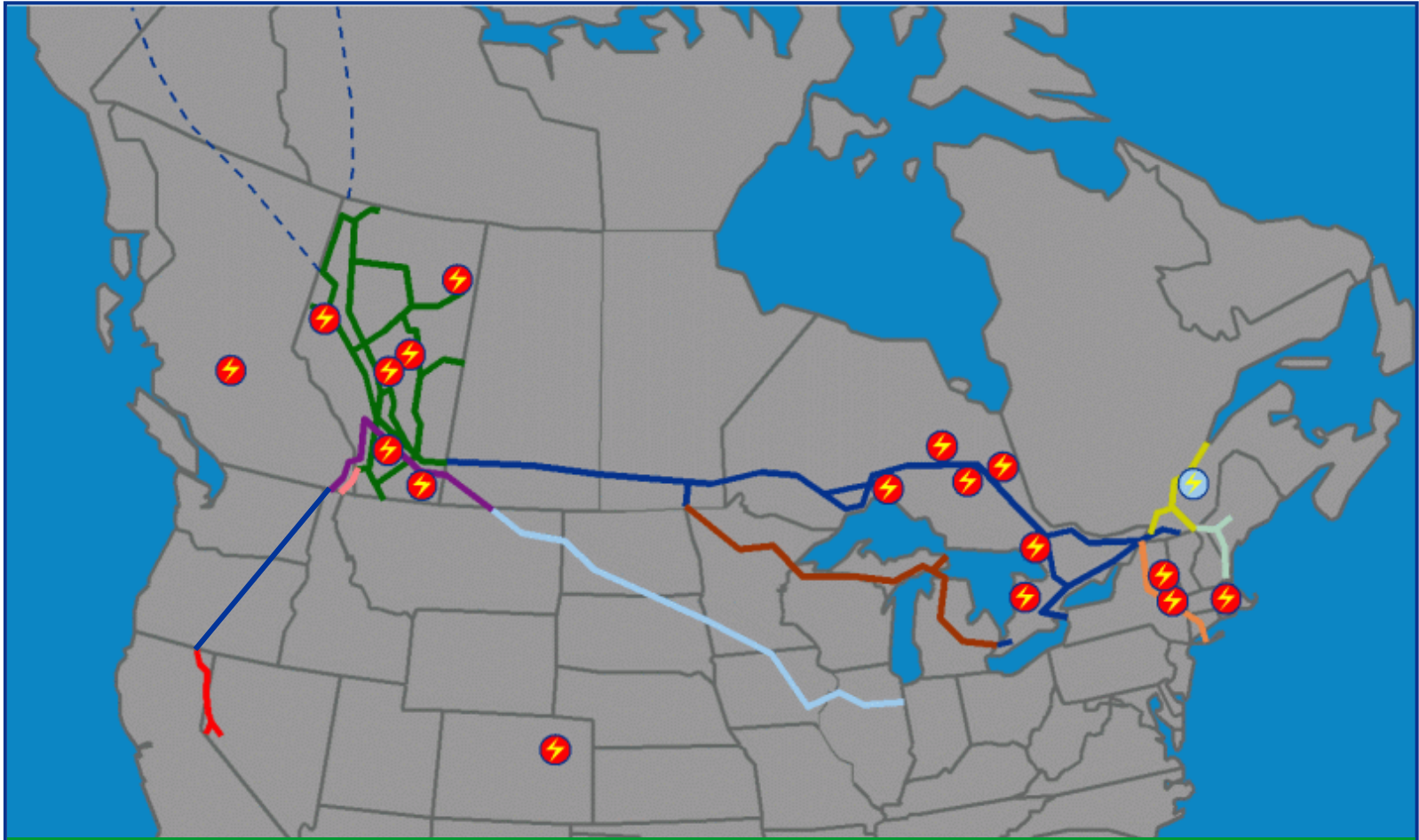


# SCC Direct Assessment Experience Government/Industry R&D Forum

A **TransCanada** Perspective



# Gas Transmission and Power assets



**Transmission - 42,000 kms (26,000 miles) of pipeline;  
Power - 19 Plants**

# SCC at TransCanada



Managing Near Neutral pH and High pH SCC since mid 1980s

Extensive experience and R&D in:

- Susceptibility assessments – Soils modeling
- Hydrostatic testing
- ILI – Elastic Wave, EMAT, USCD
- MPI, In ditch sizing, Severity analysis
- Pressure spectrum analysis

Participated in development of CEPA SCC Guidelines and NACE SCCDA RP

# In-House SCCDA Document



Written in Accordance with:

- Part A3 of ASME B31.8S,
- CEPA SCC Recommended Practices, and
- NACE RP 0204-2004 Recommended Practice

Modified to reflect knowledge from

- Company Experience and R&D
- PRCI R&D
- JIPs
- R&D by others

# In-House SCCDA Document



Insure Compliance to:

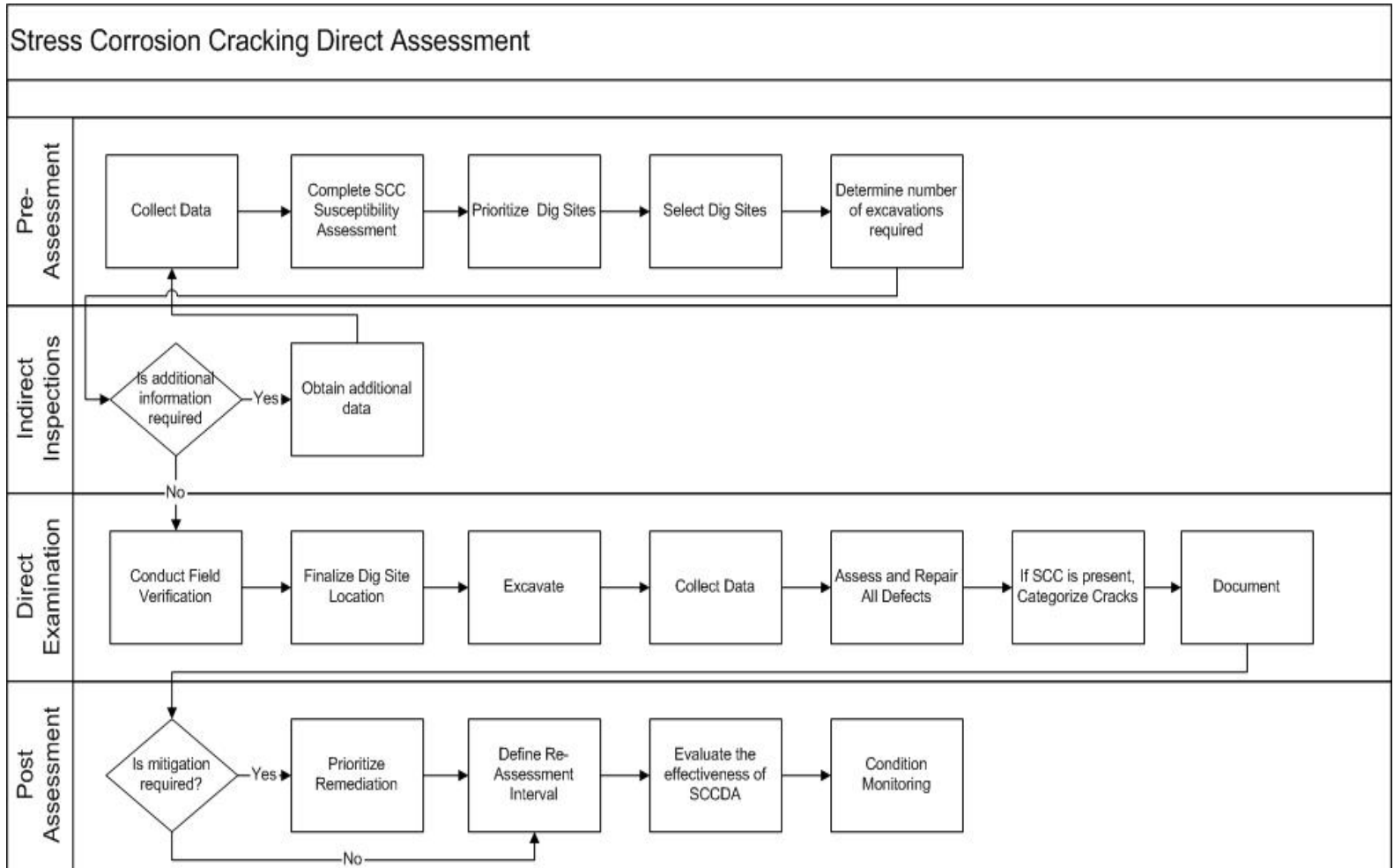
- Recommended Practices
- 49 CFR 192, Subpart O
- Company Integrity Management Practices
- Consistent and technically sound application
- Improve safety and prevent future SCC impact

# In-House SCCDA Document



- Addresses High pH and Near Neutral pH SCC
- Gas and Liquid Pipelines
- Complements ILI and Hydrostatic Testing for SCC
- Identifies locations where SCC MIGHT occur in the future, not only where it is known to exist
- Condition Monitoring
  - Leverage digs for other reasons (ILI corrosion repairs + other)

# 4 Step Process



# Dig Site Selection



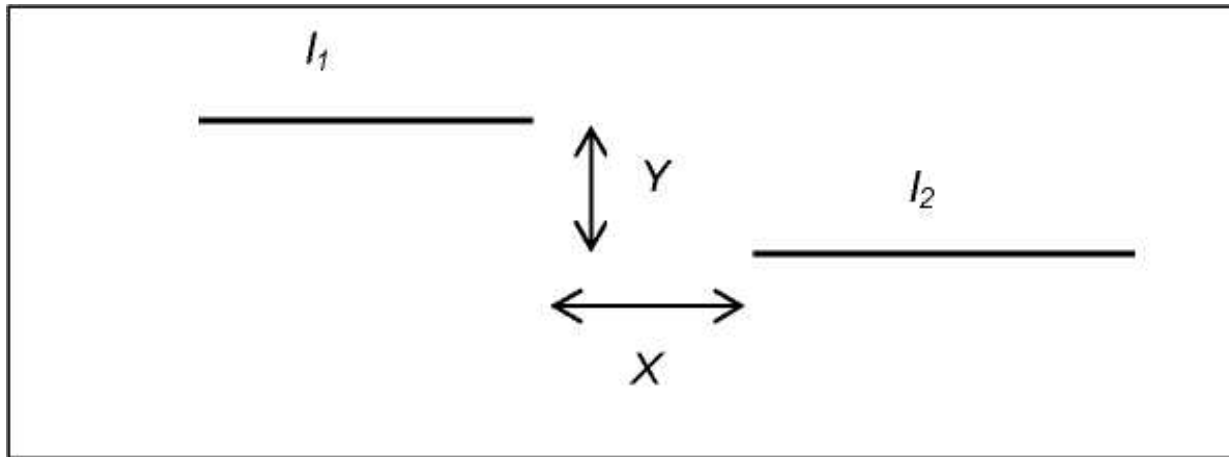
- Modified susceptibility criteria
- Segment defined as pipe between Compressor Stations
- Not Valve to Valve
- Dig most probable SCC site in Segment to assess all HCAs
- “Dig” defined as 1 joint + 2 Girth Welds



# Maximum Crack Length and Crack Interaction



- Crack interaction is dependent on the circumferential and axial separation between individual (or interlinked) cracks



# Crack Severity Rating



## Crack Severity

## Crack Failure Pressure Criteria

Category 1

Less than 10% deep or will not fail a hydrotest even if 40% deep and  $> 110\%$  SMYS

Category 2

$\leq 110\%$  and  $\geq (SF)MAOP$

Category 3

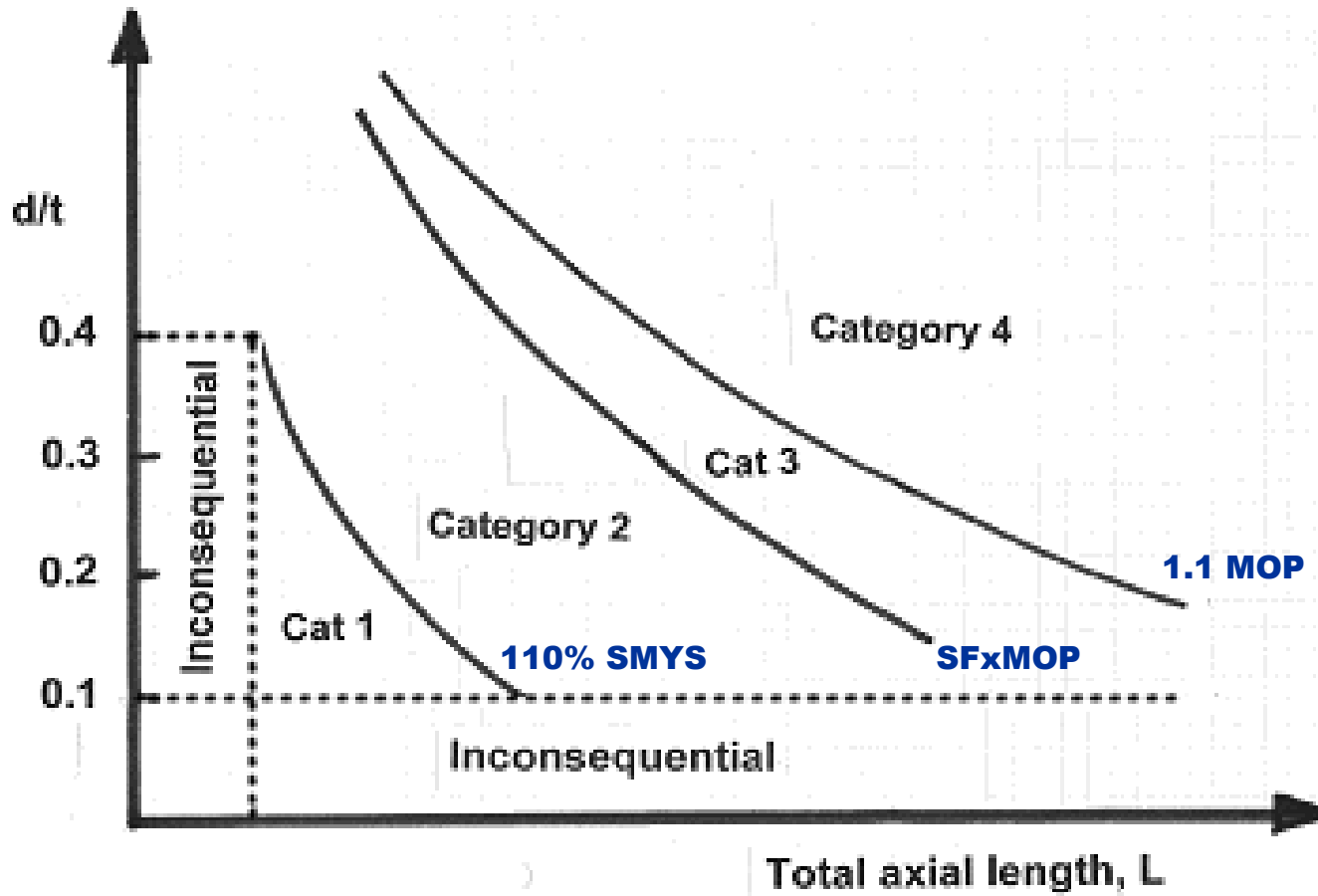
$< (SF)MAOP$

Category 4

$< 1.1 MAOP$

SF = Safety Factor: 1.25 or 1.39 or as appropriate

# Crack Severity Rating



# General Forms of Mitigation



- Hydrostatic testing of affected segment or segments.
- ILI when appropriate.
- Extensive pipe replacements.
- Recoating.
- More investigative excavations.
- Condition Monitoring.

## Mitigation by Severity: Category 1



Less than 10% deep or will not fail a hydrotest even if 40% deep and  $> 110\%$  SMYS

- SCC Condition Monitoring until next investigative examination
- Re-inspect in 10 yrs

## Mitigation by Severity: Category 2



$\leq 110\%$  and  $\geq (SF)MAOP$

- These cracks will fail a hydrostatic test
- Perform an engineering critical assessment
- Determine the appropriate timeline for mitigation activity
- Determine the appropriate mitigation activity (Hydrotest, ILI, more direct examinations, discrete mitigation)
- Re-inspect in 3 years at a minimum

## Mitigation by Severity: Category 3



< (SF)MAOP

- Consider pressure restriction (derate)
- Schedule hydrotest, ILI, discrete mitigation

## Mitigation by Severity: Category 4



< 1.1 MAOP

- Failure imminent
- Reduce operating pressure
- Urgent hydrostatic test, ILI, or discrete mitigation



# Needs



In ditch sizing & detection methods

Alternative to MPI, reliable, accurate NDT

Improved ILI tools, detection, discrimination, sizing

Other NDT technologies?

Crack interaction, significance, growth rates

Operating practice influence

Validation of SCCDA via ILI

# Questions

