

Identifying/Managing the Manufacturing Threat

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Our Purpose: What We do



El Paso provides natural gas and related energy products in a safe, efficient, and dependable manner



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Our Operational Excellence Vision & Values

the place to work

Employees
Safety

the neighbor to have

Compliance
Facility Integrity

the company to own

Reliability
Profitability
Customer Service

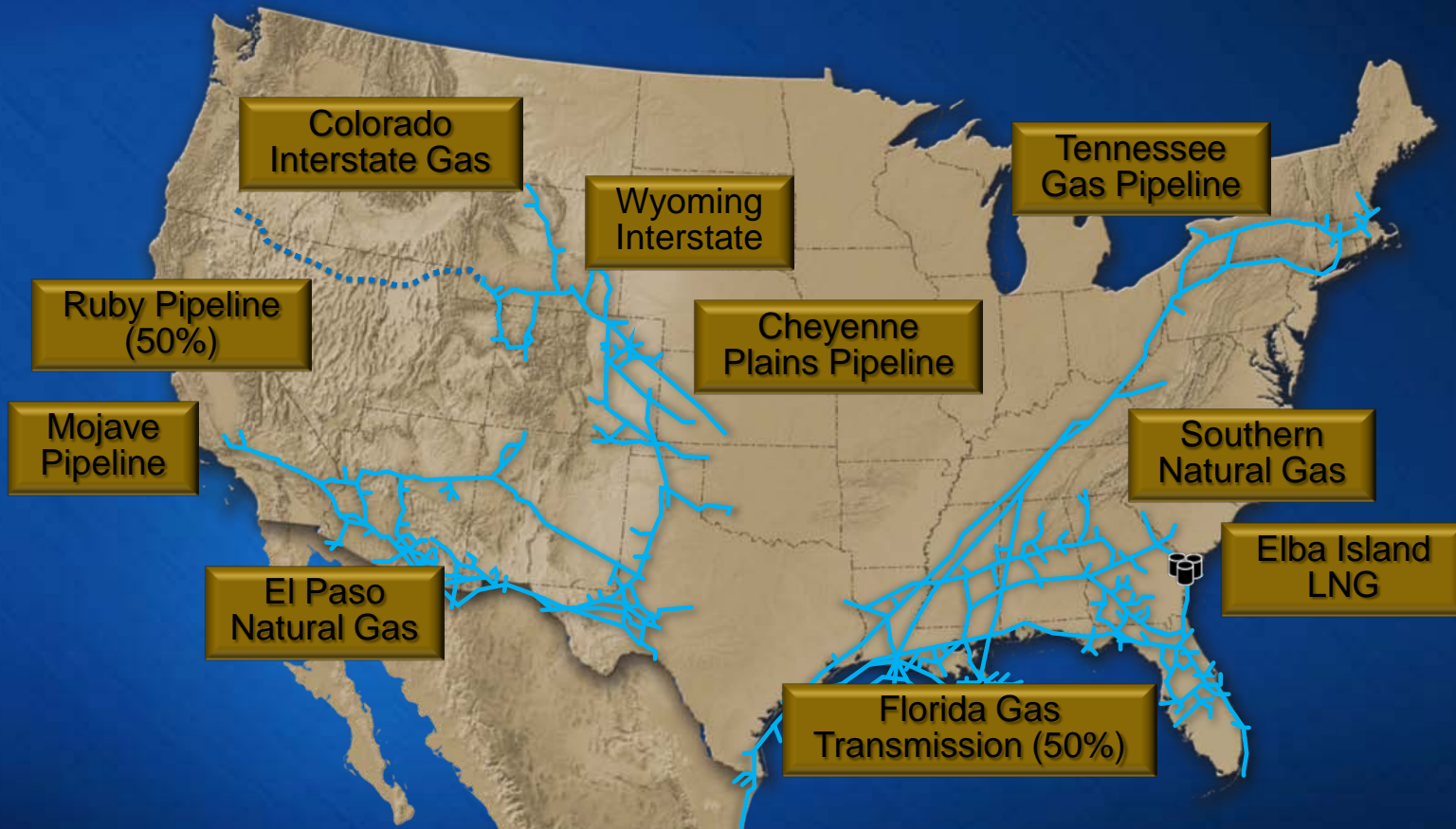


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Agenda

- El Paso System
- IMP Methodology
- Assessment experience
- Current Activity – Case Study
- Next Steps

Our Pipeline Systems



- 19% of total U.S. interstate pipeline mileage
- 26 Bcf/d capacity (15% of total U.S.)
- 19 Bcf/d throughput (30% of gas delivered to U.S. consumers)

EP's Pipeline Infrastructure

● Pipeline Infrastructure

- **37,454 miles**
 - *31,117 mi under ILI Program on track to be inspected by 2012*
- **32,499 miles capable of being inspected by ILI**

● Vintage Analysis

■ Pre- 40's	758 mi
■ 40's	4,418 mi
■ 50's	13,914 mi
■ 60's	5,847 mi
■ 70's	3,104 mi
■ 80's	2,588 mi
■ 90's	3,016 mi
■ 2000	3,809 mi

● Diameter Analysis

■ 4" or less	945 mi
■ > 4 thru 10"	4,218 mi
■ >10" thru 20"	9,582 mi
■ >20 thru 28"	10,045 mi
■ > 28"	12,664 mi

El Paso Pipeline Group HCAs

Total for EPPG – 978.5 miles of pipe / 1,555 HCAs (5/16/11)



IMP Methodology – Manufacturing Threat

- Pipe Manufacturer & Seam Type
 - Incident history – Company and Industry
 - Increased risk factor based on data
- History of Incidents in/near HCA
 - Previous Pressure Test?
 - Land stability?
- Pre-1970 ERW, Flash weld (Pipe w/history)
 - Previous Pressure Test?
 - Land Stability?

IMP Methodology – Manufacturing Threat

- Integrity Assessments
 - Pressure Tests (2004-2010)
 - 64 tests - 115 HCAs
 - 264 miles (65 HCA miles)
 - Other Technology – Direct Inspection
 - Used 5 times – one repair
 - Limited ILI – Circumferential MFL
 - 1 pipeline segment

Current Manufacturing Processes

- Steel Quality Control
 - Approved Manufacturing procedure and QC plan
- Pipe Mill Quality control
 - 100% UT Seam Inspection
 - Mill Test – 100% SMYS 5 sec or 10 sec
 - Mechanical Testing
 - Transverse and longitudinal tensile tests
 - Pipe body and weld metal Charpy impact
 - Drop weight tear and weld microhardness

Current Activity – Case Study

- 20” Pipeline Incident
 - 1947 ERW Pipe – axial crack in HAZ
 - Crack Growth – hydrogen stress crack
 - Previously Hydrotested to 101% in 1968
- Hydrotests
 - 2 segments – 2 failures > 105% SMYS
- Evaluating ILI technology for use
 - 4 segments – 250 miles

Next Steps



- Follow ILI technology development in this area
 - Leverage existing infrastructure
 - Utilize Circ . MFL for repeat inspections where appropriate
- Continue to monitor for changing conditions
 - Quarterly review of Operating reports and activities