### **Pipeline Usage in the Future**

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### **Topics**

- 1. Technology Innovation Program (TIP) Funded Programs
- 2. Research in NDE Techniques, esp. Wideband Acoustic Emission
- 3. Staffing Plans in NDE Program

### **Ultrasonic Reference Block Calibration**



#### **Reference Blocks and Transducer**



#### Other SRMs RM 8458 - Artificial Flaw for Eddy Current

**Obsolete** SRM 1001 – X-ray Film Step Tablet SRM 1821 – Penetrant Test Block SRM 1842 and 1843 - Laminography IQIs SRM 4200 – Gamma Ray Point Sources

## Peak oil

- Are we there yet?
- If not, then soon
- How will this change the energy landscape?



#### **Pipeline Usage in the Future**

Pace of change in products is increasing

- Some resources nearly depleted
- New products expanding (ethanol, CO2)
- New Administration
  - Develop national biofuel market plan
  - Coordinate infrastructure policy
  - Improved sustainability of production

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### Ethanol

- ▶ 5 B gallons in 2007
- ▶ 9 B gallons in 2009 (10% of gasoline usage)
- > 20 B gallons in 2015 (15 corn 5 cellulosic)



# Hydrogen

- 6 B kilograms produced in 2008
- Transportation costs are substantial
  \$10 per kilogram by tank truck
  - $\circ$  \$ 3 per kilogram as liquid in truck
  - \$ 1 per kilogram by pipeline





## Carbon capture and storage

- Carbon cap-and-trade being promoted
- CO2 must be transported from sources to repositories



## **Bottom line**

#### Likely repurposing of pipelines

• What will happen to passivating coatings?

• Will there be different interactions at pits and cracks?

