

# Public Awareness and Inspection Results Overview

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# Presentation Overview



- **Public Awareness Regulations**
- **Public Awareness Inspection Program**
- **Inspection Findings and Observations**
- **Resources for Additional Information**



# Public Awareness

Educating people about what they need to know about pipeline facilities so they can better understand their purpose and operation, protect them from damage, recognize if something is wrong, and know what to do in the event of a release.



- Where is it?
  - What's in it ?
  - How do I recognize a leak?
  - What are the hazards?
  - What's done to keep it safe?
  - What can I do on the ROW?
  - What if I see something suspicious?
  - Who do I contact in an emergency?
  - How do I get more information?
- Why do we need it?
  - Who operates it?



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# Regulatory Requirements

§ 192.616 Public Awareness (Natural Gas or Other Gas)

§ 195.440 Public Awareness (Hazardous Liquids)

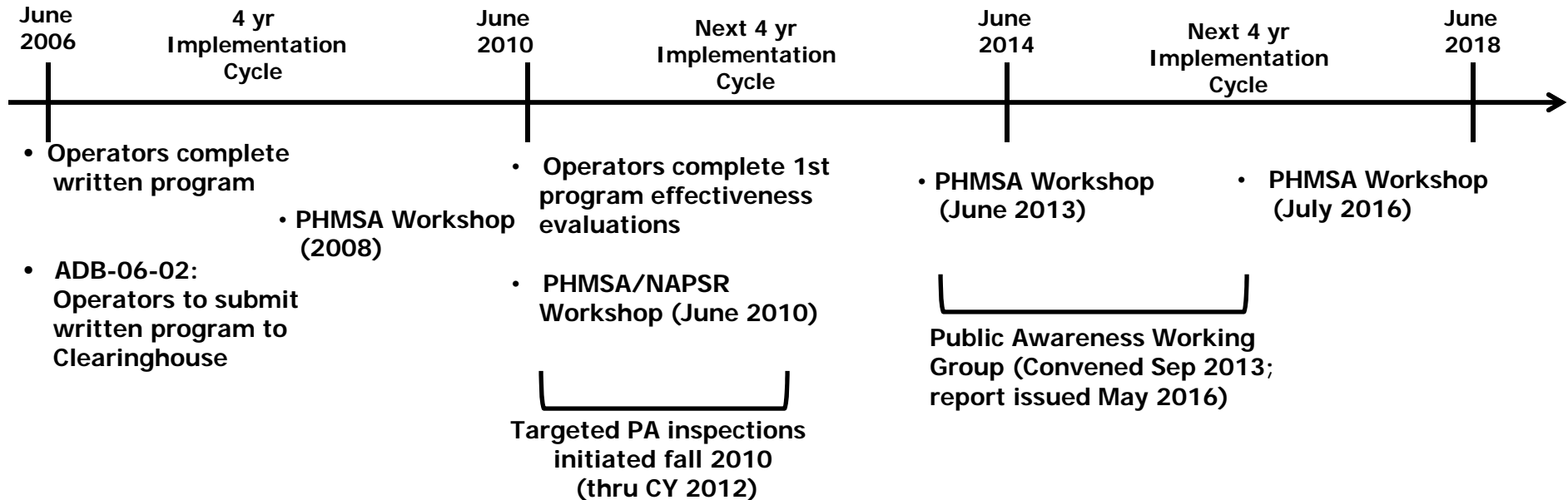
API RP 1162 Incorporated By Reference (§ 192.7 and § 195.3)



“...each pipeline operator must develop and implement a written continuing public education program that follows the guidance provided in the American Petroleum Institute's (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 1162.”



# Public Awareness A Continuing Timeline



## Transitioning from Targeted Inspections to Integrated Inspections



# Public Awareness Inspections

- Ongoing inspections since 2006, starting with Clearinghouse review (not an approval)
- Initially higher level inspections
  - Focus on 5 main messages
  - Most didn't drill down into API RP 1162 requirements
- Targeted Public Awareness Program Effectiveness Inspections focus on program details
  - Written program includes the 5 W's (who, what, when, where, why) and verify implementation
  - API RP 1162 requirements met
  - Annual Program Implementation Review procedures and records
  - Effectiveness Evaluation procedures and records







# PHMSA Inspection Evolution



## Targeted Inspections



## Integrated Inspections

- Unit/Standard
- Integrity Management
- Operation and Maintenance
- **Public Awareness**
- Control Room Management
- Operator Qualification
- Breakout Tank
- Construction

- Combines discrete inspection “types”
- Prioritize specific areas of inspection based on risk information
- May focus on one or more “targeted” areas



# PHMSA Inspection Forms & Tracking Evolution

- 2006
  - Operators must have written PA Program
  - PA part of “Standard Inspection” (PHMSA Form-01, Form-03,...)
- 2008
  - Targeted Inspections continue
  - PA still part of “Standard Inspection”
  - Integrated Inspections begin
- 2010
  - Targeted Inspections continue
  - Added Targeted PA Program Effectiveness Inspections (PHMSA Form 21)
  - Integrated Inspection implementation continues to expand
- 2012-Present
  - Integrated Inspections
  - Inspection forms utilize Inspection Assistant questions





# Public Awareness Inspections\*

## 2009-2015

	Targeted Public Awareness Program Effectiveness Inspections	Integrated Inspections which included Public Awareness
2009	0	3
2010	2	3
2011	103	6
2012	152	52
2013	8	27
2014	1	39
2015	0	42
Total	266	172

\* Targeted Public Awareness and Integrated Inspections Only; Unit/Standard Inspections Not Included

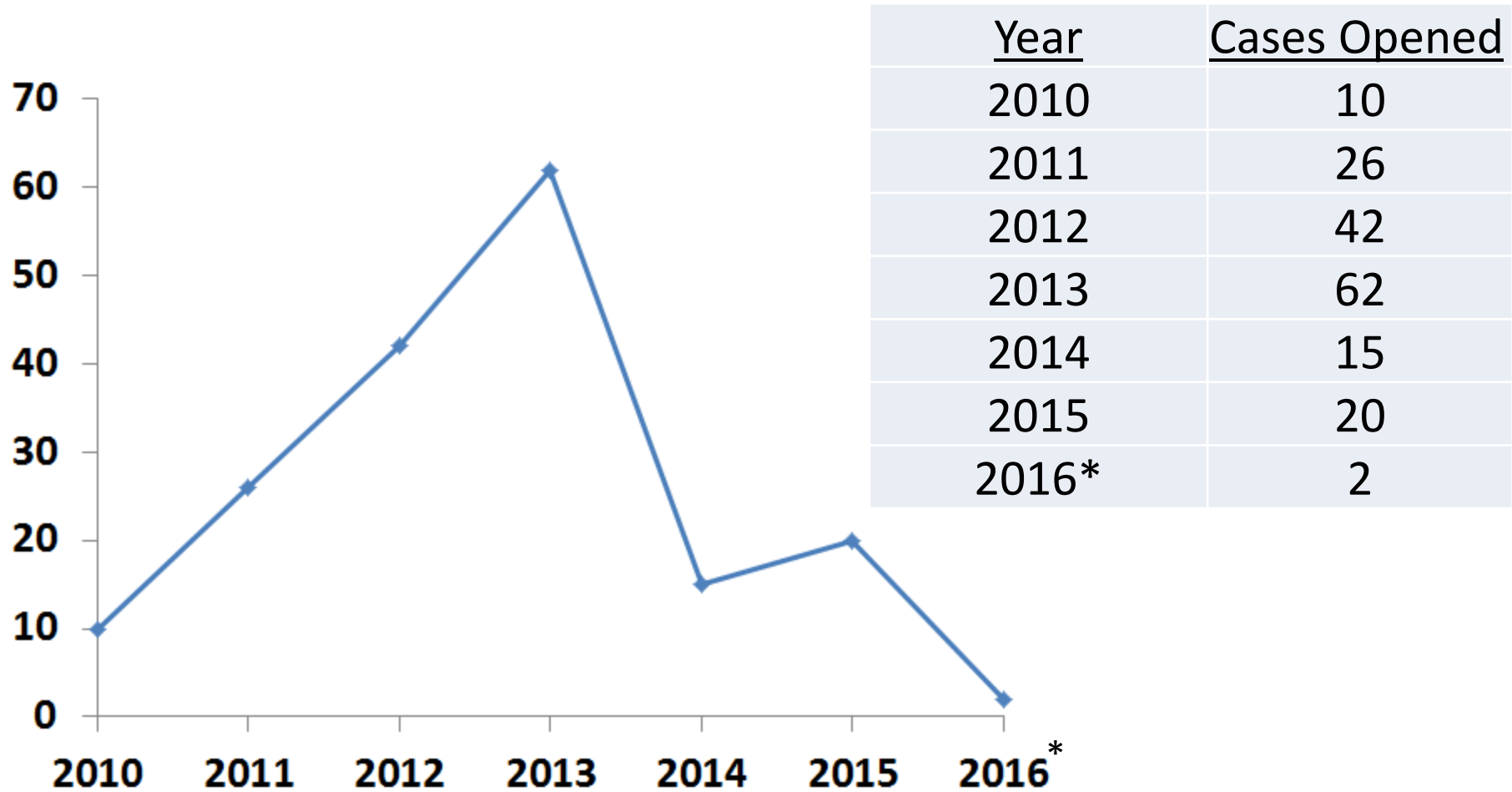


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# Enforcement Cases By Year



\* As of May 30, 2016



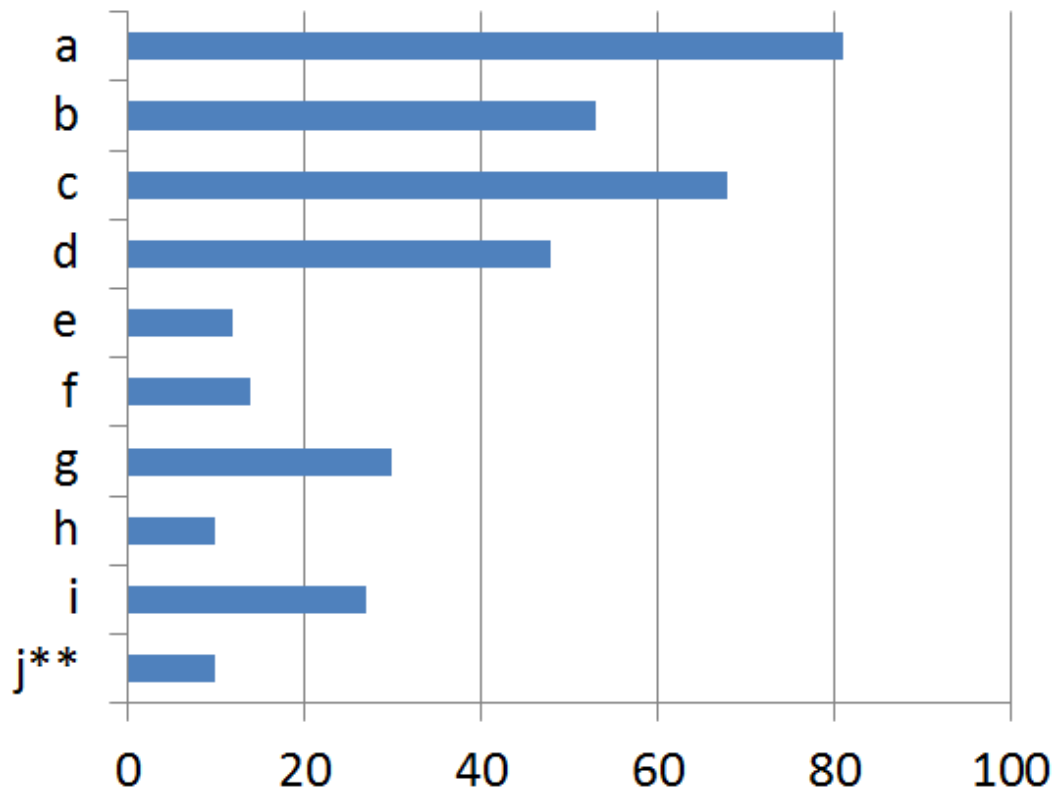
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# Public Awareness (PA) Paragraphs Cited in Enforcement Cases 2010-2016\*



PA Paragraph Cited	Number of Times Cited
a	81
b	53
c	68
d	48
e	12
f	14
g	30
h	10
i	27
j**	10

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\*\* Part 192 Only



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# Inspection Findings & Enforcement

## Overall Program Administration & Development Shortfalls

- Did not identify assets/facilities covered and/or product
- Inadequate Statement of Management Support
  - Missing
  - Not current/updated
  - Made for assets over which not responsible
- Referenced incorrect edition of API RP 1162
- Lacked details on who, what, when where, how, why



# Inspection Findings & Enforcement

## Lack of Consideration for Unique Attributes

- Messages did not match product(s)
  - One brochure for entire multi-product system; may not apply to all areas
  - Indications of release not representative of product
  - Generic information for natural gas; no distinction for odorized/unodorized gas
- Messages did not promote understanding of facilities
  - Type of lines (gathering, distribution, transmission)
  - Aboveground facilities (compressor stations, pump stations, breakout tanks)
  - Operational characteristics and events (blowdowns, emergency shutdowns, etc.)



# Inspection Findings & Enforcement

## Stakeholder Identification Shortfalls

- Lack of process for how stakeholder information developed, maintained and updated
- Lack of defined method and rationale for stakeholder identification
  - Buffers used? How determined? Adequate? (PIR>660', HCAs, special permits, HVLs, tank farms)
  - Geographic boundaries used? No consideration for those outside, i.e. “border” responders /mutual aid, utilities, etc.
  - No process for updating lists, returned mail, non-attendees, changing stakeholders
- No QA/QC process

**Who, how, when for each stakeholder audience**





# Inspection Findings & Enforcement

## Messaging Shortfalls

- Not tailored to products(s), facilities, and unique attributes
- Not tailored to audience (i.e. excavators vs emergency responders)
- Baseline message didn't contain all required content (192.616/195.440 + API RP 1162)
- No process for pre-testing for appeal and message clarity, understandability and retain-ability
- No process for conducting program in English and other languages
- No procedures for Supplemental Program Enhancements
- Master meter/petroleum gas system operators didn't provide customers PA messages twice annually.



# Inspection Findings & Enforcement

## Implementation & Effectiveness Evaluation Review Shortfalls

- Annual Implementation Reviews
  - Lack of procedures
- Effectiveness Evaluations
  - Lack of procedures
  - No defined metrics/criteria/rational established up front – what's effective vs. what triggers change
  - Effectiveness not evaluated for each stakeholder audience
  - Stopped at data collection and/or surveys; findings/conclusions/improvements/plan to implement?



# General Observations

- Most operators putting forth effort and improving programs with creative approaches
- Program documentation needs improvement
  - More detailed procedures
  - Include decisions and supporting rationale
- A “one-size-fits-all” Public Awareness program typically doesn’t work
  - differences in pipeline types, consequences, population, property development, excavation activities, HCA, results of evaluations, etc.
  - Some stakeholders need more detail (i.e. emergency responders)
- Balancing information overload with specific messages
- Operator not taking credit for all the good things they’re doing...need to document



# Inspection Forms & Enforcement Guidance

- **Inspection Forms Available in Library (Inspection, Evaluation, and Qualification Forms)**

<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/library/forms>

**Includes PHMSA Form-21 – Public Awareness Program Effectiveness Inspection**

- **Enforcement Guidance Available in Electronic Reading Room**

<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/foia/e-reading-room>

**Includes:**

- **Public Awareness Enforcement Guidance Part 192**
- **Public Awareness Enforcement Guidance Part 195**

PHMSA Form 21 Question Set (IA Equivalent)  
PHMSA PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS INSPECTION FORM

## Public Awareness and Damage Prevention - Public Awareness

**1. Public Education Program (detail)** Has the continuing public education (awareness) program been established as required? (PD.PA.PROGRAM.P) (detail)  
195.440(a) (195.440(h))

	Sat+	Sat	Concern	Unsat	NA	NC
Notes						

**2. Management Support of Public Awareness Program (detail)** Does the operator's program documentation demonstrate management support? (PD.PA.MGMTSUPPORT.P) (detail)  
195.440(a) (API RP 1162 Section 2.5; API RP 1162 Section 7.1)

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**3. Asset Identification (detail)** Does the program clearly identify the specific pipeline systems and facilities to be included in the program, along with the unique attributes and characteristics of each? (PD.PA.ASSETS.P) (detail)  
195.440(b) (API RP 1162, Section 2.7 Step 4)

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**4. Audience Identification (detail)** Does the program establish methods to identify the individual stakeholders in the four affected stakeholder audience groups: (1) affected public, (2) emergency officials, (3) local public officials, and (4) excavators, as well as affected municipalities, school districts, businesses, and residents? (PD.PA.AUDIENCEID.P) (detail)  
195.440(d) (195.440(e); 195.440(f); API RP 1162 Section 2.2; API RP 1162 Section 3)

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# For More on Public Awareness

## Public Awareness Stakeholder Communications

<http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/PublicAwareness/PublicAwareness.htm?nocache=8541>



## Includes information on:

- Regulatory Requirements
- API RP 1162
- Public Awareness Workshops
- Public Awareness Working Group
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Report

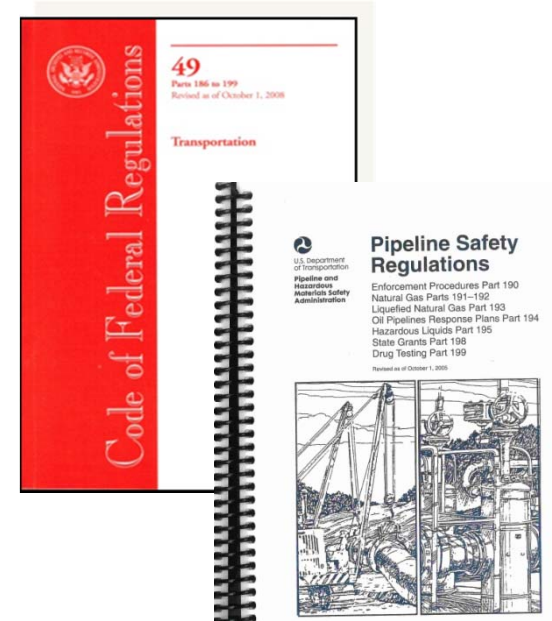






# Additional Important Links

- **Federal Regulations:**  
<http://www.ecfr.gov>
- **PHMSA, Office of Pipeline Safety:**  
<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline>
- **PHMSA Enforcement Website:**  
<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/enforcement>
- **PHMSA Regulations Website**  
<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/regulations>  
Rulemakings, Notices, Safety Advisory Bulletins, Interpretations, and more...







**Thank You!!**

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