



PHMSA RESEARCH & TECHNICAL PERSPECTIVES



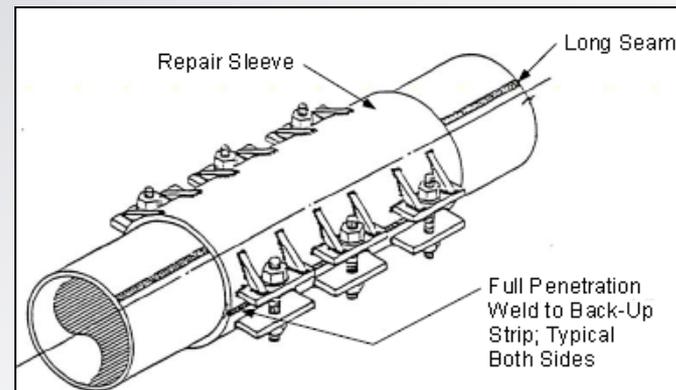
Working Group 4 – Anomaly Repair/Remediation
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Anomaly Repair/ Remediation Research

- Stakeholder input sought/generated for detection/characterization research at 4 Pipeline R&D Forums and other public events
- Solicited for related topics in 7 research solicitations since 2002
 - However not all solicited topics successful in becoming new research
- Related Investment: 8 product/process development/improvement projects using \$1.4M (PHMSA)





Notable Outputs/Impacts

FINAL REPORT
Project Number R 2269-01R

UPDATED PIPELINE REPAIR MANUAL
REVISION 6

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Revision of a widely used repair manual



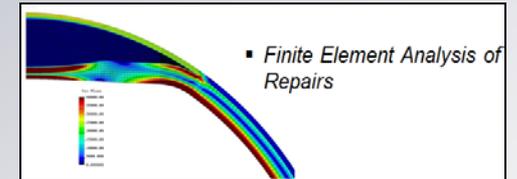
Current Research

Selection of Pipe Repair Methods

The research project addresses the repair of non-leaking metallic pipelines.

The research results will provide pipeline operators with the following:

- Testing protocols to establish properties requirements of the repair systems,
- Procedures for the selection and design of the repair systems (with focus on composite repairs),
- Enhanced procedures for installation of the repair methods to reduce the risks associated with faulty or ineffective repairs.





Challenge - What are best practices for pipe cracking remediation?

- **Pipe Cracking – types**
 - Longitudinal, Circumferential, and Seam
 - All pipe sizes and locations
 - SCC
- **How do we evaluate these issues?**
 - Better construction practices and coatings
 - Monitoring: leaks, failures, coatings, and loads
 - Inspection – inline, excavations and right-of-way
 - Remediation measures
 - NACE
 - ASME



Challenge - Hydrostatic testing

- **NTSB Recommendation P-11-15:** *Amend Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 192 of the Federal pipeline safety regulations so that manufacturing- and construction-related defects can only be considered stable if a gas pipeline has been subjected to a post-construction hydrostatic pressure test of at least 1.25 times the maximum allowable operating pressure.*
- PHMSA is reviewing options for strengthening Part 192 for confirming pipeline defect stability from manufacturing, construction, and operations for pipelines operating in accordance with the:
 - Grandfather Clause (§ 192.619) and
 - Existing natural gas pipelines with pressure tests below 1.25 times MAOP, and
 - New construction of natural gas pipelines.



Other Pipeline Challenges

- **In-Line Inspection Data**
- **Cast Iron Pipe**
- **Depth of Cover**
- **Pipeline Design Life**
- **Preventing/Mitigating Ground Movements**
- **Construction Quality**