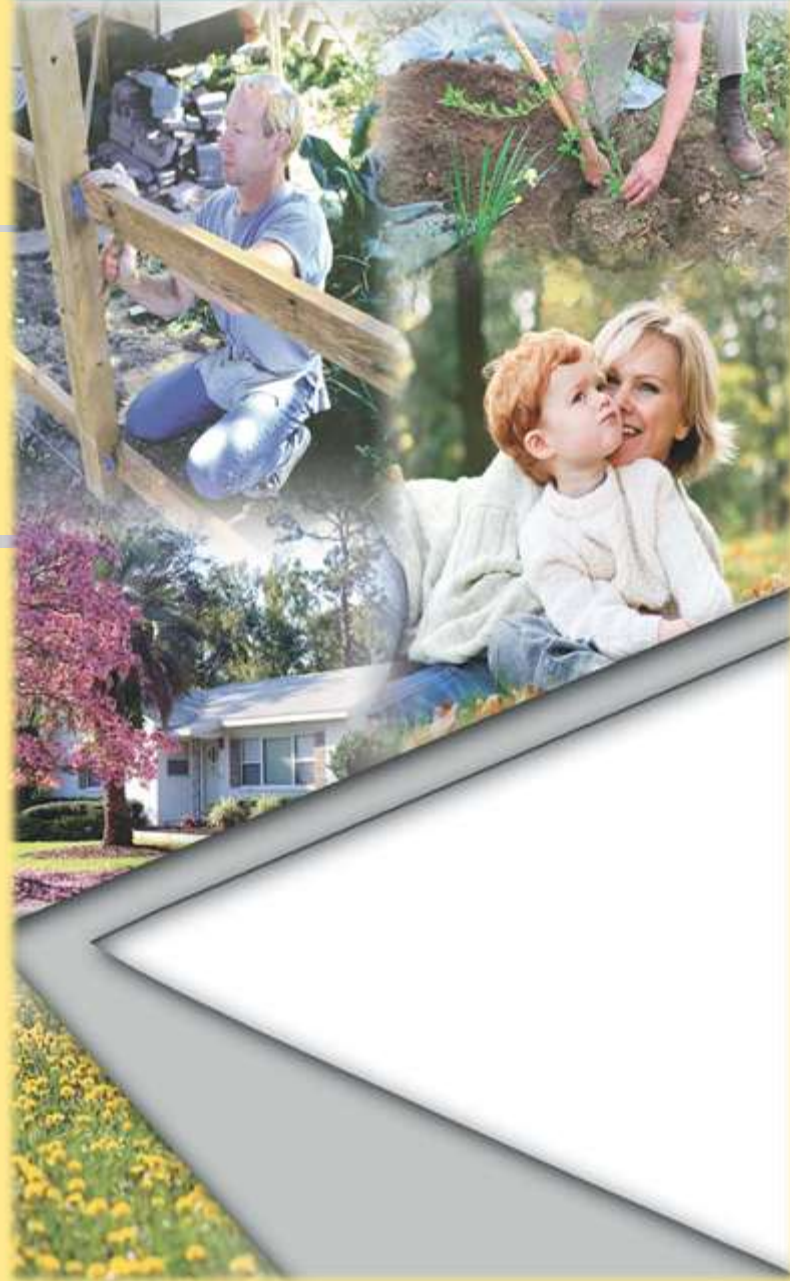


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# **PUBLIC AWARENESS**

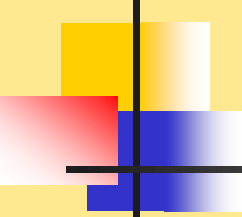


# **NTSB Hearings**

## **San Francisco Chronicle,**

### **March 2, 2011**

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**S**an Bruno's fire chief said Wednesday that he was not aware before last year's deadly natural-gas explosion that a major PG&E pipe ran under the city, although he acknowledged that it had been his responsibility to know.

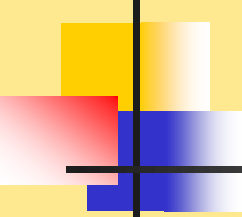
**O**nly after the San Bruno disaster did he realize that "there was a need to know" what lines were in the area, and that online maps and other resources were available to first responders.

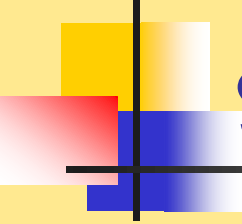
**H**e conceded that he should have known about the pipeline that exploded. "We didn't have the information, we didn't have maps of a pipeline going through," Haag said. "I just didn't know about it."

# NTSB Hearings

San Francisco Chronicle,  
March 2, 2011

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- A**fter the hearing, NTSB chairwoman said Federal officials "...believe the pipeline industry can do a better job" of informing the public, as required under a 5-year-old law for pipeline operators.
- P**eople who live near gas-transmission lines should be told as much in a specific mailing, said Rep. Jackie Speier, whose district includes the San Bruno neighborhood devastated in the blast. She is sponsoring a bill to require such notice for people living within 2,000 feet of a pipeline.

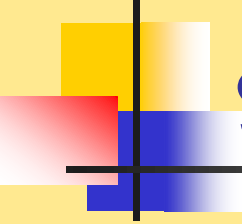


# §192.616

- Follow requirements of API RP 1162, 1<sup>st</sup> edition

Master meter or petroleum gas systems exempt from RP 1162 requirements





# §192.616

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- Plan by June 20, 2006
  - Identify Stakeholder audiences
  - Message including method of message delivery and frequency
  - Supplemental activities
  - Self-assessments
  - Four year effectiveness evaluations

# Gathering Lines

- Gathering lines definitions as found in §192.8 were added in 2006
- §192.9 different implementation dates
  - Plan by April 15, 2008
  - Effectiveness by 2012





# Public Awareness Inspections

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- Public Awareness Clearinghouse
  - Not formal review of plan, but checklist that plan contained certain items
  - Inspection may be first true review of plan
- Standard Inspection form includes questions about public awareness
  - Not in detail of this inspection



# PHMSA Form 21

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- Published July, 2011

[phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/library/forms](http://phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/library/forms)

*PHMSA Form 21 Public Awareness Program Effectiveness Inspection, July 21, 2011, Rev 0*

**PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS INSPECTION  
SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

**Control Information**

Inspection Start Date*:		
Inspection End Date*:		
OpID:		
Parent Operator Name:		
Unit ID (s):		
State/Other ID:		
Activity Record ID No.		
Address of Company Official*:	Company Official*:	
	Title*:	
	Phone Number*:	





# PHMSA Form 21

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Divided into five sections

- ❑ Administration and Development of Plan
- ❑ Program Implementation
- ❑ Program Evaluation and Continuous Improvement (annual review)
- ❑ Program Evaluation and Continuous Improvement (effectiveness evaluations)
- ❑ Findings



# PHMSA Form 21

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First three pages standard information

- Companies covered by plan
- Mileage
- Persons attending
- Date of plan
- Outside resources



# Section 1

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- Administration and Development of Public Awareness Program
  - Looking at written program and associated procedures and methodologies
  - **WHAT** the operator is going to do
  - Verifying required components are in plan
  - May cross into implementation of plan



# Section 1

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- 1.01 Written Public Education Program
- 1.02 Management Support
- 1.03 Unique Attributes and Characteristics
- 1.04 Stakeholder Audience Identification
- 1.05 Message Frequency and Message Delivery
- 1.06 Written Evaluation Plan

Please provide a comment or explanation for each inspection question.

## I. Administration and Development of Public Awareness Program

### I.01 Written Public Education Program

Does the operator have a written continuing public education program or public awareness program (PAE) in accordance with the general program recommendations in the American Petroleum Institute's (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 1162 (incorporated by reference), by the required date, except for master meter or petroleum gas system operators?

(Reference: § 192.634 (b); § 195.440 (b))

- Verify the operator has a written public awareness program (PAE).
- Review any Clearinghouse deficiencies and verify the operator addressed previous Clearinghouse deficiencies, if any, addressed in the operator's PAE.
- Identify the location where the operator's PAE is administered and which company personnel is designated to administer and manage the written program.
- Verify the date the public awareness program was initially developed and published.

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### I.02 Management Support

Does the operator's program include a statement of management support (i.e., is there evidence of a commitment of participation, resources, and allocation of funding)?

(Reference: § 192.634 (a); § 195.440 (a); API RP 1162 Section 2.5 and 7.1)

- Verify the PAE includes a written statement of management support.
- Determine how management participates in the PAE.
- Verify that an individual is named and identified to administer the program with roles and responsibilities.
- Verify resources provided to implement public awareness are in the PAE. Determine how many employees involved with the PAE and what their roles are.
- Determine if the operator uses external support resources for any implementation or evaluation efforts.

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### I.03 Unique Attributes and Characteristics

Does the operator's program clearly define the specific pipeline assets or systems covered in the program and assess the unique attributes and characteristics of the pipeline and facilities?

(Reference: § 192.634 (b); § 195.440 (b); API RP 1162 Section 2.7 and Section 4)

- Verify the PAE includes all of the operator's system types/assets covered by PAE (gas, liquid, HVS, storage fields, gathering lines etc).

# Section 1



# Section 1

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## Commonly found deficiencies

- API 1162 edition
- Management support
- Named administrator
- Unique attributes/asset descriptions/product description
- Inadequate written procedures
- Lack of operator understanding because of use of contractors



# Inadequate Procedures

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## Stakeholder Identification

- How lists determined
- How address affected municipalities, school districts, businesses, and residents? (§192.614(e))
- List accuracy
- Returns or non-attendance



# Stakeholder Lists – Common Deficiencies

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- *Do not account for new developments or communities*
- *Lack of documentation or follow up on returned mailings*
- *Lack of evidence that mailings sent out*
- *Tracked correspondence and those actually reached*
- *Tracked meeting attendance and follow up for non-attendance*





# Inadequate Procedures

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## Program Evaluations

- Lack of written process
- What information examined during review
  - Web site hits
  - One call notifications/third party damage
  - Process followed
  - Implementation of recommended changes
- Documentation of evaluation



# Inadequate Procedures

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## Message

- Vendors have gone to a “common” pamphlets
- Generic messages may not convey all the required information.
- Information about several different types of pipelines or products may provide little or no value



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 251-675-1182



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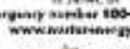
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## How emergency responders are trained in case of a pipeline incident.

The following guidelines are designed to ensure the safety of the public and the emergency responders in the event of an incident. Coordinating the response with the pipeline company is crucial for an effective and safe response:

- **Secure the area around the leak to a safe distance.** Because vapors from the products carried in pipelines can migrate great distances, it is important to remove all ignition sources from the area. Keep in mind, Highly Volatile Liquid (HVL) vapors are heavier than air and can collect in low areas such as ditches, sewers, etc. If safe, evacuating people from homes, businesses, schools and other places of congregation, as well as controlling access to the site may be required in some incident scenarios. Sheltering in place may be the safest action if the circumstances make going outdoors dangerous.
- If the pipeline leak is not burning **DO NOT** cause any open flame or other potential source of ignition such as an electrical switch, vehicle ignition, light a match, etc. **DO NOT** start motor vehicles or electrical equipment. **DO NOT** ring doorbells. Knock with your hand to avoid potential sparks from knockers. **DO NOT** drive into a leak or vapor cloud at any time.
- If the pipeline leak is burning attempt to control the spread of the fire, but **DO NOT** attempt to extinguish a petroleum product or natural gas fire. When extinguished, petroleum products, gas and vapor could collect and explode if reignited by secondary fire.
- **DO NOT** attempt to operate any pipeline valves yourself. You may inadvertently route more product to the leak or cause a secondary incident.
- **Establish a command center.** Work with pipeline representatives as you develop a plan to address the emergency. The pipeline operator will need to know:
  - Your contact information and the location of the emergency
  - Size, characteristics and behavior of the incident, and if there are any primary or secondary fires
  - Any injuries or deaths
  - The proximity of the incident to any structures, buildings, etc.
  - Any environmental concerns such as bodies of water, grasslands, endangered wildlife and fish, etc.
- **Evacuate or shelter in place.** Depending on the level of chemical, natural gas, or product, and whether or not the product was released, or other variables, it may be necessary to evacuate the public or have the public shelter in place. Evacuation route and the location of the incident will determine which procedure is required, but both may be necessary. Evacuate people upwind of the incident if necessary. Involving the pipeline company may be important in making this decision.

## How can you help?

While accidents pertaining to pipelines and pipeline facilities are very rare, awareness of the location of the pipeline, the potential hazards, and what to do if a leak does occur can help minimize the number of accidents that do occur. A leading cause of pipeline incidents is third-party excavation damage. Pipeline companies are responsible for the safety and security of their respective pipelines. To help maintain the integrity of pipelines and their right-of-way, it is essential that pipeline and facility neighbors protect against unauthorized excavations or other destructive activities. Here's what you can do to help:

- Become familiar with the pipelines and pipeline facilities in the area (marker signs, fence signs at gated entrances, etc).
- Record the company name, contact information and any pipeline information from nearby marker/facility signs and keep in a permanent location near the telephone.
- Be aware of any unusual or suspicious activities or unauthorized excavations taking place within or near the pipeline right-of-way or pipeline facility; report any such activities to the pipeline operator and the local law enforcement.

# Message – Common Deficiencies

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- *Messages did not include all required outreach messages*
- *Multiple company logos/information*
- *Appropriate hazards not always identified or failed to address unique attributes*
- *Creative outreach approaches such as e-mails, websites, children campaigns*



# Section 2

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- Program Implementation
  - How did operator implement written program
  - Ensure and verify required components in plan are being done according to written plan, procedures and methodologies



## **Section 2**

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2.01 English and other Languages

2.02 Message Type and Content

2.03 Messages on Pipeline Facility Locations

2.04 Baseline Message Delivery Frequency

2.05 Considerations for Supplemental  
Program Enhancements

2.06 Maintaining Liaison with Emergency  
Response Officials



# Section 2

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## Common deficiencies

- Language considerations
- Message content
- Supplemental activities
- Documentation

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**1.06 Written Evaluation Plan**

Does the operator's program include a written evaluation process that specifies how the operator will periodically evaluate program implementation and effectiveness? If not, did the operator provide justification in its program or procedural manual?

(Reference: § 192.616 (c), (i); § 195.440 (c), (i))

- Verify the operator has a written evaluation plan that specifies how the operator will conduct and evaluate self-assessments (annual audits) and effectiveness evaluations.
- Verify the operator's evaluation process specifies the correct frequency for annual audits (1 year) and effectiveness evaluations (no more than 4 years apart).
- Identify how the operator determined a statistical sample size and margin-of-error for stakeholder satisfaction surveys and feedback.

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**2. Program Implementation**

**2.01 English and other Languages**

Did the operator develop and deliver materials and messages in English and in other languages commonly understood by a significant number and concentration of non-English speaking populations in the operator's areas?

(Reference: § 192.616 (g); § 195.440 (g); API RP 1162 Section 2.3.1)

- Determine if the operator delivers material in languages other than English and if so, what languages.
- Identify the process the operator used to determine the need for additional languages for each stakeholder audience.
- Identify the source of information the operator used to determine the need for additional languages and the date the information was collected.

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# Section 2





# Language

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- No written or inadequate consideration
- Automatic in Spanish
- Other languages on web site



# Message

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- Contain all the required elements from code:
  - Use of one-call
  - Hazards associated with unintended releases
  - Physical indications of such a release
  - Steps that should be taken for public safety in event of a release
  - Procedures for reporting the event

## Call before you dig IT'S FREE, AND IT'S THE LAW!



811 is a federally-mandated number designated by the FCC to consolidate all local "Call Before You Dig" numbers and help save lives by minimizing damages to underground utilities. One easy phone call to 811 starts the process to get your underground pipelines and utility lines marked for FREE. When you call 811 from anywhere in the country, your call will be routed to your state One-Call Center. Once your underground lines have been marked for your project, you will know the approximate location of your pipelines and utility lines, and can dig safely. More information regarding 811 can be found at [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com).

For more information regarding pipeline safety and an overview of the pipeline industry please visit the following Web sites:

### Pipeline Resources and Information

- Pipeline 101 • [www.pipeline101.com](http://www.pipeline101.com)
- Association of Oil Pipe Lines (AOPL) • [www.aopl.org](http://www.aopl.org)
- American Petroleum Institute (API) • [www.api.org](http://www.api.org)
- In the Pipe • Newsletter from the Oil Pipeline Industry • [www.enewsbulletin.net/aopl/](http://www.enewsbulletin.net/aopl/)
- Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) • [www.ingaa.org](http://www.ingaa.org)
- American Gas Association (AGA) • [www.aga.org](http://www.aga.org)
- Dig Safely • [www.digsafely.com](http://www.digsafely.com)
- Common Ground Alliance (CGA) • [www.commongroundalliance.com](http://www.commongroundalliance.com)

### Regulatory Agencies

- Department of Transportation (DOT) - [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)
- DOT Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) - [www.dot.gov/affairs/rspaind.htm](http://www.dot.gov/affairs/rspaind.htm)
- Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) - [phmsa.dot.gov](http://phmsa.dot.gov)
- National Transportation and Safety Board (NTSB) - [www.ntsb.gov](http://www.ntsb.gov)
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) - [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC - Oil Pipelines) - [www.ferc.gov/industries/oil.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/industries/oil.asp)
- Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) - [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) - [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

To view this information on the Web or to take our online survey, go to [www.pipelinesafetyinfo.com](http://www.pipelinesafetyinfo.com)

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Because even relatively minor excavation activities like landscaping or fencing can cause damage to a pipeline, its protective casing and/or buried utility lines, always contact your state One-Call Center before engaging in any construction or digging activities on your property. In fact, most serious damage done to pipelines is done when a third party inadvertently excavates, drills or digs within a pipeline right-of-way. By simply contacting the One-Call Center first, this type of damage can be prevented. Once the One-Call Center has been contacted, local pipeline and utility operators will come out to locate and properly mark their pipelines at the excavation site.



## Use your SENSES

### How would you recognize a pipeline leak?

Although pipeline leaks are rare, knowing how to recognize and respond to a possible leak is a key component in pipeline safety. Trust your senses. You may recognize a pipeline leak by:

- **Sight:** Liquid pools, discolored or abnormally dry soil/vegetation, continuous bubbling in wet or flooded areas, an oily sheen on water surfaces, and vaporous fogs or blowing dirt around a pipeline also can all be indicative of a pipeline leak. Dead or discolored plants in an otherwise healthy area of vegetation or frozen ground in warm weather are other possible signs.
- **Sound:** Volume can range from a quiet hissing to a loud roar depending on the size of the leak.
- **Smell:** An unusual smell, petroleum odor, or gaseous odor will sometimes accompany pipeline leaks.
  - Gas transmission/gas gathering pipelines are odorless, but may contain a hydrocarbon smell.
  - Highly Volatile liquids (HVL) can be odorless and colorless in their natural state and most are considered irritants to eyes and nose. Commercial odorants are added to many HVLs to assist in detection of a leak.
  - Gas distribution systems are odorized with the chemical Mercaptan or other similar chemicals. Mercaptan is a harmless nontoxic chemical that is added to make it easier to detect a gas leak due to its skunk like odor.
  - Landfill gas, which is becoming a popular source of natural gas, has a more pungent and unpleasant odor similar to the smell of rotting garbage.

### What to do in the event a leak were to occur

The following guidelines are designed to ensure your safety and the safety of those in the area if a petroleum product or natural gas pipeline leak is suspected or detected:

- **Leave the area** by foot immediately. Try to direct any other bystanders or unsuspecting individuals to leave the area. Attempt to stay upwind.
  - HVL vapors are heavier than air and can collect in low areas such as ditches, sewers, etc.
- If known, from a safe location, notify the pipeline operator immediately and **call 911** or your local emergency response number. The operator will need your name, your phone number, a brief description of the incident, and the location so the proper response can be initiated.
- **Turn off** any equipment and eliminate any ignition source, if able to do so without risk of injury.

### What not to do in the event a leak were to occur

- **DO NOT** come into direct contact with any escaping liquids or gas.
- **DO NOT** attempt to operate any pipeline valves yourself. You may inadvertently route more product to the leak or cause a secondary incident.
- **DO NOT** cause any open flame or other potential source of ignition such as an electrical switch, vehicle ignition, light a match, etc. Do not start motor vehicles or electrical equipment. Do not ring doorbells to notify others of the leak. Knock with your hand to avoid potential sparks from knockers.
- **DO NOT** drive into a leak or vapor cloud while leaving the area.
- **DO NOT** attempt to extinguish a petroleum product or natural gas fire. Wait for local firemen and other professionals trained to deal with such emergencies.



# Message

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- Additional Requirements from API RP 1162
  - Pipeline purpose and reliability
  - How to get additional information
  - Reference to NPMS (Transmission only)
  - Integrity Management information
  - Facility purpose
  - Security
  - Right-of-way encroachment prevention
  - Pipeline location



# Message – Common Deficiencies

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- *Messages did not include all required outreach messages*
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# **Supplemental Activities**

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- Interaction with
  - §192.614 – Damage Prevention
  - §192.615 – Emergency Plans



# Supplemental Activities

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- Emergency drills
- Planning meetings
- School visits
- Other events such as fairs, home shows
- Educational activities
  
- Documentation
  - Credit for what you do



# Supplemental Activities

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- Lack of written procedures regarding supplemental activities
- If operator did not consider supplemental activities, need to have written justification in program





# Emergency Response Liaison

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- ADB - 10 – 08, October 28, 2010
  - Emergency Preparedness Communications
  - To ensure a prompt, effective, and coordinated response to any type of emergency involving a pipeline facility, pipeline operators are required to maintain an informed relationship with emergency responders in their jurisdiction.
  - .....the need to share the operator's emergency response plans with emergency responders.



# Section 3 – Program Evaluation

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- Annual reviews or audits of Public Awareness Program
  
- Called by different terminology
  - Annual audit
  - Annual review
  - Self Assessment



# Section 3

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3.01 Measuring Program Implementation

3.02 Acceptable Methods for Program  
Implementation Audits

3.03 Program Changes and  
Improvements

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### 3. Program Evaluation & Continuous Improvement (Annual Audits)

#### 3.01 Meaning Program Implementation

Has the operator performed an audit or review of its program implementation annually since it was developed? If not, did the operator provide justification in its program or procedural manual?

(Reference: § 192.635 (c), (f); § 195.440 (c), (f); API RP 1162 Section 8.3)

- Verify the operator performed an annual audit or review of the PAP for each implementation year.

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#### 3.02 Acceptable Methods for Program Implementation Audit

Did the operator use one or more of the three acceptable methods (i.e., internal assessment, 3rd-party contractor review, or regulatory inspections) to complete the annual audit or review of its program implementation? If not, did the operator provide valid justification for not using one of these methods?

(Reference: § 192.635 (c); § 195.440 (c); API RP 1162 Section 8.3)

- Determine how the operator conducts annual audits/reviews of its PAP.

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#### 3.03 Program Changes and Improvements

Did the operator make changes to improve the program and/or the implementation process based on the results and findings of the annual audit? If not, did the operator provide justification in its program or procedural manual?

(Reference: § 192.635 (c); § 195.440 (c); API RP 1162 Section 8.3)

- Determine if the operator assessed the results of its annual PAP audit/review then developed and implemented changes in its program, as a result.
- If not, determine if the operator documented the results of its assessment and provided justification as to why no changes were needed.

# Section 3



# Program Evaluation

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- Verifying done according to one of the methods allowed by API RP 1162
  - Internal Self-assessments
  - Third party audits
  - Regulatory inspections
- If other method, operator should provide written justification



# Annual Review

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- Done according to written plan
- What items required to address
- Was plan implemented as required
- Documentation of reviews



# Annual Review – Common Deficiencies

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- *No written procedure*
- *Lack of documentation*
- *Implementation of recommended changes*

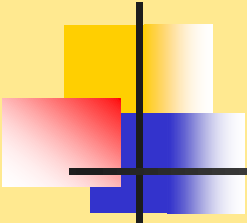


# Section 4

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- Effectiveness Evaluations
  - By June 20, 2010
  - Pretest Material
- More important than evaluation is did the operator
  - Review results,
  - Document their findings
  - Implement changes?





# Section 4

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## 4. Program Evaluation & Continuous Improvement (Effectiveness)

### 4.01 Evaluating Program Effectiveness

Did the operator perform an effectiveness evaluation of its program (or no more than 4 years following the effective date of program implementation) to assess its program effectiveness in all areas along all systems covered by its program? If not, did the operator provide justification in its program or procedural manual?

(Reference: § 192.634 (c); § 195.440 (c); API RP 1162 Section 8.6)

- Verify the operator conducted an effectiveness evaluation of its program (or no more than 4 years following the effective date of program implementation).
- Document when the effectiveness evaluation was completed.
- Determine what method was used to perform the effectiveness evaluation (in-house, by 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor, participation in and use the results of an industry group or trade association).
- Identify how the operator determined the sample size for audiences in performing its effectiveness evaluation.

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### 4.02 Measure Program Outreach

In evaluating effectiveness, did the operator track actual program outreach for each stakeholder audience within all areas along all assets and systems covered by its program? If not, did the operator provide justification in its program or procedural manual?

(Reference: § 192.634 (c); § 195.440 (c); API RP 1162 Section 8.6.1)

- Examine the process the operator used to track the number of individuals or entities reached within each intended stakeholder audience group.
- Determine the outreach method the operator used to perform the effectiveness evaluation (e.g., questionnaire, telephone surveys, etc).
- Determine how the operator determined the statistical sample size and margin-of-error for each of the four intended stakeholder audiences.

- Affected public
- Emergency officials
- Public officials
- Executives



# Section 4

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4.01 Evaluating Program Effectiveness

4.02 Measure Program Outreach

4.03 Measure Percentage Stakeholders  
Reached

4.04 Measure Understandability of Message  
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# Section 4

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4.05 Measure Desired Stakeholder Behavior

4.06 Measure Bottom-Line Results

4.07 Program Changes



## Section 4

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**Just having effective  
evaluation data does not  
meet the intent of  
evaluating program**



# Program Effectiveness – Common Deficiencies

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- *Operators considered effectiveness evaluation complete when data collected, did not review data to understand improvement opportunities*
- *Lack of understanding of survey methodologies*
- *Stakeholder audience or product type*



# Operator Challenges

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- *Information overload to stakeholders*
- *Stakeholders to stop and listen to the messages*
- *School messages because of Federal/State mandates*
- *Emergency Plan information to appropriate emergency officials*
- *Inconsistent or no documentation*

# FAQ's

Available at

<https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov>

[/comm/PublicAwareness/](#)

[PublicAwareness.htm](#)

## Stakeholder Communications

Print

### Public Awareness Programs

Public Awareness  
Regulatory Requirements

PHMSA, the pipeline industry and other stakeholders continue working to improve the outreach and effectiveness of pipeline operator public awareness programs.

API Recommended Practice

Federal pipeline safety regulations require pipeline operators to conduct continuing public awareness programs to provide pipeline safety information to four stakeholder audiences, including:

API RP 1162

API RP 1162 Summary Tables

Briefing Sheet

- affected public,
- emergency officials,
- local public officials, and
- excavators.

Workshops

Inspection Observations

FAQs

Regulatory Requirements

Inspection Form

Enforcement Guidance (Gas, 49 CFR 192)

Enforcement Guidance (Liquid, 49 CFR 195)

Federal pipeline safety regulations (49 CFR 192.616 and 49 CFR 195.440) require pipeline operators to develop and implement public awareness programs that follow the guidance provided by the American Petroleum Institute (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 1162, "Public Awareness Programs for Pipeline Operators" (incorporated by reference in federal regulation). [More...](#)

API Recommended Practice 1162

Site Plans

Inspection

Enforcement (PHMSA)

Enforcement (States)

Incident & Mileage Reports

Operator Reports

Damage Prevention

Grants

Alternative Fuels

Community Assistance and Technical Services

Land Use Planning (PLPA)

Public Meetings

API RP 1162 is an industry consensus standard that provides guidance and recommendations to pipeline operators for the development and implementation of enhanced public awareness programs. It addresses various elements of such programs, including the intended audiences, the kinds of information to be communicated, frequencies and methodologies for communicating the information, and evaluation of the programs for effectiveness. [More...](#)

Public Awareness Program Workshops

PHMSA sponsored a public workshop on effectiveness evaluations of pipeline operator public awareness programs in June 2010. Previously, PHMSA sponsored a public workshop in February 2008 and co-sponsored workshops in 2005 and in 2003 to help pipeline operators develop and implement effective public awareness programs. [More...](#)

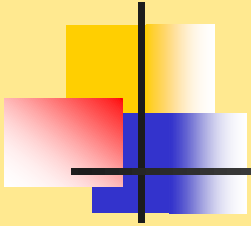
Inspection and Enforcement Documents

As part of our continuous improvement approach for inspecting pipeline operator public awareness program effectiveness, an inspection form and enforcement guidance for gas and hazardous liquid pipelines have been developed for federal and state inspectors. These documents may be modified to reflect insights and lessons learned from inspections to further assure that public awareness objectives are being achieved. Any updates to these documents will be made available when they are finalized.

Public Awareness FAQs

We have documented various frequently asked questions (FAQs) and their responses to provide insight into PHMSA's inspection approach to the issues they describe. [More...](#)





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# QUESTIONS

## Use your senses to detect a natural gas leak

Natural gas pipelines have a proven record of safety. Sometimes, however, pipeline failure can occur. Hazards associated with a pipeline failure and gas release may include blowing gas, line rupture, fire, explosion or, if gas is present in a confined area, possible asphyxiation.

Damage by outside force, often by someone digging into a pipeline, is the largest single cause of pipeline failures. Incidents may occur due to corrosion, material failure, equipment failure or other causes, also.

## Look

- Dirt being blown or appearing to be thrown in the air
- Water bubbling or being blown into the air at a pond, creek, river or other wet areas
- Fire coming from the ground or appearing to burn above the ground
- Dead or dying vegetation on or near a pipeline right of way in an otherwise green area
- Dry or frozen spot on the right of way



## Listen

- Hissing, blowing or roaring sound



## Smell

- Rotten egg or petroleum odor



## Contractors and excavators

Pipeline damage is most frequently caused by contractors doing excavation or other work that could disturb underground utility lines. Don't take chances! Dig-ins may result in loss of life, personal injury, property damage, or liability for costly repairs. Call Miss Utility at 811 at least three working days in advance of any excavation, or if you're planning to cross pipeline right-of-ways with heavy equipment or to perform blasting in the vicinity of any pipelines.



## If you hit a pipeline . . .

If you expose, hit, or touch a pipeline or other natural gas equipment, call your community's emergency responders at 911 and Columbia Gas at 1-800-544-5606 immediately. Even if it looks minor at the time, a scratch, scrape, gouge, dent or crease to the pipe or coating might cause a safety problem in the future. It's important that we inspect any potential damage, whether or not it's apparent.



## Emergency responders and public safety officials

As a public utility, we consider emergency responders as part of our safety team. It's important for fire and police officials to be familiar with the location of our pipeline facilities in their area. That's why we participate in meetings with other pipeline companies, mail information regularly, and work with emergency responders to be prepared for any possible incident.

## What the gas company will do

In the event of a pipeline emergency, our company will work to control the situation immediately by taking the following actions:

- Evacuate and isolate the area
- Notify appropriate public safety officials and work with them during the emergency
- Locate the site of the emergency and stop or reduce gas flow to the affected area
- Repair the equipment and restore service to customers

• Investigate the cause of the incident

**Emergency responders**  
 need to be quickly alerted for rapid response. We have developed a plan to assure an effective response to any emergency that may be related to work with emergency responders.

**Public safety officials**  
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call toll-free 24 hours a day  
**1-800-231-7794**

## Planning, Zoning, and Property Development

It is crucial to coordinate with pipeline operators like Spectra Energy to take the location of pipelines into consideration in land use plans, zoning, and property development activity. Pipeline depth is a crucial consideration during development planning to ensure the developer's costs for lowering or relocation are identified. Changes to the topography on either side of the pipeline may impose unacceptable stresses on the pipeline. Spectra Energy would like to coordinate the development of site plans, including those for subdivisions, roads, schools, churches, etc.

## Pipeline Emergency Training Resources

A pipeline emergency training program, developed jointly by the National Association of State Fire Marshals and the U.S. Department of Transportation, is available free to emergency responders at [www.pipelinemergencynet.com](http://www.pipelinemergencynet.com) or by calling toll free 1-877-627-3626.



In case of an emergency, call toll-free 24 hours a day  
**1-800-231-7794**

We strive every day to be North America's premier natural gas infrastructure company – and a dependable and caring neighbor. If you have questions or comments, we'd like to hear from you. Please fill out and return the enclosed feedback card, call us or write to us. Thank you for your time and support.

Frequently Asked Questions: Answers to frequently asked questions can be found on our Web site: [www.spectraenergy.com](http://www.spectraenergy.com) or contact us and we'll send you a printed version.

## How to Contact Us

If you need general information or have a non-emergency question, please call us toll-free at 1-800-231-7794 – or write to us at:

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Check us out at [www.spectraenergy.com](http://www.spectraenergy.com)

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- Algonquin Gas Transmission
- East Tennessee Natural Gas
- Mathias & Northeast Pipeline
- Opak Gas Transmission
- Opak Gas Gathering
- Opak - Market Hub Partner (MHP)
- Miss Bull - Market Hub Partner (MHP)
- Sulfur Gas Storage Company
- Wackenhut Ridge
- Wabcat Gas Storage
- Wagner Field Gathering Partner (WGP)



Pipeline Safety

## If you suspect a gas leak . . .