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Materials Safety
Administration**

2018 Gas State Program Evaluation

for

Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety

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2018 Gas State Program Evaluation -- CY 2018

Gas

State Agency: Minnesota

Agency Status:

Date of Visit: 07/16/2019 - 07/22/2019

Agency Representative: Jon Wolfgram, Program Manager

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Rating:

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

Interstate Agent: Yes

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 2018 (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 than 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 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
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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	Accuracy of Jurisdictional Authority and Operator/Inspection Units Data - Progress Report Attachment 1 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1
Evaluator Notes: No issues with jurisdiction and information listed.			
2	Review of Inspection Days for accuracy - Progress Report Attachment 2 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1
Evaluator Notes: Inspection days listed consistent with summary review.			
3	Accuracy verification of Operators and Operators Inspection Units in State - Progress Report Attachment 3 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1
Evaluator Notes: No issues with operator listing			
4	Were all federally reportable incident reports listed and information correct? - Progress Report Attachment 4 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1
Evaluator Notes: No issues, all matched pipeline data mart.			
5	Accuracy verification of Compliance Activities - Progress Report Attachment 5 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1
Evaluator Notes: Compliance totals matches summary reviewed. No issues.			
6	Were pipeline program files well-organized and accessible? - Progress Report Attachment 6 Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2	2
Evaluator Notes: In process of switching from old to new database. Complete inspections involve reconstructing several steps, although all the information requested was successfully retrieved. asked to have self-access to record system during next evaluation.			
7	Was employee listing and completed training accurate and complete? - Progress Report Attachment 7 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1
Evaluator Notes: They have summary of training along with TQ transcripts. No issues			
8	Verification of Part 192,193,198,199 Rules and Amendments - Progress Report Attachment 8 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1	1
Evaluator Notes: No issues			
9	List of Planned Performance - Did state describe accomplishments on Progress Report in detail - Progress Report Attachment 10	1	1

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

No issues

10 General Comments:

Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

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



PART B - Program Inspection Procedures

Points(MAX) Score

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| 1 | Standard Inspection procedures should give guidance to state inspectors that insure consistency in all inspections conducted by the state? The following elements should be addressed at a minimum - pre-inspection activities, inspection activities, post-inspection activities. | 2 | 2 |
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Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

yes, this is covered in the MNOps Manual, section 5.

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| 2 | IMP and DIMP Inspection procedures should give guidance to state inspectors that insure consistency in all inspections conducted by the state? The following elements should be addressed at a minimum - pre-inspection activities, inspection activities, post-inspection activities. | 1 | 1 |
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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

IMP and DIMP covered in Section 5.2 of manual. No issues.

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| 3 | OQ Inspection procedures should give guidance to state inspectors that insure consistency in all inspections conducted by the state? The following elements should be addressed at a minimum - pre-inspection activities, inspection activities, post-inspection activities. | 1 | 1 |
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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

This is covered in Section 5 of Manual. No issues.

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| 4 | Damage Prevention Inspection procedures should give guidance to state inspectors that insure consistency in all inspections conducted by the state? The following elements should be addressed at a minimum - pre-inspection activities, inspection activities, post-inspection activities. | 1 | 1 |
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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

This is also covered in Section 5 of Manual. No issues.

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| 5 | Any operator training conducted should be outlined and appropriately documented as needed. | 1 | 1 |
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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Operator training covered in 5.2 of manual. No issues.

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| 6 | Construction Inspection procedures should give guidance to state inspectors that insure consistency in all inspections conducted by the state? The following elements should be addressed at a minimum - pre-inspection activities, inspection activities, post-inspection activities. | 1 | 1 |
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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Construction inspections covered in Section 5.2. No issues.

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| 7 | Does inspection plan address inspection priorities of each operator, and if necessary each unit, based on the following elements? | 6 | 6 |
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Yes = 6 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-5

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| a. | Length of time since last inspection (Within five year interval) | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> | No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| b. | Operating history of operator/unit and/or location (includes leakage, incident and compliance activities) | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> | No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |

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| c. Type of activity being undertaken by operators (i.e. construction) | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> | No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Locations of operators inspection units being inspected - (HCA's, Geographic areas, Population Density, etc) | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> | No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| 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) | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> | No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Are inspection units broken down appropriately? | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> | No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |

Evaluator Notes:

The risk model is outlined in Appendix 1 of the MNOps Manual. No issues.

8 General Comments:

Info Only = No Points

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Evaluator Notes:

Total points scored for this section: 13
Total possible points for this section: 13



PART C - Program Performance

Points(MAX) Score

- 1 Was ratio of Total Inspection person-days to total person days acceptable? (Director of State Programs may modify with just cause) Chapter 4.3 5 5
Yes = 5 No = 0

A. Total Inspection Person Days (Attachment 2):
1081.47

B. Total Inspection Person Days Charged to the Program (220 X Inspection Person Years) (Attachment 7):
220 X 12.03 = 2645.59

Ratio: A / B
1081.47 / 2645.59 = 0.41

If Ratio >= 0.38 Then Points = 5, If Ratio < 0.38 Then Points = 0
Points = 5

Evaluator Notes:

There were 1081 Days achieved with FTE of 12.03 Inspectors. No issues.

- 2 Has each inspector and program manager fulfilled the T Q Training Requirements? (See Guidelines Appendix C for requirements) Chapter 4.4 5 5
Yes = 5 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-4

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| a. | Completion of Required OQ Training before conducting inspection as lead? | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> | No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| b. | Completion of Required DIMP*/IMP Training before conducting inspection as lead? *Effective Evaluation CY2013 | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> | No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| c. | Root Cause Training by at least one inspector/program manager | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> | No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| d. | Note any outside training completed | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> | No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| e. | Verify inspector has obtained minimum qualifications to lead any applicable standard inspection as the lead inspector. | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> | No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |

Evaluator Notes:

Coursework and transcripts appear completed within required time. No issues.

- 3 Did state records and discussions with state pipeline safety program manager indicate adequate knowledge of PHMSA program and regulations? Chapter 4.1,8.1 2 2
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

There are no issues.

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

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, response received on October 11, 2019. Issue on compliance counts corrected.

- 5 Did State conduct or participate in pipeline safety training session or seminar in Past 3 Years? Chapter 8.5 1 1
Yes = 1 No = 0

Evaluator Notes:

Seminar April 8-11, 2019 - They hold an annual conference.

- 6 Did state inspect all types of operators and inspection units in accordance with time intervals established in written procedures? Chapter 5.1 5 5
Yes = 5 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-4

Evaluator Notes:

Reviewed overall inspection summary and cross check with operator list. all operators appear to have necessary inspections completed.

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| 7 | 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
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Yes, state utilizes Inspection Assistant also.

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| 8 | 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) Chapter 5.1
Yes = 1 No = 0 | 1 | NA |
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Evaluator Notes:

All removed. n/a

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| 9 | 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) Chapter 5.1
Yes = 1 No = 0 | 1 | NA |
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Evaluator Notes:

all removed n/a

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| 10 | 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) Chapter 5.1
Yes = 1 No = 0 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Question is currently being asked of operators, demonstrated I-Auditor program and now being converted into new Salesforce database for use. No issues.

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| 11 | 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? Chapter 5.1
Yes = 1 No = 0 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Reviewed under compliance review of 192.617. Mandatory excavation reporting allows MNOPS to routinely investigate excavation damages. No issues.

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| 12 | 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:

Annual report information incorporated into MNOPS inspection plan process. Reviews things such as leaks per mile. Excavation damage. Incident per leak (global) New system will have acknowledgement by inspector that annual reports reviewed. No issues.

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| 13 | Has state confirmed intrastate transmission operators have submitted information into NPMS database along with changes made after original submission?
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

MNOPS has GIS system with updated information and requests new dataset from PHMSA. They look at patterns of new pipe and pipe deletions. No issues.

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| 14 | Is the state verifying operators are conducting drug and alcohol tests as required by regulations? This should include verifying positive tests are responded to in accordance with program. 49 CFR 199
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

D & A review conducted every 5 years. D & A field form reviewed during field and records inspection. No issues.

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| 15 | Is state verifying operators OQ programs are up to date? This should include verification of any plan updates and that persons performing covered tasks (including contractors) are properly qualified and requalified at intervals determined in the operators plan. 49 CFR 192 Part N
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

OQ plan review every 5 years, OQ field forms during field and records inspections. Did not find any issues.

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| 16 | Is state verifying operator's gas transmission integrity management programs (IMP) are up to date? This should include a previous review of IMP plan, along with monitoring progress on operator tests and remedial actions. In addition, the review should take in to account program review and updates of operators plan(s). (Are the State's largest operators programs being contacted or reviewed annually? Are replies to Operator IM notifications addressed? (formerly part of Question C-13)). 49 CFR 192 Subpart 0
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Yes, plan reviews are up to date. They request request for information (RFI) to large operators to get updated on DIMP/ TIMP programs. They receive updates and are involved with happenings on respective systems. No issues.

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| 17 | Is state verifying operator's gas distribution integrity management Programs (DIMP)? This should include a review of DIMP plans, along with monitoring progress. In addition, the review should take in to account program review and updates of operators plan(s). (Are the State's largest operators programs being contacted or reviewed annually?). 49 CFR 192 Subpart P
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Same with IMP, they actually send DIMP/TIMP correspondence request for information (RFI) annually requesting update to program activities on large operators. No issues

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| 18 | Is state verifying operators Public Awareness programs are up to date and being followed. State should also verify operators have evaluated Public Awareness programs for effectiveness as described in RP1162. PAPEI Effectiveness Inspections should be conducted every four years by operators. 49 CFR 192.616
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

MNOPS Completed second round of PAPEI inspections in CY2018. They utilize Inspection Assistant (IA).

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| 19 | 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 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Yes, they have website <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ops/Pages/default.aspx>

Enforcement and various other communications are available. No issues.

- 20 Did state execute appropriate follow-up actions to Safety Related Condition (SRC) 1 NA
Reports? Chapter 6.3
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

No SRC's for CY2018.

- 21 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? 1 1
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Part of DIMP analysis. They have documented history of efforts in this area over past several years. Operators are also part of PPDC. No issues here.

- 22 Did the state participate in/respond to surveys or information requests from NAPSRS or PHMSA? 1 1
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

No issues with state response and help with any issue.

- 23 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
No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 Yes = 1

Evaluator Notes:

Waiver to CenterPoint - waiving IM assessment on a coupled steel line to be replaced by 2021. They get regular updates on progress. Case 27650881. Did tweak to permit in last year. Had to extend waiver to coordinate with road reconstruction. This was only waiver outstanding.

- 24 Did the state attend the NAPSRS National Meeting in CY being evaluated? 1 1
No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 Yes = 1

Evaluator Notes:

Yes.

- 25 Discussion on State Program Performance Metrics found on Stakeholder Communication site - <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/states.htm> 2 2
No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 Yes = 2
- a. Discussion of Potential Accelerated Actions (AA's) based on any negative trends Yes ☒ No ☐ Needs Improvement ☐
- b. NTSB P-11-20 Meaningful Metrics Yes ☒ No ☐ Needs Improvement ☐

Evaluator Notes:

We had discussion on metrics, all generally appear to be in positive trend. Damage prevention metric had slight up tick, however trend is low and they are taking actions to address any recent issues. There was an increase in leaks that were pending repair, this is one operator specific. Recommend possible follow up to see if improvement can be made.

- 26 Discussion with State on accuracy of inspection day information submitted into State Inspection Day Calculation Tool (SICT) Has the State updated SICT data? 1 1
No = 0 Yes = 1

Evaluator Notes:

We had discussion on process. It appears everything is on track and there does not appear to be any issues in this area.

- 27 Did the State verify Operators took appropriate action regarding Pipeline Flow Reversals, Product Changes and Conversions to Service? See ADP-2014-04 1 NA
Needs Improvement = .5 No = 0 Yes = 1

Evaluator Notes:

28 General Comments:

Info Only = No Points

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Evaluator Notes:

Total points scored for this section: 45
Total possible points for this section: 45



PART D - Compliance Activities

Points(MAX) Score

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| 1 | 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 = 4 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-3 | 4 | 4 |
| a. | Procedures to notify an operator (company officer) when a noncompliance is identified | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| b. | Procedures to routinely review progress of compliance actions to prevent delays or breakdowns | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| c. | Procedures regarding closing outstanding probable violations | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, procedures are adequately outlined. Section 5.3 and flow chart included. No issues.

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| 2 | 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? (Incident Investigations do not need to meet 30/90 day requirement) Chapter 5.1
Yes = 4 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-3 | 4 | 4 |
| a. | Were compliance actions sent to company officer or manager/board member if municipal/government system? | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| b. | Document probable violations | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| c. | Resolve probable violations | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| d. | Routinely review progress of probable violations | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| e. | Within 30 days, conduct a post-inspection briefing with the owner or operator of the gas or hazardous liquid pipeline facility inspected outlining any concerns; and | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |
| f. | Within 90 days, to the extent practicable, provide the owner or operator with written preliminary findings of the inspection. | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> | Needs Improvement <input type="radio"/> |

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, process has both inspectors and supervisors follow through. letters are sent and documented in compliance system. No issues.

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| 3 | Did the state issue compliance actions for all probable violations discovered?
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Yes, it appears they have been covered as reviewed in inspection records.

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| 4 | Did compliance actions give reasonable due process to all parties? Including "show cause" hearing if necessary.
Yes = 2 No = 0 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

No issues. Program has the ability to assess fines with due process following any objections.

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| 5 | 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)
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Yes, civil penalties are regularly given and consideration given based on severity.

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| 6 | Can the State demonstrate it is using their enforcement fining authority for pipeline safety violations?
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Yes, several penalties and no issues found.

7 General Comments:

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Info Only = No Points

Evaluator Notes:

We had a discussion on identifying proper closure of compliance actions. Particularly recognizing when field follow-up is necessary although all compliance activities appear to be in order.

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



PART E - Incident Investigations

Points(MAX) Score

- 1 Does the state have written procedures to address state actions in the event of an incident/accident? 2 2

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, Section 6. All aspects appear to be covered. No issues.

- 2 Does state have adequate mechanism to receive and respond to operator reports of incidents, including after-hours reports? And did state keep adequate records of Incident/Accident notifications received? Chapter 6 2 2

Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

- a. Acknowledgement of MOU between NTSB and PHMSA (Appendix D) Yes ☒ No ☐ Needs Improvement ☐
- b. Acknowledgement of Federal/State Cooperation in case of incident/accident (Appendix E) Yes ☒ No ☐ Needs Improvement ☐

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, Section 6.1.(1-3) cover this in MNOPS manual. No issues.

- 3 If onsite investigation was not made, did state obtain sufficient information from the operator and/or by other means to determine the facts to support the decision to not go on-site? Chapter 6 1 1

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Yes, there are no issues with follow-up and report receipt actions.

- 4 Were all incidents investigated, thoroughly documented, and with conclusions and recommendations? 3 3

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

- a. Observations and document review Yes ☒ No ☐ Needs Improvement ☐
- b. Contributing Factors Yes ☒ No ☐ Needs Improvement ☐
- c. Recommendations to prevent recurrences when appropriate Yes ☒ No ☐ Needs Improvement ☐

Evaluator Notes:

Of the three incidents, two were interstate. It appears incident information was adequately documented and review was proper. No issues.

- 5 Did the state initiate compliance action for violations found during any incident/accident investigation? 1 1

Yes = 1 No = 0

Evaluator Notes:

There were no compliance actions following reportable incidents. Any interstate follow-up would be responsibility of region.

- 6 Did the 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? (validate report data from operators concerning incidents/accidents and investigate discrepancies) Chapter 6 1 1

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

No issues

- 7 Does state share lessons learned from incidents/accidents? (sharing information, such as: at NAPSR Region meetings, state seminars, etc) 1 1

Yes = 1 No = 0

Evaluator Notes:

Yes

8 General Comments:

Info Only = No Points

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Evaluator Notes:

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



PART F - Damage Prevention

Points(MAX) Score

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

Yes, now part of construction inspection form and question added to Standard inspection form.

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| 2 | Did the state inspector verify pipeline operators are following their written procedures pertaining to notification of excavation, marking, positive response and the availability and use of the one call system?
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Yes, as part of damage prevention inspection.

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| 3 | Did the state encourage and promote practices for reducing damages to all underground facilities to its regulated companies? (i.e. such as promoting/adopting the CGA Best Practices encouraging adoption of the 9 Elements, etc.)
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Yes, state takes many efforts to encourage and promote damage prevention. Various training sessions and significant participation.

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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? (This can include DIRT and other data shared and reviewed by the pipeline safety program)
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

MNOPS collects data, volunteer process for non-pipeline and required process for operators. Data is evaluated appropriately. No issues.

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| 5 | General Comments:
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Evaluator Notes:

Total points scored for this section: 8
Total possible points for this section: 8

PART G - Field Inspections

Points(MAX) Score

- 1 Operator, Inspector, Location, Date and PHMSA Representative Info Only Info Only
Info Only = No Points

Name of Operator Inspected:

Excel Energy, CenterPoint Energy, Owatonna Public Utilities

Name of State Inspector(s) Observed:

Thomas Coffman 7/19, Mike Mendiola 7/22, Vica Livshutz 7/22/19

Location of Inspection:

Various - see notes

Date of Inspection:

Various - see notes

Name of PHMSA Representative:

Rex Evans 7/19/19, Pat Gaume 7/22/19

Evaluator Notes:

- 07/19/2019 - Viewed construction inspection of Excel energy with MNOPS inspector Thomas Coffman. Excel was installing 6" plastic main along Highway 61 in 15000 Block north of Hugo, MN. This project was to upgrade pressure in this area due to growth and difficulties during last winter with pressure serving the area which was a single feed.
- 7/22/19 Pat Gaume - Center Point Energy - Construction site Portland and E. 56th Minneapolis,
- 7/22/19 Pat Gaume, Owatonna Public Utilities - Standard Inspection

- 2 Was the operator or operator's representative notified and/or given the opportunity to be present during inspection? 1 1
Yes = 1 No = 0

Evaluator Notes:

- 7/19/2019. Yes, operator was on site. Lisa Kallberg - Excel, Mike Swonger - Area Supervisor of Q3 Contracting who was contractor on job (and several others)
- & 3. 7/22/10 Yes, operator employees were present.

- 3 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:

- 7/19/2019. Yes, Coffman was using Ipad to document inspection checklist, which also included copy of company procedures. Inspection copy was provided.
- 7/22/19 - CenterPoint - Mendiola - Daily construction report
- 7/22/19 - Owatonna - Livshutz - Inspection Assistance (IA) form

- 4 Did the inspector thoroughly document results of the inspection? 2 2
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

Evaluator Notes:

- 7/19/2019 - Yes, thorough documented on Ipad. Request was made to have .pdf copy of inspection forwarded with Haz Liquid inspection earlier in week.
- & 3. 7/22/19 - Yes for both. Forms were followed and filled out.

- 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.) 1 1
Yes = 1 No = 0

Evaluator Notes:

- 7/19/2019 Yes - operator was check for necessary joining equipment. Butt fusion was done on the new 6"main.
- 7/22/19 - CenterPoint - Crane, concrete vaults, 20" & 12" Casing, GPS Survey took, hand tools, lifting straps and PPE, etc.
- 7/22/19 - Owatonna - records, procedures, maps etc.

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| 6 | Did the inspector adequately review the following during the field portion of the state evaluation? (check all that apply on list)
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 | 2 | 2 |
| a. | Procedures | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| b. | Records | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| c. | Field Activities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| d. | Other (please comment) | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Evaluator Notes:

1. 7/19/2019 - No issues. All items were thorough reviewed and inspector did a good job in reviewing applicable items for the project.
2. 7/22/19 - Field inspection at construction sight. No issues
3. 7/22/19 Standard Inspection and some records.

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| 7 | Did the inspector have adequate knowledge of the pipeline safety program and regulations? (Evaluator will document reasons if unacceptable)
Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1 | 2 | 2 |
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Evaluator Notes:

1. 7/19/2019 - Yes, Thomas Coffman had adequate knowledge of the program and applicable regulations. Along with any Minnesota Requirements.
2. 7/22/19 - Yes, Mendiola - no issues
3. 7/22/19 - Yes, Livschutz - no issues.

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| 8 | 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)
Yes = 1 No = 0 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

1. 7/19/2019 - Yes, Thomas Coffman conducted exit interview. No issues were found during the inspection.
2. 7/22/19 - Pat Gaume report - CenterPoint, Yes. Needed a ladder for vault, lack of safety harness for people in excavation area.
3. 7/22/19 - Pat Gaume - Owatonna - Certain leaks were not reported correctly on the Annual Reports, certain odorization calculations could not be explained. Without a 2016 leak survey report to insure timely inspection at every site, some work reports were not completely filled out by operator.

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| 9 | During the exit interview, did the inspector identify probable violations found during the inspections? (if applicable)
Yes = 1 No = 0 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

1. 7/19/2019 - No NOPV were found. No issues.
2. 7/22/2019 - Gaume - CenterPoint - Yes, vault ladder and safety harness.
3. 7/22.2019 - Gaume - Owatonna - certain leaks were not reported correctly on the Annual Reports, certain odorization calculations could not be explained, w/o a 2016 leak survey report to insure timely inspection at every site, some work reports were not completely filled out

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| 10 | General Comments: 1) What did the inspector observe in the field? (Narrative description of field observations and how inspector performed) 2) Best Practices to Share with Other States - (Field - could be from operator visited or state inspector practices) 3) Other.
Info Only = No Points | Info Only | Info Only |
| a. | Abandonment | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| b. | Abnormal Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| c. | Break-Out Tanks | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| d. | Compressor or Pump Stations | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| e. | Change in Class Location | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| f. | Casings | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |

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| g. | Cathodic Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. | Cast-iron Replacement | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. | Damage Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j. | Deactivation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| k. | Emergency Procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| l. | Inspection of Right-of-Way | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| m. | Line Markers | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| n. | Liaison with Public Officials | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| o. | Leak Surveys | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| p. | MOP | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| q. | MAOP | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| r. | Moving Pipe | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| s. | New Construction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| t. | Navigable Waterway Crossings | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| u. | Odorization | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| v. | Overpressure Safety Devices | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| w. | Plastic Pipe Installation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| x. | Public Education | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| y. | Purging | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| z. | Prevention of Accidental Ignition | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A. | Repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. | Signs | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. | Tapping | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. | Valve Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E. | Vault Maintenance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| F. | Welding | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| G. | OQ - Operator Qualification | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| H. | Compliance Follow-up | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I. | Atmospheric Corrosion | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| J. | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Evaluator Notes:

1.2.&3) 7/19/2019 and 7/22/19 - See notes under first question as to scope of project.

Total points scored for this section: 12
Total possible points for this section: 12

PART H - Interstate Agent State (If Applicable)**Points(MAX) Score**

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| 1 | Did the state use the current federal inspection form(s)?
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Uses Inspection Assistant, no issues

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| 2 | Are results documented demonstrating inspection units were reviewed in accordance with "PHMSA directed inspection plan"?
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

Yes?. MN is only participating in PHMSA led inspections. At the request of the states, we created an Interstate Agent Guidance Document for the states to follow. I also sent it out to our inspectors so that they understand the expectation from the states during a PHMSA led integrated inspection. No issues with MN not submitting the required information.

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| 3 | Did the state submit documentation of the inspections within 60 days as stated in its latest Interstate Agent Agreement form?
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

No issues. See Question 2.

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| 4 | Were 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.)
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

No issues found

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| 5 | Did the state immediately report to PHMSA conditions which may pose an imminent safety hazard to the public or to the environment?
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

No issues. No instances known in past reporting period.

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| 6 | Did the state give written notice to PHMSA within 60 days of all probable violations found?
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

No issues.

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| 7 | Did the state initially submit documentation to support compliance action by PHMSA on probable violations?
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | 1 |
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Evaluator Notes:

No issues.

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| 8 | General Comments:
Info Only = No Points | Info Only | Info Only |
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Evaluator Notes:

Per Hans Sheih at Central Region who provided narrative. No issues with MNOPS interstate agent performance

Total points scored for this section: 7
Total possible points for this section: 7

PART I - 60106 Agreement State (If Applicable)**Points(MAX) Score**

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| 1 | Did the state use the current federal inspection form(s)?
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | NA |
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Evaluator Notes:

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| 2 | Are results documented demonstrating inspection units were reviewed in accordance with state inspection plan?
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | NA |
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Evaluator Notes:

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| 3 | 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.)
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | NA |
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| 4 | Did the state immediately report to PHMSA conditions which may pose an imminent safety hazard to the public or to the environment?
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | NA |
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Evaluator Notes:

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| 5 | Did the state give written notice to PHMSA within 60 days of all probable violations found?
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | NA |
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| 6 | Did the state initially submit adequate documentation to support compliance action by PHMSA on probable violations?
Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5 | 1 | NA |
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| 7 | General Comments:
Info Only = No Points | Info Only | Info Only |
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Evaluator Notes:

Section not applicable

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