



Description To describe the process for providing continuing surveillance on the pipelines. This will include surveillance following extreme weather events and natural disasters.

Regulatory Applicability Regulated Transmission Pipelines
 Regulated Gathering Pipelines (

 Regulated Distribution Pipelines

Frequency Ongoing

Reference 49 CFR 192.613 *Continuing Surveillance*

Forms / Record Retention F-192.613/Life of Pipeline

Related Specifications Emergency Operations Plan(EOP)

OQ Covered Task None



Procedure Steps

Responsibilities for continuing surveillance are distributed throughout the company. Each work order has a designated person or position that is responsible for completing that task.

It is the overall responsibility of the District Manager to review work orders or any forms completed during routine maintenance of the line along with any safety related condition reports, incident reports, emergency actions, pipeline integrity reports and any other relevant data.

Special attention should be paid to changes in class location, failures, leakage surveys, corrosion, substantial changes in cathodic protection requirements, and other unusual operating and maintenance conditions.

Information from these reviews is used to determine the overall integrity of the pipeline and any trends that could lead to pipeline failures.

If a segment of pipe is determined to be in unsatisfactory condition, but without immediate hazards existing, the operator will develop and initiate a program to recondition or phase out the segment involved, or if this is not possible, reduce the maximum operating pressure in accordance with 49 CFR 192.619(a) and (b).

If the District Manager determines a segment of pipeline is unsafe, he will take immediate steps to have the segment repaired, replaced, or removed from service.

In the case of an extreme weather event or natural disaster, the EOP is to be activated. As required in the EOP the operator must inspect all potentially affected pipelines to detect any new hazards that may have occurred from the event. The inspection should be made when the operator determines the area can be accessed safely by personnel and equipment. In the event that the inspection cannot be completed within 72 hours, notification must be made to the compliance department. The compliance department will notify the appropriate PHMSA region director as soon as possible.

Following the inspection, the operator must take prompt and appropriate remedial actions to ensure the safe operation of pipeline. Document inspection and any actions taken on F-192.613. Such actions may include

1. Reducing the operating pressure or shutting in pipeline
2. Modifying, repairing or replacing any damaged pipeline facilities
3. Preventing, mitigating or eliminating any unsafe conditions in ROW
4. Performing additional patrols, surveys, tests, or inspections
5. Implementing emergency response activities with Federal, State or local personnel
6. Notifying affected communities of the steps that can be taken to ensure public safety