

Executive Summary of Issues

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Natural Gas Industry Commitment

- We Support Integrity Management
 - Investments
 - Research
 - Public Policy
 - Education
 - Communication
- We are Committed to get the Integrity Rule Right
 - Development
 - Implementation

Top Eleven Issues

1. Refine the Definition of an HCA to Focus the Priority and Simplify the Determination
2. Prevent the Overlap of the Re-Inspection Period on the Baseline Period Causing Additional Capacity Constraints
3. Utilize Available Research and Understanding for inspection requirements for low stress pipelines
4. Clarify the Application of Inspection Findings to other Segments of the System
5. Adopt the NACE ECDA Standard and accept as Equivalent Inspection Method
6. Clarify Applicability of Inspection Technologies to Detect Excavation Damage

Top Eleven Issues (cont.)

7. Clearly Define Confirmatory Direct Assessment Methodology
8. Clarify Basis for Pressure Testing of Vintage Materials and Systems
9. The Ability to Institute a Performance Based Integrity Program Is Too Restrictive
10. Utilize Established Technical Criteria for Defect Investigation and Remediation
11. Establish Definitive Compliance Targets

Today's Goal

- Educate
- Understand

Near Future

- Assess the Safety Benefits
- Assess Scientific & Technical Basis
- Assess Impact on Public
- Assess the Environmental Impacts
- Assess the Costs to our Customers