	10	10
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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:

No reportable incidents in 2022.

9	Did state respond to Chairman's letter on previous evaluation within 60 days and correct or address any noted deficiencies? (If necessary) Chapter 8.1	1	1
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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

No response was required in the 2021 evaluation Chairman's letter.

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

Evaluator Notes:

The CTPURA helped host and participated in a New England states three day virtual seminar in 2021.

- 11** Has state confirmed transmission operators have submitted information into NPMS database along with changes made after original submission? Info Only Info Only
Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

There are no transmission operators in the state. CTPURA as a PHMSA interstate agent reviews NPMS data annually for interstate operators.

- 12** 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). 1 1
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

The CTPURA Communicates with all operators on a regular basis. CTPURA attends and communicates information at Call Before You Dig Board of Directors meetings and Public Awareness meetings. They also attend and provide training at operator training sessions with local officials including fire departments. CTPURA participates in the Northeast Gas Association and Advisory Group meetings as well. CTPURA maintains a website that has access to all docketed matters which include all pipeline safety and One-Call enforcement proceedings.

- 13** Did state execute appropriate follow-up actions to Safety Related Condition (SRC) Reports? Chapter 6.7 1 1
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

There were no SRCR submitted by operators in CY 2022 in Connecticut.

- 14** Was the State responsive to: 1 1
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5
a. Surveys or information requests from NAPS or PHMSA; and
b. PHMSA Work Management system tasks?

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, The Program Manager responded to NAPS and PHMSA surveys in CY 2022. CTPURA also responds to all Work Management system tasks assigned to CT.

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

Evaluator Notes:

There are no active state waivers for CT at this time.

- 16** Were pipeline program files well-organized and accessible? Info Only Info Only
Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, The state keeps electronic files which are accessible.

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

Evaluator Notes:

SICT = 405
2022 PR= 452
47 more days than estimated by SICT
224 Inspection person-days for construction. 53.3% of all inspection days.

- 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

Evaluator Notes:

Covered the State Performance Metrics that were available on the PHMSA website.
Connecticut
State Program Metrics: 2022

Damage Prevention: Numbers reduced from 1.4 in 2020 to 1.2 in 2021 and now to 1.1 in 2022.

Inspection days per 1000 mile of gas pipe: Number of days has hovered between 23 days and 28 days since 2016. It is up from 23 in 2020 to 26 in 2021.

Inspection Days per MMO/LPG Unit: The number of days has moved up and down from 1.8 in 2017 to 2.6 in 2020 and now at 2.1 in 2021.

Inspector Qualifications: everybody and everything is at 100% since 2019 to 2021.

Gas Distribution system leaks: Leak repairs per 100 miles of pipe have had a steady downward trend from 2017 to 2020. There is a small bump upward in 2021 and is once again moving slightly downward in 2022.

Gas pipeline enforcement program evaluation:
A flat 100 from 2010 to 2020.

Incident evaluation Program: Numbers have been at 100% from 2010 till 2020.

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

Evaluator Notes:

CTPURA has been working with the NGA in standing up a PSMS program for Northeast operators. The state has been attending the PSMS NGA meetings and providing input from a regulators perspective. All 3 CT LDCs are implementing PSMS.

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

Evaluator Notes:

None

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

PART E - Field Inspections

Points(MAX) Score

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

Info Only = No Points

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

Evaluator Notes:

- Construction Inspection
- On Going project
- Yes, the Operator's rep was on site.

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

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

- Yes, the State has a distribution/construction inspection form that all inspectors must use.

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

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

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

Evaluator Notes:

- Yes the inspector asked questions to determine compliance.
- Yes, OQ records were reviewed on site for those doing covered tasks,
- Yes, inspector reviewed and checked calibration of required equipment and checked OQ status for individuals performing covered tasks.
- No comments.
- Inspection was of adequate length.

- 4 From your observation did the inspector have adequate knowledge of the pipeline safety program and regulations? (Evaluator will document reasons if unacceptable) 2 2

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

- Yes, the inspector had adequate knowledge of the pipeline safety program and regulations.

- 5 Did the inspector conduct an exit interview, including identifying probable violations? (If inspection is not totally completed the interview should be based on areas covered during time of field evaluation) 1 1

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

- Yes, the inspector let the operator know of any concerns at the end of the day's work.

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

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:

A. no unsafe acts observed.

B. Inspector observed trenching and pipe welding and installation for Cast Iron replacement project.

7 General Comments:

Info Only Info Only

Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

None

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



PART F - Damage prevention and Annual report analysis**Points(MAX) Score**

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| 1 | 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 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Review and analysis of Operator Annual Reports performed annually (see PIPEDATA.XLS located in S:\GasPipelineSafetyUnit\GASPIPE\Undergnd Facilities). As part of investigation of incidents/accidents, incident/accident data is reviewed for accuracy and to ensure that operators correctly file appropriate PHMSA incident forms. Trends, program effectiveness and a check for operator issues is performed by using leak response time data, class 2 and 3 leak backlog data, class 1 and 2 leak data, third-party damage data and cast iron/bare steel replacement program data.

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| 2 | 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 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Review of operator's damage prevention programs occurs during biennial Operations and Maintenance audits. CT Regulation 16-345-3(a)(6) requires operators report to the Authority any excavator whose actions or frequency of damages might require particular attention, this is verified during O&M audits. CT Regulations require all damages and violations to be reported to PURA, and reports all require a root cause to be established.

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| 3 | Has the state reviewed the operator's annual report pertaining to Part D - Excavation Damage?
Yes = 4 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-3 <ol style="list-style-type: none">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.)? | 4 | 4 |
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Evaluator Notes:

CT has comprehensive mandatory damage reporting from all utilities. Annual reports reviewed to ensure numbers correlate with damages reported to State. All damage data is reported through online system run by CBYD, then data exported to the GPSU for processing and analysis. The data is stored in an Access database that is used to facilitate the enforcement program. Summary data is also exported to Excel spreadsheets that are used to analyze for trends. During biennial Operations and Maintenance audits, damages that were caused by records issues are checked to ensure that records were corrected appropriately. The State's enforcement process takes into account the history of mark out errors as a factor in determining the amount of civil penalty. The State carefully monitors, on a monthly basis, the mark out performance of all gas operators (as well as all other utilities).

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| 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 | 2 | 2 |
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- 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:

The State collects and analyzes damage data for all utilities. Some of the trends that are reviewed are damage per thousand locate requests, damage by cause, damage by utility industry, damage by county, no-notice damage by county, mark out error by company and many others. Starting in 2018, CT started utilizing a new damage reporting system that collects much more information, mirroring the data that DIRT collects. With this, the State analyzes data on a multitude of factors. In 2021, damage rate for damage to pipelines was 1.2 DPTL.

5 General Comments:

Info Only Info Only

Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

None

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



PART G - Interstate Agent/Agreement States

Points(MAX) Score

- 1 Were all inspections of interstate pipelines conducted using the Inspection Assistant program for documenting inspections? Info Only Info Only
Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

Region will complete these questions at the end of the calendar year and forward to Zach Barrett for including any issues in letter to the Chair.

- 2 If inspections were conducted independent of a PHMSA team inspection was notice of all identified probable violations provided to PHMSA within 60 days? Info Only Info Only
Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

Region will complete these questions at the end of the calendar year and forward to Zach Barrett for including any issues in letter to the Chair.

- 3 If inspections were conducted independent of a PHMSA team inspection was PHMSA immediately notified of conditions which may pose an immediate safety hazard to the public or environment? Info Only Info Only
Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

Region will complete these questions at the end of the calendar year and forward to Zach Barrett for including any issues in letter to the Chair.

- 4 If inspections were conducted independent of a PHMSA team inspection did the state coordinate with PHMSA if inspections not were not included in the PHMSA Inspection Work Plan? Info Only Info Only
Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

Region will complete these questions at the end of the calendar year and forward to Zach Barrett for including any issues in letter to the Chair.

- 5 Did the state take direction from and cooperate with PHMSA for all incident investigations conducted on interstate pipelines? Info Only Info Only
Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

Region will complete these questions at the end of the calendar year and forward to Zach Barrett for including any issues in letter to the Chair.

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

Evaluator Notes:

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