



**Marathon  
Pipe Line LLC**

# **Hazardous Liquids (HL) Integrity Verification Process (IVP) Public Workshop • August 27, 2015**

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# Marathon Pipe Line LLC Operations



- One of the largest U.S. petroleum pipeline systems, *based on total volumes delivered*
- Operates more than **6,000 miles** of pipelines in **14 states** (Midwest, Gulf Coast, Wyoming)
- Safely controls the movement and delivery of an average of **120 million gallons of crude oil and petroleum products daily**
- Operates **205** aboveground petroleum storage tanks at **39** different U.S. locations
- Operates **11** active storage caverns at **3** cavern facilities





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

***Our mission is to protect people and the environment  
from the risks of hazardous materials transportation***

***Our vision is that no harm results from hazardous  
material transportation***



# API-AOPL Shared Pipeline Safety Principles



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**Zero Incidents**

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**Organization-Wide Commitment to Safety**

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**Safety Culture**

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**Continuous Improvement**

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**Learn from Experience**

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**Safety Systems for Success**

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**Employ Technology**

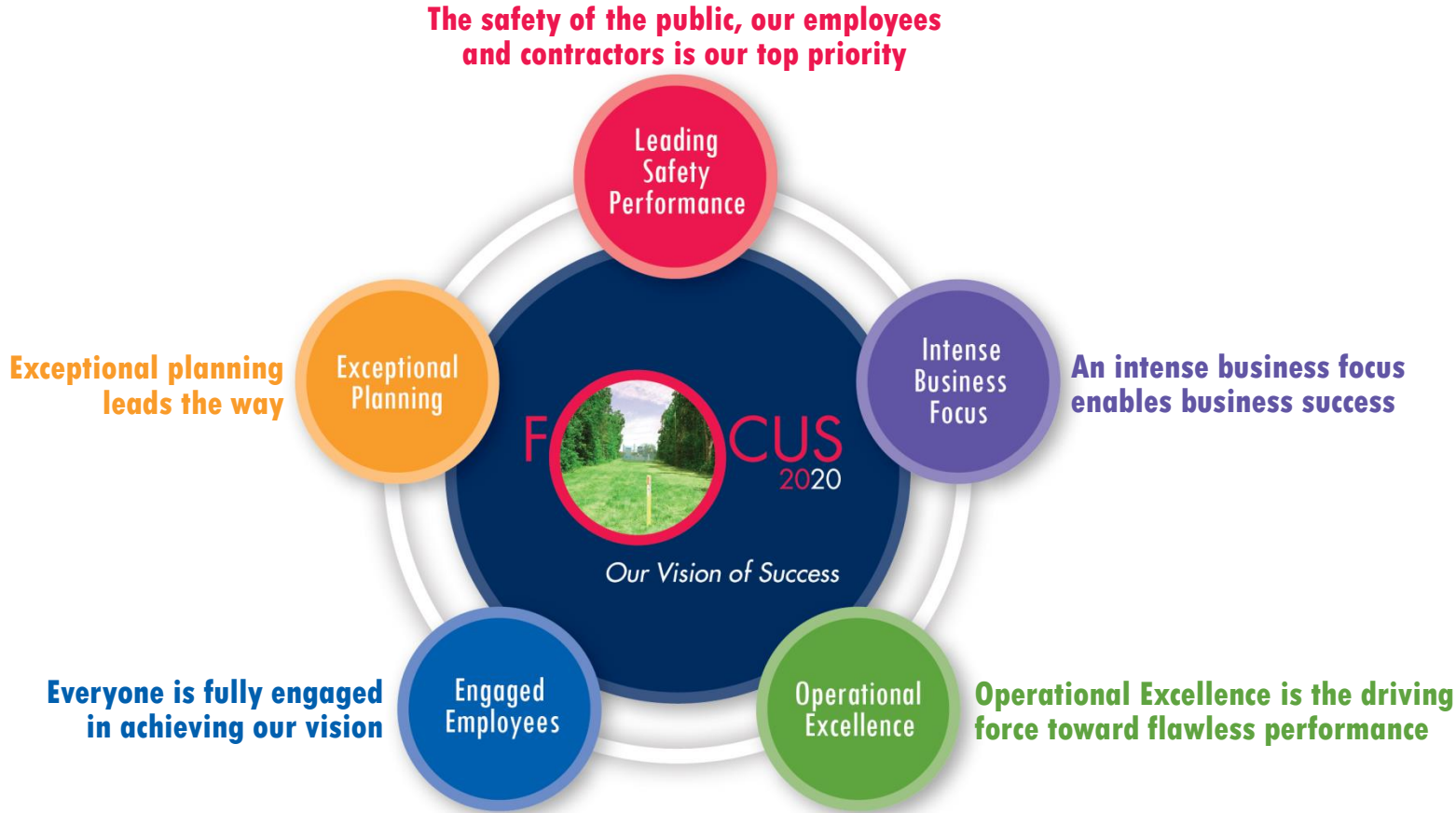
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**Communicate with Stakeholders**

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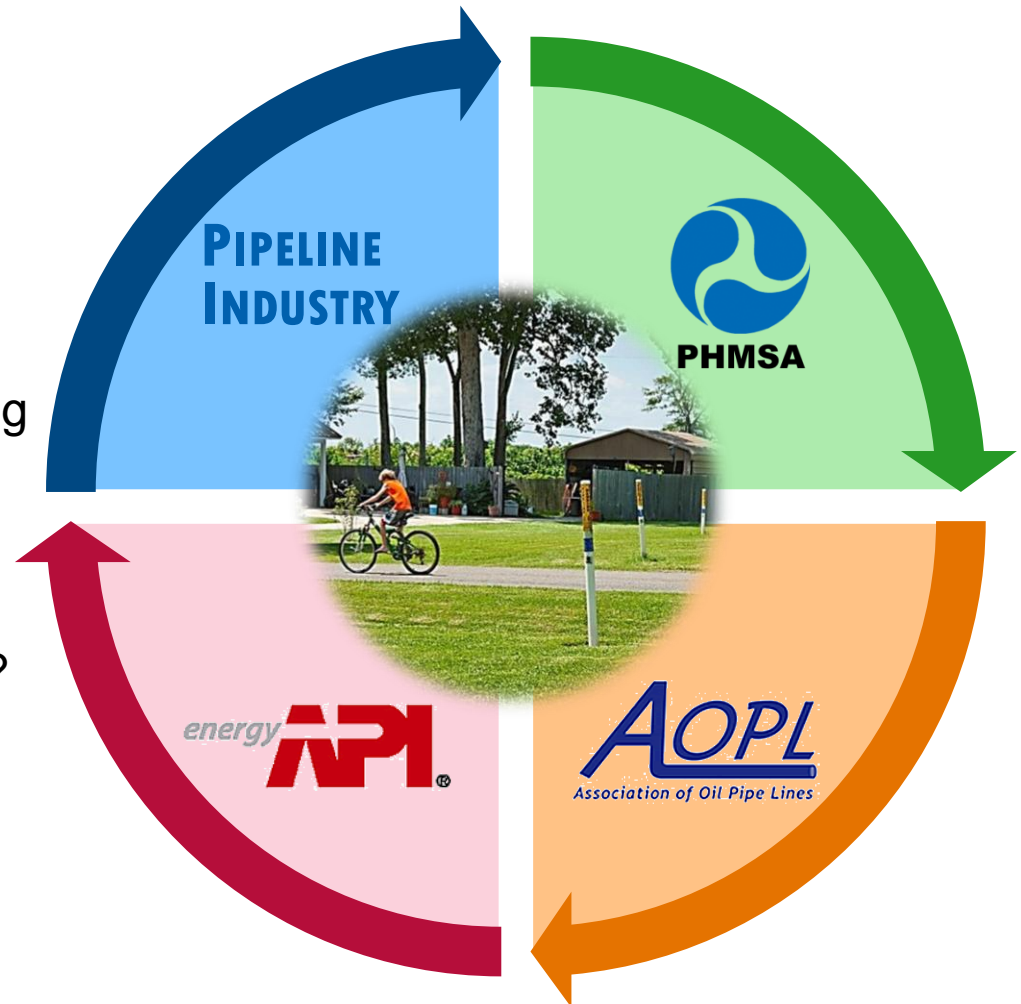
# Marathon Pipe Line LLC – Guiding Principles



# Alignment of Objectives



- PHMSA and the hazardous liquids pipeline industry, including Marathon Pipe Line LLC (MPL), **all share similar aspirations**
- Does the proposed IVP **effectively help achieve them?**



## *What is it?*

- An integrity assessment method to **identify/eliminate particular critical defects**
- Not a tool for establishing or verifying Maximum Operating Pressure (MOP)

## *Benefits*

- Incrementally higher spike test pressure above MOP provides longer fatigue life



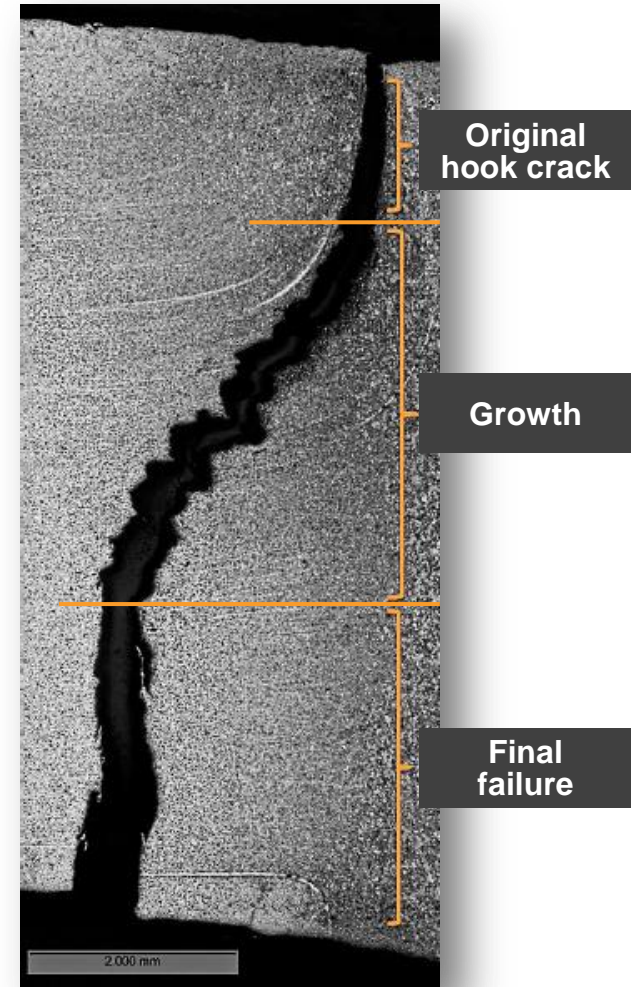
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## **Damage**

- Can cause otherwise stable/benign flaws to begin to grow through fatigue

## **Limitations**

- Does not provide insight on other potential sub-critical flaws
- No reason to pursue for most lines operating at lower stress level



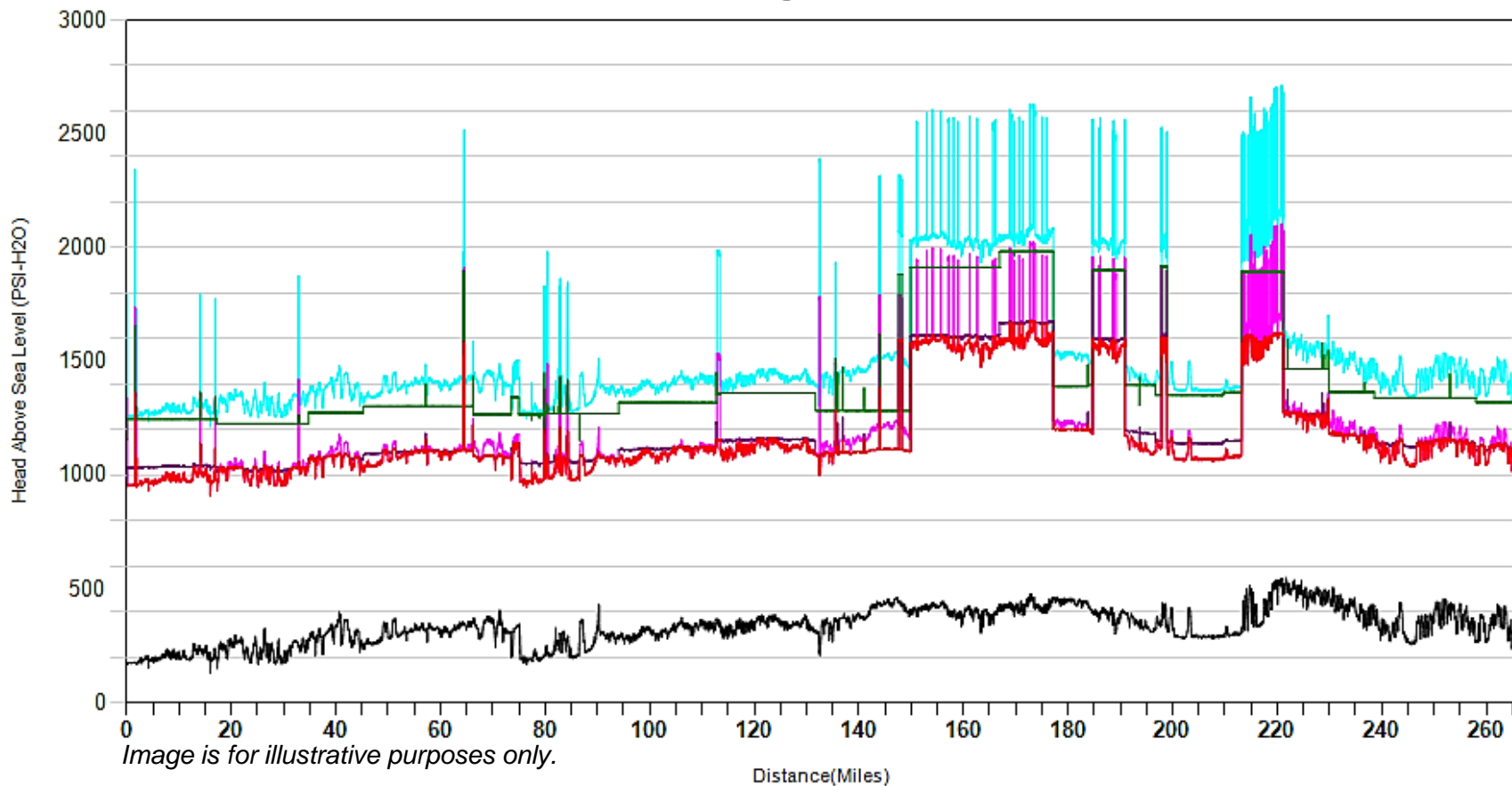
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# MOP Profile Example



## Maximum Operating Pressure Profile

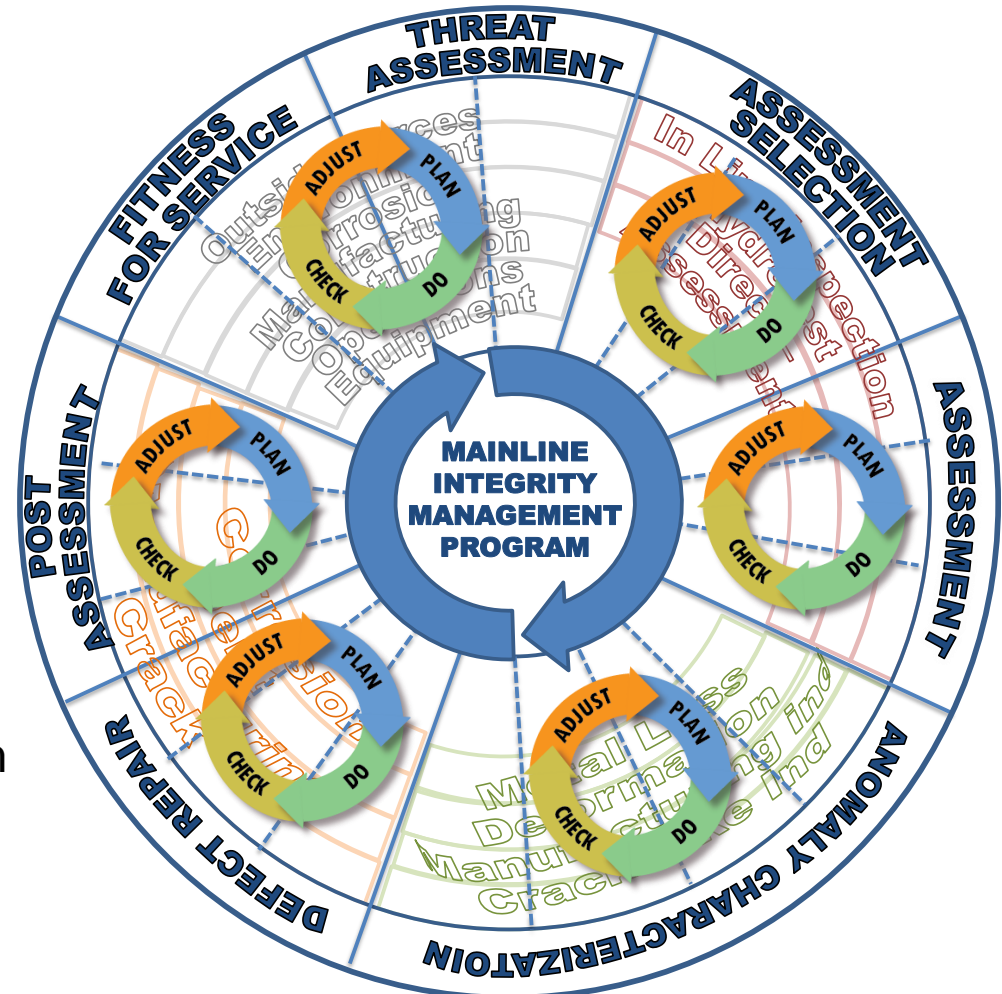


*Not practical or technically sound to spike test each thickness/grade combination based on %SMYS*

# Engineering Critical Assessment



- Uncertainty remains on what PHMSA intends
- Pipeline Research Council International project underway to develop guidance
- Engineering analyses are already integral to integrity management
- Unique to each pipeline system



- The suggested approach ***will not be practical in most cases*** and provide only limited value
- Even the most complete recordkeeping ***might not reveal vulnerabilities***
- Need to pursue technology solutions/alternatives to ***address higher-risk gaps***
- Successful SubPart E hydrotest should be ***an acceptable alternative***

# Working Together to Accomplish Objectives



- ✓ Technical experts need to be **focused on mitigating highest risks**
- ✓ Diversion of resources to non-value-adding activities **introduces vulnerabilities**
- ✓ Integrity management **cannot be reduced** to a one-sized-fits-all algorithm
- ✓ Risk mitigation needs to be **laser-focused** on a system-by-system basis
- ✓ Need to address **specific global technical weaknesses** through collaboration

