Safety Management Systems
API RP 1173

LGA Pipeline Safety Seminar
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10:15 – 11:00 AM
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Today’s Agenda

• PHMSA Update
• PHMSA Safety Posture Initiative
• Importance of Management Systems
• Safety Culture
• Safety management Systems (API RP 1173)
**PHMSA Leadership Update**

**Tim Butters** – has left PHMSA and will be a Senior Advisor at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as of June 8

**Marie Therese Dominguez** – nominated to be PHMSA Administrator.

previously served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) at the Department of Defense, a position she has held since 2013.

**Stacy Cummings** - PHMSA’s Interim Executive Director and senior career executive, is delegated the duties of the Administrator by Secretary Foxx, effective June 5, 2015.

served as Executive Director at the Federal Railroad Administration.
2015: What is happening

Rulemaking action continues
Covering all Congressional mandates / NTSB recommendations

Significant policy development underway:
Integrity Verification Process for HL pipelines
LNG; small scale applications to fuel transportation

Reauthorization begins
Recruiting, developing and retaining people
Rulemaking

- Excavation Damage Prevention (Final Rule)
- Miscellaneous Rulemaking (Final Rule)
- EFV Expansion beyond Single Family Residences (NPRM)
- Operator Qualification, Cost Recovery and Other Pipeline Safety Proposed Changes (NPRM)
- Plastic Pipe (NPRM)
- Standards Update (Final Rule)
- Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Lines (NPRM)
- Safety of On-Shore Hazardous Liquid Pipelines (NPRM)
- Rupture Detection and Valve Rule-NPRM being developed
Other Regulatory Developments

• NPMS Information Collection
• Integrity Verification Process for Hazardous Liquids Pipelines
• Advisory Bulletins:
  ➢ Reversals, Product Changes, Conversions
  ➢ Use of metrics in measuring IMP effectiveness
  ➢ Construction Notification
  ➢ Hurricane Preparation and Damage
  ➢ More to come from NTSB Gas IM Safety Study
PHMSA Safety Posture Initiative

- PHMSA's mission is to protect people and the environment from the risks of hazardous materials transportation. Safety is PHMSA's number one priority.
- The Office of the Chief Safety Officer (CSO) has initiated the PHMSA Safety Posture Initiative that supports DOT’s strategic priorities, and builds upon DOT's legacy of safety.
- The CSO serves as the primary advocate for safety within PHMSA and is the safety conscience of the agency.
  - Establishes and reviews PHMSA-wide safety and security policies,
  - Evaluates risk and agency performance,
  - Coordinates and harmonizes PHMSA's emergency planning and incident response, and
  - Fosters continuous improvement in PHMSA’s safety programs and the safety of PHMSA’s employees
As part of a healthy safety and reporting culture to maintain and foster continuous improvement in employee safety within PHMSA, PHMSA Employees are encouraged to report accidents or near-misses in the workplace.

- OSHA defines NEAR MISS as an incident where no property was damaged and no personal injury was sustained, but where, given a slight shift in time or position, damage and/or injury easily could have occurred.

- Identifying initiatives, both short- and long-term to bring our safety regime in line with confronting the biggest safety risks and concerns across our transportation network; and

- Identifying perceived vulnerabilities in the Department's safety priorities and activities that represent unacceptable risk to the traveling public and address them.
Safety Initiative Goals

• Advance priority rulemakings, including:
  • Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines (NPRM)
  • Pipeline Safety: Excess Flow Valves in Applications Other than Single-Family Residences in Gas Distribution Systems (NPRM)
  • Pipeline Safety: Enforcement of State Damage Prevention Laws (Final Rule)
Safety Initiative Goals

• Continue to pursue and foster non-regulatory approaches to effect continuous improvement in safety, such as Safety Management Systems, Safety Culture, and incentivizing regulated entities to move beyond mere compliance with regulations by adopting and institutionalizing voluntary, meaningful, comprehensive programs that will advance safety.

• Advance PHMSA’s pipeline damage prevention program.

• Plan for wider adoption and shifting uses and transportation of natural gas: liquefaction, transport, distribution, export, intermodal connections
Safety Initiative Goals

• Address aging pipeline infrastructure and rapid modernization and expansion (e.g., to include new construction; replacement).

• Continue to address pipeline operations and management (e.g., continuous improvement of integrity management; information collection on existing pipeline systems; and other operational changes such as flow reversals and conversions).
Underlying Principles

• The Pipeline Operator Alone is Responsible for Safe Operations:
  • It is the responsibility of pipeline operators to understand and manage the risks associated with their pipelines.

• The Regulator Can Influence Operator Performance:
  • PHMSA’s primary role is to establish minimum safety standards
  • PHMSA also strives to impact operator performance beyond mere compliance with the regulations

• API RP 1173 - Pipeline Safety Management Systems (PSMS) national consensus standard has been published
  • Support maturation of safety culture within organizations
  • Support development of safety management systems
Moving from Compliance to Choice

• Energy pipelines have graduated to the national stage, many times for the wrong reasons

• Our world must move from a “checkbox” mentality to understanding the health of our pipeline systems by analyzing and understanding data and information and promptly acting to reduce risks

• Prescription may need to be added to performance based IM regulations to address inadequacies identified in inspections and accidents
Safety Management Systems

What we discussed last year here at LGA

- Gas Transmission & Gas Gathering ANPRM from 2011
  - Topic M - Quality Management Systems (QMS)
- SMS in other Industries and their success
- NTSB Recommendations from Enbridge Marshall, MI (2012) accident to API to develop an industry standard for SMS
- First Public Meeting was held July 2, 2014 to preview the content of the draft of API RP 1173
A 3rd Public Meeting was held April 22, 2012 to discuss the publication of API RP 1173
http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings

API RP 1173 embodies the Best of a Dozen Other Approaches from Other High Hazard Industries

The goal of this document is to provide pipeline operators with a framework to review an existing PSMS or develop and implement a new PSMS.

The document is designed to provide a framework that allows for flexibility to meet an operator's unique operating environment and scalable from small to large systems.
Safety Management Systems

• Based on “Plan – Do - Check – Act” Continuous Improvement Model
• SMS adds Dimensions to Integrity Management
  • Safety Culture Elements
  • Emphasis on the Vital Check-Act Elements
• Safety Culture is defined by DOT as the shared values, actions, and behaviors that demonstrate a commitment to safety over competing goals and demands.
Safety Culture

Critical elements of a strong safety culture:

1. Leadership is Clearly Committed to Safety
2. There is Open and Effective Communication Across the Organization
3. Employees Feel Personally Responsible for Safety
4. The Organization Practices Continuous Learning
5. There is a Safety Conscious Work Environment
6. Reporting Systems are Clearly Defined and Non-Punitive
7. Decisions Demonstrate that Safety is Prioritized Over Competing Demands
8. Mutual Trust is Fostered between Employees and the Organization
9. The Organization is Fair and Consistent in Responding to Safety Concerns
10. Training and Resources are Available to Support Safety
Plan, Do, Check, Act
The core of the standard

Continuous Improvement is the Goal of the standard
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• API RP 1173

• Safety Culture implementation is first step
PSMS Processes

Essential Pipeline Safety Management System Elements

• Leadership and Management Commitment
• Stakeholder Engagement
• Risk Management
• Operational Controls
• Incident Investigation, Evaluation and Lessons Learned
• Safety Assurance
• Management Review and Continuous Improvement
• Emergency Preparedness and Response
• Competence, Awareness and Training
• Documentation and Record Keeping
Public Workshop on Pipeline Safety Management Systems

**Meeting Information**

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**Purpose & Summary**

This is a one-day public workshop to discuss the recent Pipeline Safety Management Systems (PSMS) national consensus standard. The meeting will include participation from all major pipeline sectors, State and Federal regulators, and public safety advocates. This workshop will detail the development process of the SMS standard. The workshop will also emphasize the core elements of the standard including leadership and management commitment, risk management, emergency preparedness and response, competence awareness and training, management review and continuous commitment, and the critical role of safety culture.

**Results**

**Additional Information**
PSMS Processes

- Leadership and Management Commitment (Section 5)
  - Goals and Objectives
  - Responsibilities of Leadership
  - Top Management
  - Management
  - Employees
  - Responsibility, Accountability and Authority
  - Making Communication, Risk Reduction and Continuous Improvement Routine

- When Leadership Has a More Visible Role in Demonstrating the Safety Culture it Brings Rigor to Asset Protection / Safety
PSMS Processes

• Stakeholder Engagement (Section 6)
  • Internal
  • External
  • Internal Focus on Employee Engagement, Involvement and Learning.
  • External Focus on Moving from Awareness to Dialogue to Help Identify and Control Risk and Share Performance.
  • Supports Processes to Identify and Resolve Concerns about Transparency on Safety Matters
PSMS Processes

- **Risk Management (Section 7)**
  - Data Gathering and Evaluation of Quality
  - Risk Identification and Assessment
  - Risk Prevention and Mitigation
  - Periodic Analysis
  - Analysis Report
- Responsiveness to Employee-identified Risk Builds and Improves the Safety Culture
- Identification of Operational Risks for Mitigation. (Beyond Regulatory Requirements)
PSMS Processes

• Operational Controls (Section 8)
  • Operating Procedures
  • Safe Work Practices
  • Quality and System Integrity
  • Management of Change
  • Outsourcing and Contractors

• Greater Certainty That Activities Are Performed as Expected and there is a Commitment to Safety.

• Employee Understanding That Following Procedures Is Important and can Confidently Stop Work and Identify Unsafe Activities.
PSMS Processes

• Incident Investigation, Evaluation and Lessons Learned (Section 9)
  • Investigation of Incidents
  • Follow-up and Communication of Lessons Learned
  • Learning From External Events
  • Ensures the Right Information Is Gathered from Events.
  • Sharing of Lessons Learned Within the Organization Builds the Safety Culture.
  • Uses the Incidents of Others to Prevent Their Occurrence Within the Organization.
PSMS Processes

• Safety Assurance (Section 10)
  • Audit and Assessment
  • Employee Reporting and Feedback
  • Analysis of Data
  • Performance Evaluation
  • Evaluation of Safety Culture
  • Evaluation of Maturity
  • Validation that Risk Management Is Systematic and Disciplined.
  • Evaluates the Openness of the Organization and Trust of the Employees in the Organization.
PSMS Processes

• Management Review and Continuous Improvement (Section 11)
  • Management Review
  • Input Requirements
  • Output Requirements
  • Continuous Improvement
  • Evaluation of Technology
  • Defines Opportunities and Obtains Authorization for Continuous Improvement Activities.
  • Sets Safety as a Priority.
PSMS Processes

• Emergency Preparedness and Response (Section 12)

Procedures include the following elements:
• Potential types of emergencies
• Internal and external notification requirements
• Identification of response resources and interfaces
• Recognition and use of Unified Command/ICS
• Safety, health, and environmental protection processes
• Communication plan
• Training and drills
• Lessons learned and improvement process
• Periodic review and updating of the plan

• Being Prepared Leads to Good Safety Culture Characteristics.
• Identifies the Resiliency of the Organization and Gives a Realistic Sense of Vulnerability and Therefore Watchfulness.
PSMS Processes

• Competence, Awareness and Training (Section 13)

Training to ensure that personnel and contractors are updated and aware of:

• applicable elements of the PSMS that affect their job requirements
• accountabilities, responsibilities, and authorities in executing the PSMS
• newly emerging or changing risks, problems in execution of the pipeline safety management system, and opportunities to improve processes and procedures
• potential consequences of failure to follow processes or procedures
PSMS Processes

• Documentation and Record Keeping (Section 14)
  • Control of Documents
  • Control of Records
  • Procedures
• Ensures procedures and programs are up to date
• Enables accurate reporting and tracking of data, which is the basis of learning and improvement
Executing a Pipeline Safety Management System Strengthens Safety Culture (Section 15)

Contribution of Each element:
- Leadership and Management Commitment
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Risk Management
- Operational Controls
- Incident Investigation, Evaluations and Lessons Learned
- Safety Assurance
- Management Review
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Competency, Awareness and Training
- Document Control
Why is Leadership the Heart of PDCA? Leadership is everywhere

Top Management- accountable for continuous improvement, routine review of safety performance and communications about safety

Management- ensures process, procedures and training to meet objectives; assess, evaluate and adjust as needed to meet objectives; foster continuous improvement

Employees- identify improvements, reveal risks

Consider employee, public and pipeline safety when stopping work for safety concern

Bring rigor of employee safety to asset protection
**SMS Conclusions**

SMS require More

- Intentional and systematic actions
- Diligence and oversight
- Involvement at all levels - communications
- “Go and Check” attitude

The rewards of SMS are

- Increased pipeline safety – risk reduction
- Creation/Enhanced safety oriented culture
- Broader organizational involvement
Seven Rules of Admiral Rickover

1. You must have a rising standard of quality over time, and well beyond what is required by any minimum standard.

2. People running complex systems should be highly capable.

3. Supervisors have to face bad news when it comes, and take problems to a level high enough to fix those problems.

4. You must have a healthy respect for the dangers and risks of your particular job.

5. Training must be constant and rigorous.

6. All the functions of repair, quality control, and technical support must fit together.

7. The organization and members thereof must have the ability and willingness to learn from mistakes of the past.
High Reliability Organizations

Preoccupation with failure - seeking out small faults in the system and using those to improve performance,

Reluctance to simplify – valuing diversity of views and resisting the temptation to jump to quick conclusions,

Sensitivity to operations – valuing experienced operating people who have a nuanced system understanding,

Commitment to resilience – using layers of protection, valuing redundancy in equipment and people, and

Deference to expertise – placing appropriate value on the advice of technical experts in decision making.

ORGANISATIONAL SAFETY – A NEW RESEARCH VENTURE FOR THE AUSTRALIAN PIPELINE INDUSTRY:
Dr Jan Hayes, Peter Tuft, and Professor Andrew Hopkins, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
Assessing Maturity

**Minimum Compliance**
- Lack of management involvement
- Safety is delegated down in the organization
- Cost and minimum compliance standards drive decision-making

**Program Developing**
- Management committed to “safe operations”
- Rules/procedures drive decision-making
- Supervisor-led work culture
- Focus of corrective action for deviations is punishment

**Management System in Place**
- Focus is risk-based systems and processes that drive consistent, reliable performance
- Leaders communicate expectations and goals and provide adequate resources
- Clear accountabilities and rigorous competency assurance

**Continuously Improving**
- Management focus is building and sustaining a zero incident organizational culture
- Management and staff embrace operational discipline as key to assuring human performance (employees and teams take ownership of processes)
- Work teams share learnings/best practices
- Metrics, audits, and management review become tools for predicting failures and improving (rather than “gotchas”)

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**Incident Risk**
- “Zero incidents too expensive”
- “Zero incidents a concept only”
- “Zero incidents a distant goal”
- “Zero incidents part of the job”

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**Reactive**
**Proactive**
**Predictive**
Thank you for your Participation

Websites are our primary form of communication

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