

## Quarterly Report - Public

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### 1: Work Performed During this Quarterly Period

Task 6 – Risk Mitigation Decision Support: Work in this task established a decision-making tool based on the consequences of the corrosion risk. The consequences of the damage identify the leak-rupture boundary (LRB) where the likelihood of rupture would occur. LRB is defined as the operating pressure threshold at which the defect causes a release of gas without pipe rupture.

The LRB probability distribution was incorporated in a web-based program for the user to identify the constraints where existing pipe and operating conditions would result in a high likelihood of pipe rupture.

Several assumptions are commonly used to establish the relationships and causalities of the parameters. The distributions and relationships were produced from the Maxey-Folias LRB relationships and from historical distributions of the pipe and flaw parameters. The decision regarding the response to LRB probability as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 2 shows the data input page for the calculation of LRB. The user inputs soil and pipe characteristics for the estimate. Default distributions are assumed for unknown parameters, which increases the time to run the calculations. An output of a program run presents the likelihood of the rupture based on input parameters.

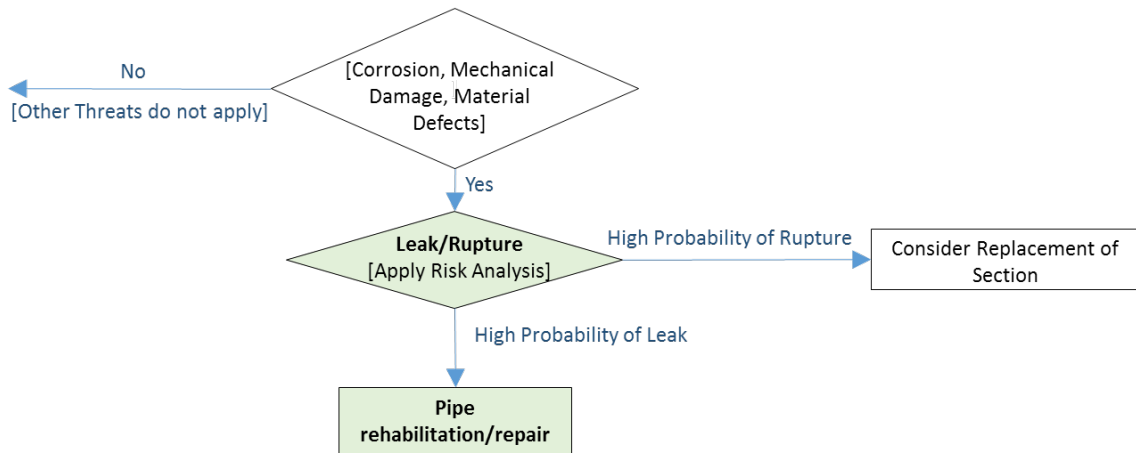


Figure 1 - Threat interaction flow chart

### ≡ Leak Rupture Boundary (LRB)

Estimation of Leak-Rupture Likelihood based on Maxey-Folias LRB equations

#### Inputs

Answer as many or few questions as you like. The more you answer, the more accurate the estimates.

Enter details

Enter Pipe Properties

Outside Diameter	Wall Thickness	Yield Strength (psi)	CVN (ft_lb)	Elastic Modulus	Operating Pressure [50 - 2,000 psi]
12.0	0.28	52000.0	30.0	3.0E7	750

Enter Flaw Characteristics

Flaw Length [1 - 16 in.]	Fracture Area
9	0.124

Click the blue button below to calculate predictions based on your answers:

**Calculate**

Figure 2 - Data input of the leak-rupture entry page

## 2: Project Schedule

Figure 1 shows the project schedule and progress as of the end of 9<sup>th</sup> Quarter. No time-related issues are reported in this quarter.

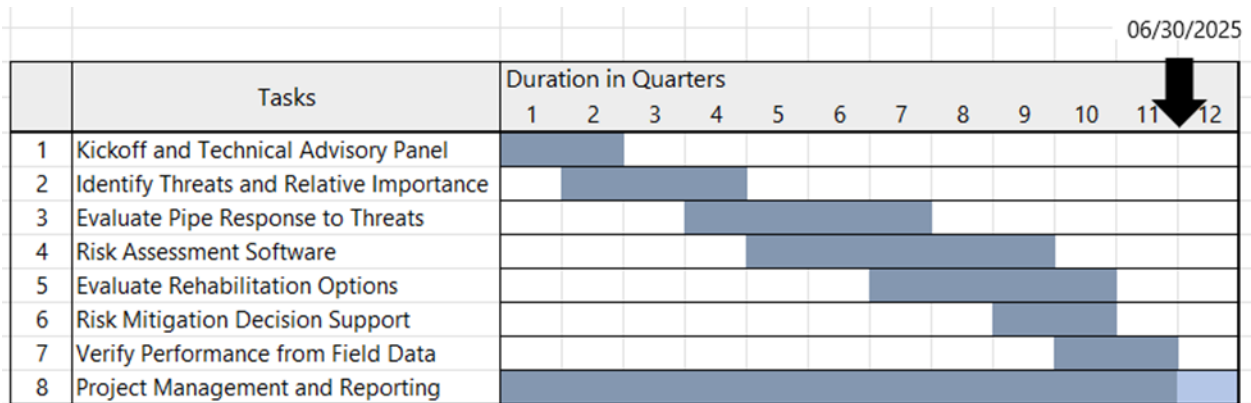


Figure 1 - Project time schedule

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