

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

2010 Natural Gas State Program Evaluation

for

COLORADO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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2010 Natural Gas State Program Evaluation -- CY 2010 Natural Gas

State Agency: Colorado Agency Status:		Rating: 60105(a): Yes	60106(a): No	Interstate Agent: No
Date of Visit: 07/12/2011	- 07/14/2011			0
Agency Representative:	Steve Pott, Program Manager			
PHMSA Representative:	Rex Evans			
Commission Chairman t	o whom follow up letter is to be	sent:		
Name/Title:	Joshua Epel, Chairman			
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INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete this evaluation in accordance with the Procedures for Evaluating State Pipeline Safety Program. The evaluation should generally reflect state program performance during CY 2010 (not the status of performance at the time of the evaluation). All items for which criteria have not been established should be answered based on the PHMSA representative's judgment. 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 then the maximum points, include a brief explanation in the space provided for general comments/regional observations. If a question is not applicable to a state, select NA. Please ensure all responses are COMPLETE and ACCURATE, and OBJECTIVELY reflect state program performance. Increasing emphasis is being placed on performance. This evaluation together with selected factors reported in the state's annual certification/agreement attachments provide the basis for determining the state's pipeline safety grant allocation.

Field Inspection (PART F):

The field inspection form used will allow different areas of emphasis to be considered for each question. Question 13 is provided for scoring field observation areas. In completing PART F, the PHMSA representative should include a <u>written summary</u> which thoroughly documents the inspection.

Scoring Summary

PARTS	5	Possible Points	Points Scored
A	General Program Qualifications	26	26
В	Inspections and Compliance - Procedures/Records/Performance	25	25
C	Interstate Agent States	0	0
D	Incident Investigations	7	7
Е	Damage Prevention Initiatives	9	9
F	Field Inspection	11	11
G	PHMSA Initiatives - Strategic Plan	10	9
Н	Miscellaneous	3	3
Ι	Program Initiatives	9	6
TOTA	LS	100	96
State F	ating		96.0

1	Did the state submit complete and accurate information on the attachments to its most current 60105(a) Certification/60106 (a) Agreement? (NOTE: PHMSA Representative to verify certification/agreement attachments by reviewing appropriate state documentation. Score a deficiency in any one area as "needs improvement". Attachment numbers appear in parenthesis) Previous Question A.1, Items a-h worth 1 point each	8	8
	Yes = $8 \text{ No} = 0$ Needs Minor Improvement = $3-7$ Needs Major Improvement = 2		
	a. State Jurisdiction and agent status over gas facilities (1)	\boxtimes	
	b. Total state inspection activity (2)	\boxtimes	
	c. Gas facilities subject to state safety jurisdiction (3)	\boxtimes	
	d. Gas pipeline incidents (4)	\boxtimes	
	e. State compliance actions (5)	\boxtimes	
	f. State record maintenance and reporting (6)	\boxtimes	
	g. State employees directly involved in the gas pipeline safety program (7)	\boxtimes	
	h. State compliance with Federal requirements (8)	\boxtimes	
SLR No	tes:		
Data	reviewed appears to be correct in all categories. State should double check		
2	Did the state have an adequate mechanism to receive operator reporting of incidents to ensure state compliance with $60105(a)$ Certification/ $60106(a)$ Agreement requirements (fatality, injury requiring hospitalization, property damage exceeding \$50,000 - Mechanism should include receiving "after hours" reports)? (Chapter 6) Previous Question A.2 Yes = 1 No = 0	1	1
SLR No	tes:		
24/7	reporting. Phone system set up to forward to staff blackberry after hours		
3	Has the state held a pipeline safety TQ seminar(s) in the last 3 years? (NOTE: Indicate date of last seminar or if state requested seminar, but T&Q could not provide, indicate date of state request for seminar. Seminars must be held at least once every 3 calendar years.) (Chapter 8.5) Previous Question A.4 $Y_{es} = 2 N_0 = 0$	2	2
SLR No	tes:		
Last	held March 2010		
4	Were pipeline safety program files well-organized and accessible?(NOTE: This also includes electronic files) (Chapter 5) Previous Question A.5 Yes = 1 No = 0	1	1
SLR No	tes:		
Imp	ovement made in this issue versus previous year. All central files appeared complete, should make sure it's clear on	where files a	are kept to all staff.
5	Did state records and discussions with the state pipeline safety program manager indicate adequate knowledge of PHMSA program and regulations? (Chapter 4.1, Chapter 8.1) Previous Question A.6 $Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1$	2	2
SLR No	tes:		
No i	ssues		
6	Did the state respond in writing within 60 days to the requested items in the Chairman's letter following the Region's last program evaluation? (No response is necessary if no items are requested in letter and mark "Yes") (Chapter 8.1) Previous Question A.8 $Y_{es} = 1 N_0 = 0$	1	1
SLR No	tes:		
Resp	onse dated November 9		
7	What actions, if necessary, did the State initiate as a result of issues raised in the Chairperson's letter from the previous year? Did actions correct or address deficiencies from previous year's evaluation? (No response is necessary if no items are requested in letter and mark "Yes") (Chapter 8.1) Previous Question A.8/A.9 Yes = $1 \text{ No} = 0$	1	1

8	Has each inspector fulfilled the 3 year TQ training requirement? If No, has the state been granted a waiver regarding TQ courses by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety? (NOTE: If the State has new inspectors who have not attended all TQ courses, but are in a program which will achieve the completion of all applicable courses within 3 years of taking first course (5 years to successfully complete), or if a waiver has been granted by the applicable Region Director for the state, please answer yes.) (Chapter 4.4) Previous Question A.10 Yes = $3 \text{ No} = 0$	3	3
LR Not			
No is	isues		
9	Brief Description of Non-TQ training Activities: Info Only = No Points	Info Only	Info Only
	For State Personnel: All staff went to welding course in CY2010		
	For Operators:		
	For Non-Operator Entities/Parties, Information Dissemination, Public Meetings:		
SLR Not	tes:		
10	Did the lead inspectors complete all required T&Q OQ courses and Computer Based Training (CBT) before conducting OQ Inspections? (Chapter 4.4.1) Previous Question A.12	1	1
10 SLR Not	conducting OQ Inspections? (Chapter 4.4.1) Previous Question A.12 Yes = $1 \text{ No} = 0$	1	1
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13 Have there been modifications or proposed changes to inspector-staffing levels? (If yes, describe) Previous Info Only Info Only Question B.13 Info Only = No Points

SLR Notes:

14 Part-A General Comments/Regional Observations Info Only = No Points

SLR Notes:

Info Only Info Only

Total points scored for this section: 26 Total possible points for this section: 26



PART B - Inspections and Compliance - Procedures/Records/	Points(MAX)	Score
Performance		Store

Ins	spec	etion Procedures			
1	(Cl	the state have a written inspection plan to complete the following? (all types of operators including LNG) hapter 5.1) Previous Question B.1 + Chapter 5 Changes + Incorporate LNG s = 6.5 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 50% Deduction	6.5	6	.5
	а	Standard Inspections (Including LNG) (Max points = 2)	Yes 💿	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
	b	IMP Inspections (Including DIMP) (Max points = .5)	Yes 💿	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
	c	OQ Inspections (Max points = .5)	Yes 🖲	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
	d	Damage Prevention (Max points = .5)	Yes 💿	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
	e	On-Site Operator Training (Max points = .5)	Yes 🖲	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
	f	Construction Inspections (Max points = .5)	Yes 🖲	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
	g	Incident/Accident Investigations (Max points = 1)	Yes 🖲	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
	h	Compliance Follow-up (Max points = 1)	Yes 💽	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
SLR No	tes:				mprovement
proc	edures	revised recently			
2	Qu	d the written Procedures for selecting operators adequately address key concerns? (Chapter 5.1) Previous section B.2, items a-d are worth .5 point each $s = 2 \text{ No} = 0$ Needs Improvement = 50% Deduction	2		2
	a	Length of time since last inspection	Yes 💿	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
	b	History of Operator/unit and/or location (including leakage, incident and compliance history)	Yes 🖲	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
	c	Type of activity being undertaken by operator (construction etc)	Yes 🖲	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
	d	For large operators, rotation of locations inspected	Yes 💿	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
SLR No	tes:				mprovement
Sche	eduling	g database takes care of this. Recommend note in procedures manual.			
Ins	spec	ction Performance			
3	its	d the state inspect all types of operators and inspection units in accordance with time intervals established in written procedures? (Chapter 5.1) Previous Question B.3 s=2 No = 0	2		2
SLR No	otes:				
No i	ssues f	found during file review.			
4	(Cl	d the state inspection form cover all applicable code requirements addressed on the Federal Inspection forms? hapter 5.1 (3)) Previous Question B.4 $s = 1 N_0 = 0$	1		1
SLR No	otes:				
All I	require	ments appear to be covered. Federal form used as base			
5		d state complete all applicable portions of inspection forms? (Chapter 5.1 (3)) Previous Question B.5 $s = 1 N_0 = 0$	1		1
SLR No					

No issues

6 Did the state initiate appropriate follow-up actions to Safety Related Condition Reports? (Chapter 6.3) .5 .5 Previous Question B.6 Yes = .5 No = 0

SLR Notes:

7	Did the state review operator procedures for determining if exposed cast iron pipe was examined for evidence of graphitization and if necessary remedial action was taken? (NTSB) Previous Question B.7 $Y_{es} = 5$ No = 0	.5	.5
SLR Not			
No is	sues		
8	Did the state review 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) (NTSB) Previous Question B.8 Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	.5
SLR Not			
No is	sues		
9	Did the state review 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? (NTSB) Previous Question B.9 Yes = .5 No = 0	.5	.5
SLR Not			
shoul	d be on checklist for verification		
10	Did the state review 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? (NTSB) Previous Question B.10 $Y_{es} = 1 N_0 = 0$	1	1
SLR Not			
DEICTIO			
Co	mpliance - 60105(a) States		
11	Did the state adequately document sufficient information on probable violations? (Chapter 5.2) Previous Question B.14 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1
SLR Not	es:		
Proce	ess greatly improved. No issues		
12	Does the state have written procedures to identify the steps to be taken from the discovery to the resolution of a probable violation as specified in the "Guidelines for State Participating in the Pipeline Safety Program"? (Chapter 5.1) Previous Question $D(1).1$ Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1
SLR Not	es:		
Steps	are outlined in their procedures		
13	Does the state have written procedures to notify an operator when a noncompliance is identified as specified in the "Guidelines for States Participating in the Pipeline Safety Program"? (Chapter 5.1(4)) Previous Question D (1).2	1	1
CLD Me4	Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5		
SLR Not no iss			
110 155			
14	Does the state have a written procedure for routinely reviewing the progress of compliance actions to prevent delays or breakdowns of the enforcement process, as required by the "Guidelines for States Participating in the Pipeline Safety Program"? (Chapter 5.1(5)) Previous Question D(1).3 Yes = $1 \text{ No} = 0 \text{ Needs Improvement} = .5$	1	1
SLR Not			
	sues, database helps assist		
10 135	and a second second		

15	Has the State issued compliance actions for all probable violations discovered? (Note : PHMSA representative has discretion to delete question or adjust points, as appropriate, based on number of probable violations; any	1	1
	change requires written explanation) Previous Question D(1).4 Yes = 1 No = 0		
SLR Not			
Yes,	has issues with town of Walden and Xcel, both issued compliance actions		
16	Did the state follow its written procedures for reviewing compliance actions and follow-up to determine that prompt corrective actions were taken by operators, within the time frames established by the procedures and compliance correspondence, as required by the "Guidelines for States Participating in the Pipeline Safety Program"? Previous Question $D(1).5$ Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1
SLR Not	-		
no iss	ues		
17	If compliance could not be established by other means, did state pipeline safety program staff request formal action, such as a "Show Cause Hearing" to correct pipeline safety violations? (check each states enforcement procedures) Previous Question $D(1).6$ No = 0 Yes = 1	1	1
SLR Not	es:		
oppo	tunity for show cause was presented to operators, they chose to pay fine		
18	Did the state adequately document the resolution of probable violations? (Chapter 5.1 (6)) Previous Question $D(1).7$ Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1
SLR Not	es:		
Docu	mentation appeared to be complete		
19	Were compliance actions sent to a company officer? (manager or board member if municipal/government system) (Chapter 5.1(4)) Previous Question D(1).8 $Yes = .5 No = 0$.5	.5
SLR Not	es:		
20	Did the compliance proceedings give reasonable due process to all parties? (check each states enforcement procedures) Previous Question D(1).9 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1
SLR Not No is			
Co	mpliance - 60106(a) States		
21	Did the state use the current federal inspection form(s)? Previous Question $D(2).1$ Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	NA
SLR Not	es:		
22	Are results adequately documented demonstrating inspection units were reviewed in accordance with state inspection plan? Previous Question D(2).2 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	NA
SLR Not	es:		
23	Were any probable violations identified by state referred to PHMSA for compliance? (NOTE: PHMSA representative has discretion to delete question or adjust points, as appropriate, based on number of probable violations; any change requires written explanation.) Previous Question $D(2).3$ Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	NA
SLR Not			

24 SLR Not	Did the state immediately report to PHMSA conditions which may pose an imminent safety hazard to the public or to the environment? Previous Question D(2).4 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 tes:	1	NA	
25 SLR Not	Did the state give written notice to PHMSA within 60 days of all probable violations found? Previous Question D(2).5 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 tes:	1	NA	
26 SLR Not	Did the state initially submit adequate documentation to support compliance action by PHMSA on probable violations? Previous Question D(2).6 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	NA	
27	Is the program manager familiar with state process for imposing civil penalties? Were civil penalties considered for repeat violations (with severity consideration) or violations resulting in incidents/accidents? (describe any actions taken) Info Only = No Points	Info Only	Info Only	
SLR Not	tes:			
Civil	penalties issued in two cases mentioned previously.			
28 SLR Not	Part B: General Comments/Regional Observations Info Only = No Points	Info Only	Info Only	

Total points scored for this section: 25 Total possible points for this section: 25

1	Did the state use the current federal inspection form(s)? Previous Question D(3).1	1	NA
SLR Not	Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 es:		
2	Are results documented demonstrating inspection units were reviewed in accordance with "PHMSA directed inspection plan"? Previous Question D(3).2 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	NA
SLR Not	-		
3	Did the state submit documentation of the inspections within 60 days as stated in its latest Interstate Agent Agreement form? Previous Question $D(3).3$ Yes = 1 No = 0	1	NA
SLR Not	es:		
4	Were any probable violations identified by state referred to PHMSA for compliance? (NOTE: PHMSA representative has discretion to delete question or adjust points, as appropriate, based on number of probable violations; any change requires written explanation.) Previous Question D(3).4 Yes = $1 \text{ No} = 0$	1	NA
SLR Not	es:		
5	Did the state immediately report to PHMSA conditions which may pose an imminent safety hazard to the public or to the environment? Previous Question $D(3).5$ Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	: 1	NA
-	or to the environment? Previous Question D(3).5 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	: 1	NA
-	or to the environment? Previous Question D(3).5 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5		NA
SLR Not	or to the environment? Previous Question D(3).5 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 es: Did the state give written notice to PHMSA within 60 days of all probable violations found? Previous Question D(3).6 Yes = 1 No = 0		
SLR Not	or to the environment? Previous Question D(3).5 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 es: Did the state give written notice to PHMSA within 60 days of all probable violations found? Previous Question D(3).6 Yes = 1 No = 0 es: Did the state initially submit documentation to support compliance action by PHMSA on probable violations? Previous Question D(3).7		
SLR Not	or to the environment? Previous Question D(3).5 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 es: Did the state give written notice to PHMSA within 60 days of all probable violations found? Previous Question D(3).6 Yes = 1 No = 0 es: Did the state initially submit documentation to support compliance action by PHMSA on probable violations? Previous Question D(3).7 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	NA
SLR Not 6 SLR Not 7	or to the environment? Previous Question D(3).5 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 es: Did the state give written notice to PHMSA within 60 days of all probable violations found? Previous Question D(3).6 Yes = 1 No = 0 es: Did the state initially submit documentation to support compliance action by PHMSA on probable violations? Previous Question D(3).7 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	NA

1	Are state personnel following the procedures for Federal/State cooperation in case of an incident? (See Appendix in "Guidelines for States Participating in the Pipeline Safety Program") (Chapter 6.1) Previous Question E.1	1	1	1
SLR No	Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 tes:			
2	Are state personnel familiar with the jurisdictional authority and Memorandum of Understanding between NTSB and PHMSA? (See Appendix in "Guidelines for States Participating in the Pipeline Safety Program") (Chapter 6 ? Appendix D) Previous Question E.2 Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$.5		5
SLR No	tes:			
3	Did the state keep adequate records of incident notifications received? Previous Question E.3 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1	1
SLR No They				
4	If an onsite investigation of an incident was not made, did the state obtain sufficient information by other means to determine the facts and support the decision not to go on-site? Previous Question E.4 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1]	1
SLR No Incic	tes: lent file kept information on all reportable, most recinded.			
5	Were investigations thorough and conclusions and recommendations documented in an acceptable manner? Previous Question E.5, comprehensive question worth 2 points total Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2	2	2
	a. Observations and Document Review	Yes 💽	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
	b. Contributing Factors	Yes 💽	No 🔿	Improvement C
	c. Recommendations to prevent recurrences where appropriate	Yes 💽	No 🔿	Needs Improvement
SLR No Inve	tes: stigations appeared to be thoroughly documented and conclusions acceptable.			·
6	Did the state initiate enforcement action for violations found during any incident investigation(s)? Previous Question E.6 Variation Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1	1
SLR No				
Yes,	town of Walden and Xcel, on separate incidents.			
7	Did the state assist region office by taking appropriate follow-up actions related to the operator incident reports to ensure accuracy and final report has been received by PHMSA? (validate annual report data from operators concerning incidents/accidents and investigate discrepancies) (Chapter 6) Previous Question E.7/E.8 Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0.5	5
SLR No No i	tes: ssues. Reviewed Pipeline Data Mart access to information.			
8	Part D: General Comments/Regional Observations	Info Only	Info Only	y
SLR No	Info Only = No Points tes:			



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1	Has the state reviewed 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? Previous Question B.11 Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2	2	
SLR No	otes:			
on c	perator checklist for review. no issues			
2	Did the state inspector check to assure the pipeline operator is following its written procedures pertaining to notification of excavation, marking, positive response and the availability and use of the one call system? New 2008 Yes = $2 \text{ No} = 0$	2	2	
SLR No	otes:			
Part	of standard inspection			
3	Did the state encourage and promote the adoption of the Common Ground Alliance Best Practices document to its regulated companies as a means of reducing damages to all underground facilities? Previous Question A.7 Yes = $2 \text{ No} = 0$ Needs Improvement = 1	2	2	
SLR No	otes:			
Pror	notes at seminars, with UNCC, on inspection form. Very active in this partnership.			
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? New 2008 Yes = $1 \text{ No} = 0$	1	1	
SLR No	otes:			
Moo	dified state rules to make this mandatory reporting by operators.			
5	Did the state review operators' records of accidents and failures due to excavation damage to ensure causes of failure are addressed to minimize the possibility of recurrence as required by 192.617? $Y_{es} = 2 N_0 = 0$	2	2	
SLR No	otes:			
will	be using UNCC reports			
6	Part E: General Comments/Regional Observations	Info Only	Info Only	
SLR No				

Total points scored for this section: 9 Total possible points for this section: 9

1	Operator, Inspector, Location, Date and PHMSA Representative Info Only = No Points	Info Only	Info Only
	Name of Operator Inspected: Xcel Energy		
	Name of State Inspector(s) Observed: Fred Johnson, Joe Malloy		
	Location of Inspection: Denver		
	Date of Inspection: July 14, 2011		
	Name of PHMSA Representative: Rex Evans		
SLR No	tes:		
2	Was the operator or operator's representative notified and/or given the opportunity to be present during inspection? New 2008 $Yes = 1 No = 0$	1	1
SLR No No is			
3	Did the inspector use an acceptable inspection form/checklist and was the form/checklist used as a guide for the inspection? (New regulations shall be incorporated) Previous Question F.2 $Y_{es} = 2 N_0 = 0$	2	2
SLR No No is			
4	Did the inspector thoroughly document results of the inspection? Previous Question F.3 Yes = 2 No = 0	2	2
SLR No Yes,	tes: Fred was thorough in his observations		
5	Did the inspector check to see if the operator had necessary equipment during inspection to conduct tasks viewed? (Maps, pyrometer, soap spray, CGI, etc.) New 2008 Yes = $1 \text{ No} = 0$	1	1
SLR No No is			
6	What type of inspection(s) did the state inspector conduct during the field portion of the state evaluation? (i.e. Standard, Construction, IMP, etc) New 2008 Info Only = No Points	Info Only	Info Only
SLR No This	tes: was a construction inspection - main replacement.		
7	Did the inspector adequately review the following during the field portion of the state evaluation? (check all that apply on list) New 2008, comprehensive question worth 2 points total Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2	2
	a. Procedures	\boxtimes	
	b. Records	\boxtimes	
	c. Field Activities/Facilities	\boxtimes	
~	d. Other (Please Comment)		

SLR Notes:

8	Did the inspector have adequate knowledge of the pipeline safety program and regulations? (Liaison will document reasons if unacceptable) Previous Question F.8	2	2
SLR Not	Yes = 2 No = 0		
No is			
9	Did the inspector conduct an exit interview? (If inspection is not totally complete the interview should be based on areas covered during time of field evaluation) Previous Question F.10 $Y_{es} = 1 N_0 = 0$	1	1
SLR Not	tes:		
No is	sues, this is an on going project. Issues were discussed at time of inspection. Discussion occurred about proper so	craping of h	gh density pipe
10	During the exit interview, did the inspector identify probable violations found during the inspections? Previous Question F.11 Yes = $1 N_0 = 0$	1	NA
SLR Not	tes:		
n/a			
11	What did the inspector observe in the field? (Narrative description of field observations and how inspector performed) Info Only = No Points	Info Only	Info Only
SLR Not	tes:		
See p	revious. Main and service line replacement of cast iron.		
12	Best Practices to Share with Other States - (Field - could be from operator visited or state inspector practices) Info Only = No Points	Info Only	Info Only
SLR Not	tes:		
13	Field Observation Areas Observed (check all that apply)	Info Only	Info Only

ervation Areas Observed (check all that apply) No Points Abandonment Abnormal Operations Break-Out Tanks Compressor or Pump Stations Change in Class Location

e. Change in Clasf. Casings

a. b.

c. d.

- g. Cathodic Protection
- h. Cast-iron Replacement
- i. Damage Prevention
- j. Deactivation
- k. Emergency Procedures
- l. Inspection of Right-of-Way
- m. Line Markers
- n. Liaison with Public Officials
- o. Leak Surveys
- p. MOP
- q. MAOP
- r. Moving Pipe
- s. New Construction
- t. Navigable Waterway Crossings

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	u.	Odorization
	v.	Overpressure Safety Devices
	w.	Plastic Pipe Installation
	x.	Public Education
	y.	Purging
	Z.	Prevention of Accidental Ignition
	А.	Repairs
	B.	Signs
	C.	Tapping
	D.	Valve Maintenance
	E.	Vault Maintenance
	F.	Welding
	G.	OQ - Operator Qualification
	H.	Compliance Follow-up
	I.	Atmospheric Corrosion
	J.	Other
SLR Notes:		

14 Part F: General Comments/Regional Observations Info Only = No Points

SLR Notes:

No issues found during field inspection. Activities viewed appeared to be thorough and thoughtful

Info Only Info Only

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Total points scored for this section: 11 Total possible points for this section: 11

	8	oints(MAX	Score
Ris	k base Inspections - Targeting High Risk Areas		
1	Does state have process to identify high risk inspection units? Yes = $1.5 \text{ No} = 0$	1.5	1.5
	Risk Factors (criteria) to consider may include:		
	Miles of HCA's, Geographic area, Population Density		
	Length of time since last inspection		
	History of Individual Operator units (leakage, incident and compliance history, etc.) Threats - (Excavation Damage, Corrosion, Natural Forces, Other Outside Forces, Material or Welds, Equipment, Operations, Other)		
SLR Not	es:		· p 1
GPS	database indicates scheduling factors which identifies high risk inspection units. Recommend referencing GPS	S database factor	s in Procedure
2	Are inspection units broken down appropriately? (see definitions in Guidelines) Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0.5
SLR Not			
No is	sues		
3	Consideration of operators DIMP Plan? (if available and pending rulemaking) Info Only = No Points	Info Only	Info Only
SLR Not			
Pend	ng.		
4	Does state inspection process target high risk areas? Yes = .5 No = 0	.5	0.5
SLR Not Yes,	es: weights given to Denver metro area which has replacement projects ongoing		
Ua	a of Data to Halp Drive Program Priority and Inspections		
	e of Data to Help Drive Program Priority and Inspections	etc) .5	0.5
5	Does state use data to analyze effectiveness of damage prevention efforts in the state? (DIRT or other data, $Y_{es} = .5 N_0 = 0$, etc)	0.5
SLR Not with	es: SDP Grant using UNCC research of database.		
6	Has state reviewed data on Operator Annual reports for accuracy?	5	0.5
U		.5	0.5
	Yes = .5 No = 0	.5	0.5
SLR Not		.5	0.5
SLR Not Yes,	es: information is loaded into state database for analysis		
SLR Not	es:	.5	0.5
SLR Not Yes,	es: information is loaded into state database for analysis Has state analyzed annual report data for trends and operator issues? Yes = .5 No = 0		
SLR Not Yes, 7 SLR Not	es: information is loaded into state database for analysis Has state analyzed annual report data for trends and operator issues? Yes = .5 No = 0		
SLR Not Yes, 7 SLR Not Yes,	es: information is loaded into state database for analysis Has state analyzed annual report data for trends and operator issues? Yes = .5 No = 0 es: see previous.	.5	0.5
SLR Not Yes, 7 SLR Not	es: information is loaded into state database for analysis Has state analyzed annual report data for trends and operator issues? Yes = .5 No = 0 res:		

Yes, as they come in. Sent information to help navigate Pipeline Data Mart

9	Does state do evaluation of effectiveness of program based on data? (i.e. performance measures, trends, etc.) $Y_{es} = .5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0.5
SLR No Yes,	tes: development in process of annual report card, and county report card.		
10	Did the State input all operator qualification inspection results into web based database provided by PHMSA in a timely manner upon completion of OQ inspections? Previous Question B.15 $Y_{\text{res}=.5 \text{ No}=0}$.5	0
2	tes: need Element 9 inspections uploaded into database, none done for some time. Also recommend doing HQ evalua oleted over 6 years ago.	tions on OQ	programs since last
11	Did the State submit their replies into the Integrity Management Database (IMDB) in response to the Operators notifications for their integrity management program? Previous Question B.16 $Y_{\text{res}} = .5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0.5
SLR No			
no is	sues, very rare		
12	Have the IMP Federal Protocol forms been uploaded to the IMDB? Previous Question B.17 Yes = .5 No = 0	.5	0
	tes: They need to evaluate entire IM program for all operators. Referred Steve to information provided at NAPSR Regi mation available on IMDB database and access options.	on meeting.	Also reviewed
13	Did the State ask Operators to identify any plastic pipe and components that has shown a record of defects/leaks and what those operators are doing to mitigate the safety concerns? Previous Question B.18 $Yes = .5 No = 0$	5 .5	0.5
SLR No	tes:		
Yes	on checklist. State has communicated with TQ on 12" stopple fitting issue recently discovered with operator.		
14	Has state confirmed transmission operators have submitted information into National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) database along with any changes made after original submission? Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0.5
SLR No no is	tes:		
Ac	cident/Incident Investigation Learning and Sharing Lessons Learn	ned	
15	Has state shared lessons learned from incidents/accidents? (i.e. NAPSR meetings and communications) Yes = .5 No = 0	.5	0.5
SLR No ⁻ NAP			
16	Does the State support data gathering efforts concerning accidents? (Frequency/Consequence/etc) Yes = .5 No = 0	.5	0.5
SLR No	tes: database takes information. No issues		
17 SLR No	Does state have incident/accident criteria for conducting root cause analysis? Info Only = No Points	Info Only	Info Only
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18	Does state conduct root cause analysis on incidents/accidents in state?	Info Only	Info Only

19	Has state participated on root cause analysis training? (can also be on wait list) Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0.5	
SLR No	tes:			
Tra	ansparency - Communication with Stakeholders			
20	Other than pipeline safety seminar does State communicate with stakeholders? (Communicate program data, pub awareness, etc.) $Y_{es} = .5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0.5	
SLR No	tes:			
Steve	forwards various communications to industry via emails. DORA website			
21	Does state share enforcement data with public? (Website, newsletters, docket access, etc.)	.5	0.5	
	Yes = .5 No = 0			
SLR No	tes:			
Yes,	DORA website			
22	Part G: General Comments/Regional Observations	Info Only	Info Only	
	Info Only = No Points			
SLR Notes: With resignation of Mark Schumann, many OQ and IMP efforts were placed on him. Time will need to be taken to backfill and ensure these efforts are continued and necessary information is uploaded into databases. I reviewed these processes with Steve.				

Total points scored for this section: 9 Total possible points for this section: 10



1	What were the major accomplishments for the year being evaluated? (Describe the accomplishments, NAPSR Activities and Participation, etc.) Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0.5	
SLR No	tes:			
Data	bae redesign, website upated with link to mapping, gathering rule and rule updates. GPS database enhancements.			
2	What legislative or program initiatives are taking place/planned in the state, past, present, and future? (Describ initiatives (i.e. damage prevention, jurisdiction/authority, compliance/administrative, etc.) Yes = .5 No = 0	e .5	0.5	
SLR No	tes:			
mak	ing effort to enhance Master Meter and LPG operator training. REcommended seeking assistance from other states	s on how to ha	undle these operator	s
3	Any Risk Reduction Accomplishments/Projects? (i.e. Cast iron replacement projects, bare steel, third-party damage reductions, etc.) Yes = .5 No = 0	.5	0.5	
SLR No	tes:			
cont	inual cast iron replacement in Denver			
4	Did the state participate in/respond to surveys or information requests from NAPSR or PHMSA? Yes = $1 \text{ No} = 0$	1	1	
SLR No	tes:			
no is	sues			
5	Sharing Best Practices with Other States - (General Program) Yes = .5 No = 0	.5	0.5	
SLR No	tes:			
Shar	es annually at region meeting. Reviewed meeting agenda			
6 SLR No	Part H: General Comments/Regional Observations Info Only = No Points tes:	Info Only	Info Only	

Total points scored for this section: 3

Total possible points for this section: 3



	8	oints(MAX)	Score
Dr	ug and Alcohol Testing (49 CFR Part 199)		
1	Has the state verified that operators have drug and alcohol testing programs? Yes = $1 \text{ No} = 0$	1	1
SLR No	tes:		
yes,	on inspection forms. Recommend review of any current inspection forms made available on PHMSA website.		
2	Is the state verifying that operators are conducting the drug and alcohol tests required by the operators progr (random, post-incident, etc.) $Y_{es} = .5 N_0 = 0$	am .5	0.5
SLR No			
2		.5	0.5
3 SLR No	Is the state verifying that any positive tests are responded to in accordance with the operator's program? Yes = .5 No = 0		0.5
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Qu	alification of Pipeline Personnel (49 CFR Part 192 Subpart N)		
4	Has the state verified that operators have a written qualification program?	1	1
SLR No	$Y_{es} = 1 N_0 = 0$ tes:		
	sues, but recommend review and possible reevaluation of full program		
5	Has the state reviewed operator qualification programs for compliance with PHMSA rules and protocols?	.5	0.5
	Yes = .5 No = 0		
SLR No			
see p	revious notes. No issues currently		
6	Is the state verifying that persons who perform covered tasks for the operator are qualified in accordance with the operator's program? Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$	th .5	0.5
SLR No			
	sues, again recommend full program reviews		
SLR No no is	Is the state verifying that persons who perform covered task for the operator are requalified at the intervals specified in the operator's program?	.5	0.5
no is	Is the state verifying that persons who perform covered task for the operator are requalified at the intervals specified in the operator's program? Yes = .5 No = 0	.5	0.5
no is 7 SLR No	Is the state verifying that persons who perform covered task for the operator are requalified at the intervals specified in the operator's program? Yes = .5 No = 0	.5	0.5
no is 7 SLR No no is	Is the state verifying that persons who perform covered task for the operator are requalified at the intervals specified in the operator's program? Yes = .5 No = 0 tes: sues at present		
no is 7 SLR No no is	Is the state verifying that persons who perform covered task for the operator are requalified at the intervals specified in the operator's program? Yes = .5 No = 0 tes:	92 Subpart	

SLR Notes:

No inspection results uploaded. Mark Schumann who was IM lead, resigned. They need to do a complete review on where they stand on IM inspections. Recommended Steve review information provided at NAPSR region meeting as to expectations. only work done has been on XCel energy

9 Has the state verified that in determining whether a plan is required, the operator correctly calculated the .5 0 potential impact radii and properly applied the definition of a high consequence area? Yes = .5 No = 0

SLR Notes:

10	Has the state reviewed operator IMPs for compliance with Subpart O? (In accordance with State Inspection plan) Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0	
SLR No				
See	previous I8			
11	Is the state monitoring operator progress on the inspections, tests and remedial actions required by the operator's IMP, including that they are being done in the manner and schedule called for in its IMP? Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0	
SLR No	tes:			
see p	previous I8			
12	Is the state verifying that operators are periodically examining their transmission line routes for the appearance of new HCAs? Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0	
SLR No	tes:			
see I	8			
Pu	blic Awareness (49 CFR Section 192.616)			
13	Has the state verified that each operator has developed a continuing public awareness program? (due date was $6/20/06$ for most operators, $6/20/07$ for certain very small operators, $6/13/08$ for master meters) Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0.5	
SLR No	tes:			
no is	sues at present. They will start using recently provided PA protocols			
14	Has the state reviewed the content of these programs for compliance with 192.616 (by participating in the Clearinghouse or by other means)? Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0.5	
SLR No	tes:			
no is	sues at present. They will start using recently provided PA protocols			
15	Is the state verifying that operators are conducting the public awareness activities called for in its program? Yes = $.5 \text{ No} = 0$.5	0.5	
SLR No				
no is	sues at present. They will start using recently provided PA protocols. They actively review PA activities.			
16	Is the state verifying that operators have evaluated their Public Awareness programs for effectiveness as described in RP1162? Info Only = No Points	Info Only	Info Only	
SLR No				
17	Part I: General Comments/Regional Observations	Info Only	Info Only	
SLR No				
	e review and emphasis needs to be placed on IM programs and operators compliance with them.			

Total points scored for this section: 6 Total possible points for this section: 9