



An Operator Perspective  
Hazardous Liquids (HL) Pipeline Leak Detection

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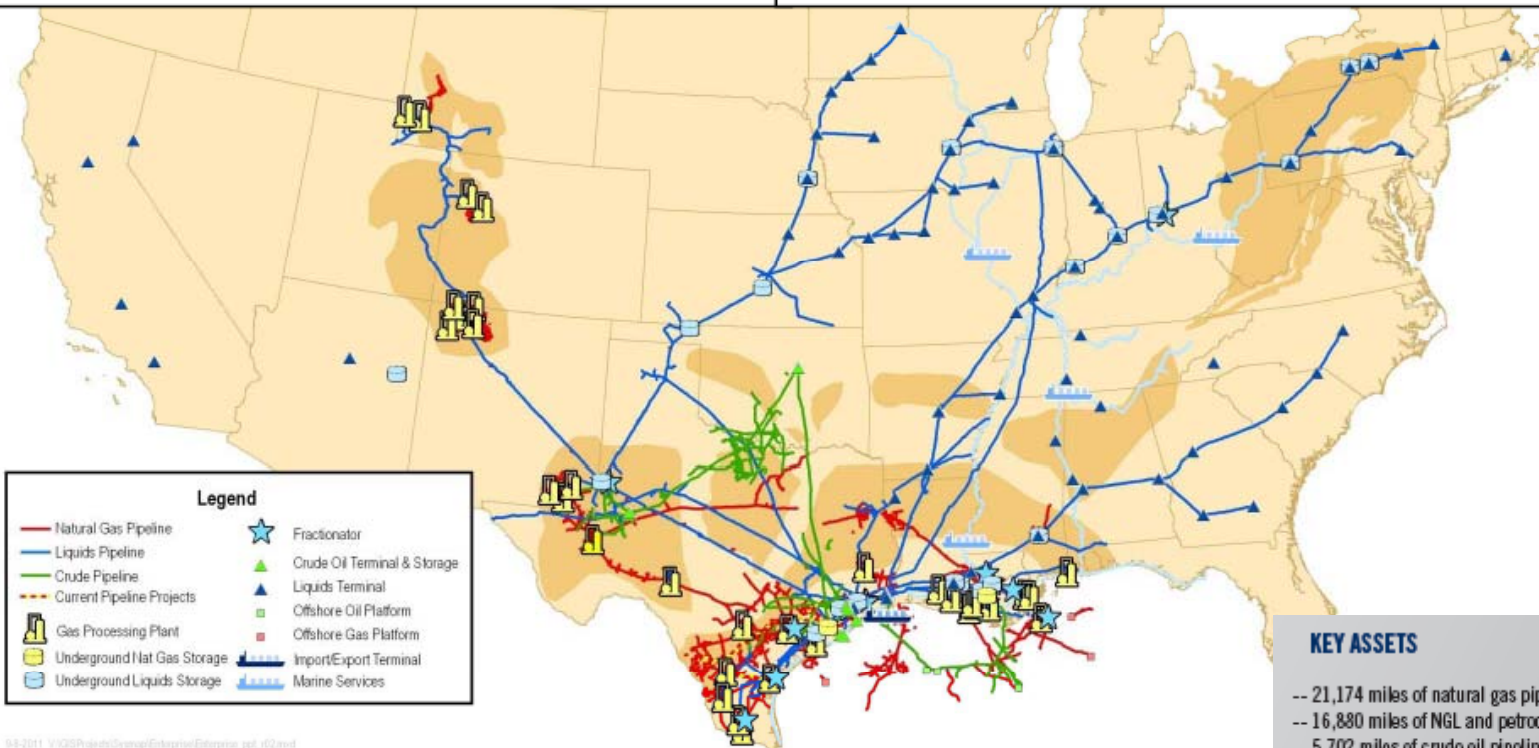
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# Enterprise Products



## Major Asset Overview

- 50,600 miles of natural gas, NGL, crude oil, refined products and petrochemical pipelines
- 190 MMBbls of NGL, refined products and crude oil & 14 Bcf of natural gas storage capacity
- 24 natural gas processing plants
- 20 NGL & Propylene fractionators
- 6 offshore hub platforms
- NGL import / export terminals
- Butane isomerization complex; octane enhancement facility; high-purity isobutylene facility



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# Leak Detection System (LDS) changes due to HL Integrity Mgmt Program (IMP) Rule

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## ● General comments about the Enterprise Leak Detection Program

- Program is all encompassing for all DOT regulated HL pipelines operated by Enterprise Products
- Program has a baseline level of leak detection on all regulated pipelines, regardless of High Consequence Area (HCA) impact
- Pipelines with a higher risk level have enhanced levels of leak detection
- Program is risk driven in that more resources and tighter constraints are applied to higher risk pipelines
- Continual review and process improvement program is in place to update LDS program on existing and new pipelines
- CPM systems/processes comply with API 1130

# Layers of Redundancy



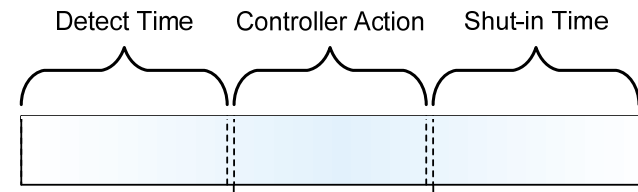
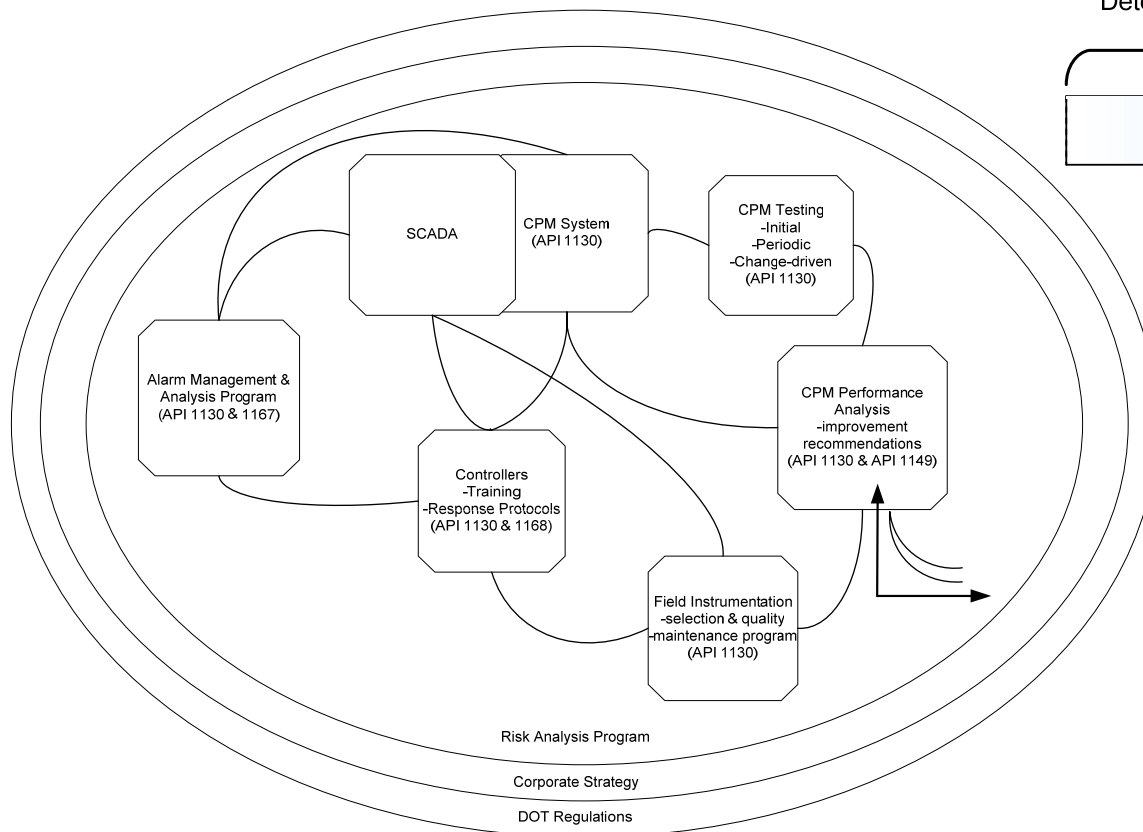
- LDS Layers of Redundancy in use today
  - Aerial Patrols (all)
  - Field automation devices – low suction pressure cutoff or high amperage cutoff on pumps
  - 24x7x365 Controller Monitoring of LDS & Alarms
    - Pressure/flow monitoring with alarming (all)
    - Baseline CPM system - volume-based over/short algorithm with alarming (all)
    - Enhanced CPM - pressure compensated over/short algorithm with alarming (where warranted)
    - Higher fidelity CPM system layered on top of baseline CPM system (where warranted)
    - Overlapping segments in place (where warranted)
    - Multiple time periods used for over/short calculations within same line segment (most)
  - Eyes of operations staff (partial)
  - Eyes of public through public awareness program (partial)
- Layers of Redundancy are used where warranted by risk ranking and complexity of operation

# Shut-in Time Improvement



- Shut-in time is a function of much more than the LDS
- All these moving parts need to work in conjunction to provide optimal shut-in time

A Comprehensive Leak Detection Program  
"Many Moving Parts"



# CAPEX/OPEX cost on existing vs. new pipelines



- Much higher costs are incurred to install metering/instrument on existing lines vs. new pipelines
  - Limitations of space, both in terms of land and piping
  - Mobilization costs
  - Need to retrofit power & communications as well
  - Maintenance costs may also be impacted by retrofit limitations
  - Older lines especially, were not designed with leak detection instrumentation in mind, therefore retrofit costs are higher
  - One major challenge is how to install low cost, accurate measurement for leak detection on short existing pipelines (laterals or stub lines)



# CAPEX/OPEX cost on existing vs. new pipelines-II

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- External LDS – special case – Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS) Cables
  - Evaluated for use on Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) pipelines
  - Seemed very promising in lab testing for rapid leak detection and leak location identification
  - Retrofit installation issues, increased pipeline risk, and maintenance issues caused industry to focus on field testing alternate technology
    - company standards about digging near a pipeline,
    - 3rd party pipeline crossing where we would need to involve another company in the excavation, and
    - road crossings which are frequent on our existing lines in populated areas

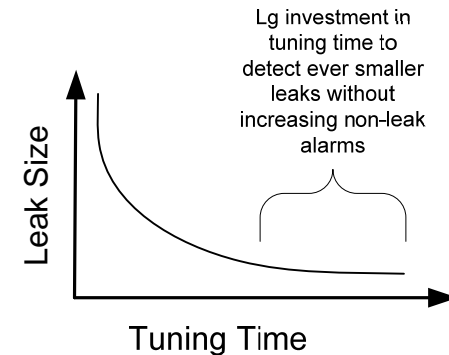


# False positive/negatives with LDS



- False alarms are a major consideration with installation and operation of LDS
  - Balancing act is used to minimize non-leak alarms and keep sensitivity low
  - False positives
    - Max allowable number per time is used in setting alarm thresholds
    - False positives are monitored and targeted for reduction if they exceed maximum targets
  - False negatives
    - Layers of redundancy strategy is used to address
  - **Tuning to reduce false alarms and keep sensitivity low is a labor intensive, pipeline-by-pipeline effort, no one-size-fits-all solution is available**

- LDS alarms are 1 indication to controller of a problem, controller has additional tools at his/her disposal
  - Pressure indications
  - Knowledge of recent operational activities
  - Knowledge of recent operational status of all equipment in LDS
  - Field operations personnel
  - Situational awareness and experience to address the circumstances
  - Reports from operations personnel, emergency responders and the public





# Human Factors Impact LDS

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- Controller trust is significant part of success of LDS
  - False alarm rate is number 1 factor in their mind
- Ways to improve controller trust in system
  - Controller involvement in testing
  - Operational procedures addressing specifics of LDS
  - Feedback from controllers to leak detection group
  - Training and frequent interaction between controllers and leak detection group
  - Defined level of support for controllers from leak detection group
- The controllers are ultimately responsible to make the call:
  - ***A Pipeline Controller has full and independent authority and responsibility to shut down and isolate pipeline systems. --Enterprise CRM Manual***
- CRM Regulation has focused industry on display and alarms management in an overall manner, benefiting the controller's ability to address Leak Detection System information

# External, environmental, operating conditions impact on LDS

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- **All these variations must be handled on a case-by-case basis with individual tuning for each pipeline, there is no one-size-fits-all solution**
- All variations in the environment or operating conditions make leak detection performance much more difficult to achieve
  - Variations drive increased false alarms and often reduced sensitivity levels
- Best performance numbers, quoted by vendors, are for leak detection under steady-state conditions (i.e. – non-real world operating conditions)
- Vendor answer to transient conditions is often to reduce sensitivity of LDS until transient passes
- Additional instrumentation and LDS tuning is possible to address impact of transients.
  - Difficult to forecast all transients in advance
  - Difficult to retrofit all needed instrumentation on existing pipelines

# Following, piloting new technologies

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- PRCI (Pipeline Research Council International)
  - Enterprise is a major supporter of PRCI initiative: “Small LD on Liquids Pipelines”
    - Enterprise has been Team Lead on project since 2010
    - Effort in place to field test several vendors equipment in 2012
  - Enterprise is participating as a team member on a current PRCI project to update API 1149
    - API 1149 – addresses impact of uncertainties on LDS performance
    - Update will address more products and pipeline conditions
  
- Internal testing
  - Running test on 1 vendor’s LD technology for use on short (lateral) pipelines (Rarefaction Wave Technology)
    - Capital allocated to project = \$400K, much more spent in internal labor and vendor engineering time, resulted in pilot evaluation only
    - Final results not available yet, preliminary results look like vendor has overcommitted
  - Completed test on metering system to facilitate quicker deployment and more segmentation
    - Capital allocated to project = \$150K, with much more spent in internal labor and vendor engineering time, resulted in pilot evaluation only
    - Final results indicate clamp-on ultrasonic meters only work in a very limited set of real-world conditions
      - Non-batched lines, non-varying product density, and flowing at near constant rates

# Summary



- Enterprise believes LDS are valuable in safely operating HL pipelines
  - LDS is successfully being used to detect, locate and mitigate pipeline releases above a minimum threshold level
  - Risk-based programmatic approach is working to focus resources on critical areas
  - CPM tools today allow for 2-35% leak detection under most conditions
    - <5% is still very labor intensive to achieve and subject to vagaries of environmental and operating conditions, potentially driving non-leak alarms which undermine controller confidence
  - Challenges remain to improve LDS, being actively pursued through research & testing initiatives
    - Controller confidence through tight management of non-leak alarms is #1 challenge
    - LDS installation is very much a pipeline-by-pipeline process with large variability in tools to achieve a goal
    - LDS operation is a complex, multi-discipline process which all must be managed to achieve maximum results
    - System effectiveness is ambiguous in today's LDS – no industry agreement on definition of effectiveness parameters
      - All these measures are interrelated and must be analyzed for various states of pipeline conditions: Percent of flow, Time to detect, Acceptable level of non-leak alarms
      - Layers of redundancy provide an overall complicating factor in measuring effectiveness