



DIMP
How Should Recordkeeping Gaps
Influence Risk Assessments
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NiSource Overview

- **Headquartered in Merrillville, IN**
- **Provide service to 3.3 million customers**
- **Maintain over 56,000 miles of distribution pipelines**
- **Operate 9 LDCs in 7 states across Midwest and Northeast**



Business Units

- **NiSource Gas Distribution (NGD)**
- **Northern Indiana Energy (NIE)**
- **NiSource Gas Transmission and Storage (NGT&S)**

Agenda

- 1. How do you identify additional information that is needed to fill gaps in system knowledge?**
- 2. What information gaps due to missing, inaccurate, or incomplete records are you identifying?**
- 3. How are you collecting the additional information needed to fill gaps due to missing, inaccurate, or incomplete records?**
- 4. What data do you capture and retain on a new pipeline installation?**

Information Needed to Fill Gaps

- **How do you identify additional information that is needed to fill gaps in system knowledge?**
 - **When analysis and threat assessment indicates that additional infrastructure information may be necessary.**
 - **When more information is needed to evaluate future potential threats or other currently unforeseen reasons**
 - **New knowledge**
 - **New threats**
 - **Other information that substantially alters DIMP program**
 - **Identify gaps in information through SME input during our risk evaluation of our system.**

Information Gaps

- **What information gaps due to missing, inaccurate, or incomplete records are you identifying?**
 - Identifying opportunities to collect additional data from leakage repair and facility damage records
 - Cross bore data
 - Building a graphical representation of projects and leaks utilizing Optimain and GIS to better understand segment specific risks
 - Service stubs
 - Field fabricated risers
 - Isolated steel service lines

Data Collection

- **How are you collecting the additional information needed to fill gaps due to missing, inaccurate, or incomplete records?**
 - **Considering the use of Pipe Exposure Data Form currently used for steel main exposures during O&M activities.**
 - **Material failure reports**
 - **ADHOC reports created to capture data from leakage records**
 - **Identification of field assembled risers and meter protection requirements while conducting three year service line leakage surveys.**

Data Capture on New Pipelines

- **What data do you capture and retain on a new pipeline installation?**
 - **Material Component (e.g., pipe, valve, fitting),**
 - **Material Type (e.g., steel, plastic),**
 - **Diameter,**
 - **Pipe Wall Thickness,**
 - **Pipe Grade,**
 - **Manufacturer,**
 - **Person Conducting Pressure Test,**
 - **Test Pressure & Duration,**
 - **Quantity,**
 - **In-Service Date, and**
 - **Location (e.g., County, City, Street).**

Action Plans to Enhance Data

- **NiSource Distribution Operations is evaluating the current capabilities for material tracing.**
- **Current Technology**
 - **Barcodes**
 - **Linear Barcodes (limited data storage)**
 - **2D Barcode Matrix**
 - **RFID**
 - **Information is held on the chip and can be transmitted electromagnetically to a remote reader**
- **Codes & Standards**
 - **The interest level in barcoding and RFID for material tracing has accelerated with the finalization of 192 Subpart P**
 - **Work completed on a new ASTM F2897-11 Standard for all types of gas fittings & pipe**
(<http://www.astm.org/Standards/F2897.htm>)

Questions