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

2018 Gas State Program Evaluation

for

ARKANSAS OIL AND GAS COMMISSION

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2018 Gas State Program Evaluation -- CY 2018 Gas

State Agency: Arkansas Rating:

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

Date of Visit: 09/16/2019 - 09/20/2019

Agency Representative: Michael Gary, Inspector

PHMSA Representative: Patrick Gaume

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

Name/Title: W. Frank Morledge, Chairman
Agency: Arkansas Oil & Gas Commission
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City/State/Zip: Forrest City, Arkansas 72335

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 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 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	10	10
В	Program Inspection Procedures	12	12
C	Program Performance	41	41
D	Compliance Activities	15	15
E	Incident Investigations	11	11
F	Damage Prevention	8	8
G	Field Inspections	12	12
Н	Interstate Agent State (If Applicable)	0	0
I	60106 Agreement State (If Applicable)	0	0
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State F	Rating		100.0





Yes. Attachment 8 is in agreement with internal records.

List of Planned Performance - Did state describe accomplishments on Progress Report in detail - Progress Report Attachment 10

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Yes. Planned performance in Attachment 10 is satisfactory.

10 General Comments:

Info Only = No Points

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Evaluator Notes:

There were no issues in Part A of evaluation. This section scored 10 of 10 points.

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



1	Standard Inspection procedures should give guidance to state inspectors that insure	2
	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.	
	Ves = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	

Evaluator Notes:

Yes. Standard Inspection procedures are contained in Section VI, VII, and VIII of the AOGC Inspection Guidelines

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.

NA

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

NA. The AOGC has no jurisdictional operators in the IMP and DIMP programs.

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.

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Yes. OQ Inspection procedures are contained in Section XI of the AOGC Inspection Guidelines.

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.

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Yes. Damage Prevention Inspection procedures are contained in Section XIII of the AOGC Inspection Guidelines.

5 Any operator training conducted should be outlined and appropriately documented as needed.

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Yes. On-Site Operator Training procedures are contained in Section X of the AOGC Inspection Guidelines.

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.

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Yes. Construction Inspection procedures are contained in Section IX of the AOGC Inspection Guidelines.

Does inspection plan address inspection priorities of each operator, and if necessary each unit, based on the following elements?

Yes = 6 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-5

	a.	Length of time since last inspection (Within five year interval)	Yes 💿	No 🔘	Improvement
	b.	Operating history of operator/unit and/or location (includes leakage, incident and pliance activities)	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
	c.	Type of activity being undertaken by operators (i.e. construction)	Yes 💿	No 🔘	Needs Improvement
	d. areas	Locations of operators inspection units being inspected - (HCA's, Geographic s, Population Density, etc)	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
		Process to identify high-risk inspection units that includes all threats - (Excavation age, Corrosion, Natural Forces, Outside Forces, Material and Welds, Equipment, rators and any Other Factors)	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
	f.	Are inspection units broken down appropriately?	Yes	No 🔘	Needs Improvement
		d operated by that operator. These pipelines by operator type are set up on an inspection	on cycle	which is	being
		the AOGC.			
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Yes = 5 No = 0

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	A. Total Inspection Person Days (Attachment 2): 29.00			
	B. Total Inspection Person Days Charged to the Program (220 X Inspection Person Years) (Attachment 7): 220 X 0.35 = 77.00			
	Ratio: A / B 29.00 / 77.00 = 0.38			
F 1 4	If Ratio \geq = 0.38 Then Points = 5, If Ratio $<$ 0.38 Then Points = 0 Points = 0			
	or Notes: s. 0.35 inspector years, 29 field inspection days. 29/(220*0.35)=.3766, rounds to .38 Okay			
2	Has each inspector and program manager fulfilled the T Q Training Requirements? (See Guidelines Appendix C for requirements) Chapter 4.4 Yes = 5 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-4	5		5
	a. Completion of Required OQ Training before conducting inspection as lead?	Yes 💿	No 🔘	Needs Improvement
	b. Completion of Required DIMP*/IMP Training before conducting inspection as lead? *Effective Evaluation CY2013	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
	c. Root Cause Training by at least one inspector/program manager	Yes 💿	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
	d. Note any outside training completed	Yes 💿	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
	e. Verify inspector has obtained minimum qualifications to lead any applicable standard inspection as the lead inspector.	Yes •	No 🔾	Needs Improvement
	or Notes: s*5. The Program Manager and Lead Inspector are fully qualified.			
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 Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2		2
	or Notes:			
Yes	s. The state pipeline manager indicates adequate knowledge of PHMSA program and regulat	ions.		
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 Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2	N	A
	or Notes:			
NA	. No letter was required last year.			
5	Did State conduct or participate in pipeline safety training session or seminar in Past 3 Years? Chapter 8.5 Yes = 1 No = 0	1		1
	or Notes:			
Yes	s. The previous seminar was held in 2016, and was just completed in August of 2019.			
6	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

Was ratio of Total Inspection person-days to total person days acceptable? (Director of

State Programs may modify with just cause) Chapter 4.3



Evaluator Notes:

Has state confirmed intrastate transmission operators have submitted information into

NPMS database along with changes made after original submission?

Yes. This item is included in the AOGC Form 1 inspection checklist

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5



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Evaluator Notes:

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	with program. 49 CFR 199 Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1			
	or Notes: The drug and alcohol tests are conducted as required by regulation. There were four D/A ins D/A inspections in 2016, and four D/A inspections in 2018.	pections	preformed in 20)15
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	
		ned in 20	17. There were	
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	
	or Notes: . IM identification questions are asked during every standard Inspection. The AOGC has no judy program. After Protocol A re-inspections in 2017, there were no jurisdictional operators identification.		nal operators in	the
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	NA	
Evaluato	or Notes:			
NA.	The AOGC has no jurisdictional operators in the DIMP program			
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	
Evaluato	or Notes:			
Yes	. PAPEIs are on schedule with the 8 operator PAPEEs and proving the PAP are up to date			
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 = $1 \text{ No} = 0 \text{ Needs Improvement} = .5$	1	1	
the a	or Notes: The AOGC has included inspection reports and compliance cases on its website for public a annual APRO (Arkansas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners) meeting with oil and g uss issues pertaining to public outreach.			

Did state execute appropriate follow-up actions to Safety Related Condition (SRC)

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

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Reports? Chapter 6.3



Gas Distribution system leaks are NA for AOGC.

Incident investigation program is being handled appropriately. There have been no incidents since 2010.

Enforcement Program Evaluation is steady at 94 - 100%.

Inspector qualification is 100% for core training.

26 Discussion with State on accuracy of inspection day information submitted into State 1 Inspection Day Calculation Tool (SICT) Has the State updated SICT data?

No = 0 Yes = 1

performed per annual work plans.

Evaluator Notes: Yes. Discussed the SICT data with the AOGC, and the SICT tool was calculated at 27; Attachment 2 of Progress Report for 2017 was 29 inspection days. No issue

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

Evaluator Notes:

NA. There were no flow reversals, product changes, or conversion of services in 2017 or 2018.

28 General Comments: Info Only = No Points Info OnlyInfo Only

Evaluator Notes:

NA on C4,C8,C9,C17,C23, & C27. Section scored 41 of 41.

Total points scored for this section: 41 Total possible points for this section: 41



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	4	4	
	Yes = 4 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-3 a. Procedures to notify an operator (company officer) when a noncompliance is identified	Yes •	No O Needs Improvement	ent C
	b. Procedures to routinely review progress of compliance actions to prevent delays or breakdowns	Yes 💿	No O Needs Improvement	ent
	c. Procedures regarding closing outstanding probable violations	Yes 💿	No O Needs Improvement	ent C
Evaluato	or Notes:		improv e m	
Yes	. The procedures are contained in Section XV and XVI of the AOGC Inspection Guidelines.			
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 •	No O Needs Improvement	ent C
	b. Document probable violations	Yes 💿	No O Needs Improvement	ent
	c. Resolve probable violations	Yes 💿	No Needs Improvement	
	d. Routinely review progress of probable violations	Yes •	No Needs Improvement	
	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 •	No O Needs Improvement	_
Evaluato	f. Within 90 days, to the extent practicable, provide the owner or operator with written preliminary findings of the inspection.	Yes •	No O Needs Improvement	ent
Yes viol	*6. The AOGC followed compliance procedures from discovery to resolution, and adequate ations. The AOGCs Rule A-5 requires a written letter be sent 30 days upon conclusion of insee missed.			
3	Did the state issue compliance actions for all probable violations discovered? Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2	2	
Evaluato	*			
Yes	. Procedures are in place. The AOGC issued 0 compliance actions in 2018.			
4	Did compliance actions give reasonable due process to all parties? Including "show cause" hearing if necessary. Yes = $2 \text{ No} = 0$	2	2	
Evaluato				
Yes	The operator is given due process which is contained within the Commission Rule A-5.			
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	
	or Notes: The program manager is familiar with the state process for imposing civil penalties. However, alties for repeat violations or violations resulting in incidents or accidents in 2018.	ver, there	e were no civil	
6	Can the State demonstrate it is using their enforcement fining authority for pipeline safety violations?	1	1	

Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

Evaluator Notes:

Yes. The AOGC did assess a civil penalty of \$25,000 in 2017 for a pipeline violation. The civil penalty was collected in 2018.

7 General Comments:

Info Only = No Points

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Evaluator Notes:

No issues were found. 15 of 15 points were awarded

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



Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1

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Evaluator Notes:

accident?

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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 Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2		2
	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
Yes	or Notes: s. There is a 24 hour call in number for pipeline incidents which are routed to staff. The agree PHMSA is included in section XII of the AOGC Inspection Guidelines.	ement to	work wi	th NTSB
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 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1		1
	or Notes: s. There were no reportable incidents in 2018. Procedures are in place.			
4	Were all incidents investigated, thoroughly documented, and with conclusions and recommendations? Yes = 3 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1-2	3		3
	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
	or Notes:			•
Yes	s. Procedures are in place. No incidents in 2018.			
5	Did the state initiate compliance action for violations found during any incident/accident investigation? Yes = $1 \text{ No} = 0$	1		1
	or Notes: s. Procedures are in place. No incidents in 2018.			
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 Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5	1		1
	or Notes:			
Yes	s. Procedures are in place. No incidents from PHMSA in 2018.			
7	Does state share lessons learned from incidents/accidents? (sharing information, such as: at NAPSR Region meetings, state seminars, etc)	1		1

Does the state have written procedures to address state actions in the event of an incident/

Yes. The AOGC incident/accident procedures are contained in section XII of the AOGC Inspection Guidelines.

Evaluator Notes:

Yes = 1 No = 0

8 General Comments:

Info Only = No Points

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Evaluator Notes:

No issues Found. 11 of 11 points were awarded.

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



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Evaluator Notes:

Yes. The question is included in the inspection form Part 192.614, Damage Prevention Procedures. There were no issues.

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

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Evaluator Notes:

Yes. All operators jurisdictional to the AOGC are members of one-call. On the AOGC website there is a link to Arkansas One-call, the 811 call before you dig logo, and information to contact 811. There were no issues.

Has the agency or another organization within the state collected data and evaluated 4 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

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Evaluator Notes:

Yes. AOGC jurisdictional operators are asked information pertaining to pipeline excavation damage per locate request. There has not been any pipeline locate damages per > 9000 locate request in 2018. There were no issues.

5 General Comments: Info Only = No Points

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Evaluator Notes:

No issues in this section. 8 of 8 points were awarded.

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



1	Operator, Inspector, Location, Date and PHMSA Representative Info Only = No Points	Info OnlyInfo	Only
	Name of Operator Inspected: Stephens Production Co. opid 32268		
	Name of State Inspector(s) Observed: Michael Gray		
	Location of Inspection: at a field site in Ft. Smith, AR		
	Date of Inspection: 09/19/2019		
	Name of PHMSA Representative: Patrick Gaume		
Evaluator	Notes:		
Addit	tional AOGC personnel were Bryan Brown and Gary Looney.		
2	Was the operator or operator's representative notified and/or given the opportunity to be present during inspection? Yes = $1 \text{ No} = 0$	1	1
Evaluator			
Yes.	AOGC scheduled the inspection and four operator personnel were present at the inspection	n.	
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) Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2	2
Evaluator			
Yes.	The federal gas inspection form was used for this field inspection.		
4	Did the inspector thoroughly document results of the inspection? Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1	2	2
Evaluator			
Yes.	The field inspection portion of the form was completely 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.) $Y_{es} = 1 N_0 = 0$	1	1
Evaluator			
Yes.	Operator provided all equipment necessary for this field inspection including keys, tools,	half cell and r	nultimeter.
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		
	b. Records		
	c. Field Activities	\boxtimes	
	d. Other (please comment)		
Evaluator	•		
	Field inspection at 3 sites were thoroughly reviewed.		
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Did the inspector have adequate knowledge of the pipeline safety program and

regulations? (Evaluator will document reasons if unacceptable)



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Yes = 2 No = 0 Needs Improvement = 1



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Tapping

Valve Maintenance

Vault Maintenance

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F.	Welding				
G.	OQ - Operator Qualification				
H.	Compliance Follow-up				
I.	Atmospheric Corrosion				
J.	Other				
Evaluator Notes:					
All points were awarded in this section. 12 of 12 points were awareded.					

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





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

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Evaluator Notes:

General Comments: Info Only = No Points

H 1-8. NA-not an interstate agent program.



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

Evaluator Notes:

Evaluator Notes:

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Yes = 1 No = 0 Needs Improvement = .5

I 1-7. NA. Not a 60106 agreement program

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General Comments: Info Only = No Points