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NAPSR – PHMSA Public Workshop on DIMP Implementation



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

**Breakout Session 3A
Small to Medium-sized Operators**



Purpose of Breakout Session

1. Discussion for Small and Medium-Sized Gas Distribution Operators on various topics regarding the implementation of distribution IM Programs and meeting the Requirements of the DIMP Rule.
2. Operators should share their experiences and perspectives on developing and implementing a DIMP.
3. Discussion of Tools available to assist small to medium-sized operators and what else is needed for the future.



Discussion Topics (for starters)

- Discuss Approaches taken for Developing and Implementing a DIM Program
- Identify Difficulties encountered during Implementation and Discuss how they were addressed
- Identify Specific Measures Implemented to Reduce Risk and their associated Performance Measures
- Discuss Measures to facilitate Continuous Improvement of DIM Programs and their Implementation
- What practices is industry employing that have proven to be beneficial for efficiently implementing a DIMP and/or improving the integrity of the distribution pipeline system?



More Possible Discussion Topics

- What specific Areas of Concern does Industry have? What are the primary difficulties in implementing DIMP for operators? What suggestions exist for improvements and solutions?
- Observations on PHMSA/State inspections, if the operator has been subject to such inspection.
- What is Industry's perspective concerning the DIMP implementation inspections that have been conducted to date?
- Identify Tools or Techniques that need to be Developed to support Implementation of Operators' DIM Programs



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