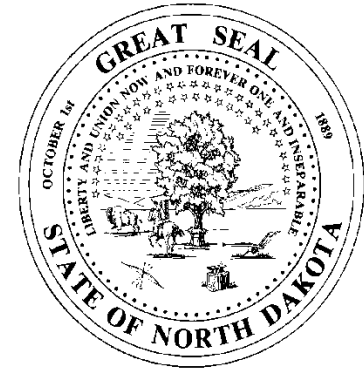


# NORTH DAKOTA OPERATOR INSPECTION SELECTION PROCESS

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Think Spring!!

# Inspection Priorities

- ▣ Annual inspection of O&M records, emergency training records, and other records to confirm compliance with minimum gas safety standards on all intrastate operators and on any systems contracted by these operators
- ▣ Review of previous annual PHMSA reports

# Inspection Priorities (cont.)

- ▣ For special inspections, operator will be selected for inspection once within each calendar year or sooner, based on the following criteria:
  - ▣ History of violations and warnings
  - ▣ Facilities requiring special maintenance considerations such as cast iron, bare steel
  - ▣ Special activities such as new construction, uprates, etc.

# Inspection Priorities (cont.)

- ❑ Seasonal activities
- ❑ Initial or follow-up inspections with deadlines
- ❑ Operators with high risk areas
- ❑ Specific activities including construction activities, personnel changes, operating procedure changes, uprates, class location changes, etc.

# Other Considerations

- ▣ The following items are not currently in our written plan but are under consideration:
  - ▣ For large operators, rotation of locations inspected such as a percentage of areas inspected per CY
  - ▣ Target cycle is to perform annual Standard Inspections for Records Review
  - ▣ Complaints received

# Other Considerations (cont.)

- ❑ OQ on a yearly basis for operators and their contractors
- ❑ PA, IMP, DIMP, Drug & Alcohol – once per 2-4 years.
- ❑ Construction
  - New transmission additions
    - Distribution –will inspect operators and their contractors each calendar year or more often as operator construction schedule time allows
- ❑ PSOT – once every 3 years minimum
- ❑ Operator assistance visits – as needed

# Questions?

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