



U.S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration



NAPSR – PHMSA Public Workshop on DIMP Implementation



**National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives
Office of Pipeline Safety**

Darin Burk, Illinois



NAPSR Perspectives

1. Introductory Remarks on Implementation of the DIMP Regulation
2. NAPSR perspective regarding Industry's Implementation of the DIMP Regulation in relation to expectations.
3. Regulators primary areas of concern at this point.
4. Specific insights that State Regulators have into improving the integrity of distribution pipeline systems?



Implementation of the DIMP Regulation by Operators

- NAPSAR Expectations regarding Operator Implementation
- How can NAPSAR help Operators?
- How can Operators help NAPSAR?



How can implementation meet regulatory expectations?

- Risk reduction should supersede fiscal concerns
- DIMP must address operator's specific operating environment
- Full Operator commitment to succeed.
- Improved Safety and Reliability



Areas of Concern

- The DIMP should evolve into an overall Integrity Management Program that integrates with the Operator's other Management Systems
- Replacement Programs – Only an element of DIMP
- Resource Allocation to tasks specific to DIMP
- A good DIMP should drive resource allocation



Distribution System Integrity

- Vintage pipe removal
- Appropriate risk mitigation
- Addressing the unknowns
- Addressing the potential threats
- DIMP should eventually be the primary driver for the Operator's other Distribution Management Systems



Thank you for Your Participation

**Your attendance today
demonstrates your commitment
to national pipeline safety.**