

# Welcome to the North Dakota/South Dakota Pipeline Safety Operator Conference

March 11-12, 2025

# General Logistics

- ▶ Restrooms
- ▶ Emergency Exits
- ▶ Exhibits
- ▶ Beverages
- ▶ Food

# Introductions

- ▶ SD PUC Staff
- ▶ ND PSC Staff
- ▶ PHMSA Staff

# Thank you to the Exhibitors!

- ▶ Border States
- ▶ Endress+Hauser
- ▶ Flexamat
- ▶ Groebner
- ▶ Heath
- ▶ Ionix Gas Technologies, Inc.
- ▶ Irby Utilities
- ▶ KGM
- ▶ MEA Energy Association
- ▶ MP Technologies
- ▶ Nelson Technologies
- ▶ RCP Inc.
- ▶ Sika Corporation, Tuff-N-Nuff
- ▶ Subsurface Solutions
- ▶ Trenton Corp
- ▶ Utility Safety and Design, Inc.
- ▶ Vanguard Pipeline Inspection

# South Dakota Update

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# South Dakota Pipeline Safety

- ▶ Mary Zanter, Pipeline Safety Program Manager
- ▶ Boice Hillmer, Pipeline Inspector
- ▶ There are 15 intrastate natural gas pipeline operators in the state.

Distribution (~5,300 miles & 223,000 services)	Transmission (~300 miles)
Brightmark	Northwest Gas
Crooks	Basin Electric
Garretson	Black Hills Power
Humboldt	Sioux Falls Landfill
Watertown	Eastern Dakotas Renewable Energy
NorthWestern Energy	Xcel Energy
Montana Dakota Utilities	South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline
MidAmerican Energy	(NorthWestern Energy)

# Biggest Challenges in 2024

- ▶ Drug and Alcohol Program inspections
- ▶ PHMSA Inadequate Rating for Excavation Damage Enforcement- 811 Board of Director's responsibility but affects funding for Pipeline Safety
- ▶ Excavation Damages

# 2025 Inspections

- ▶ Public Awareness Inspection
- ▶ Standard Records Inspection
- ▶ Standard Field Inspection (valves, cathodic protection, above ground pipe, and pipeline markers)
- ▶ Control Room Management for MidAmerican Energy and Montana Dakota Utilities
- ▶ O&M Manual Review for Montana Dakota Utilities and NorthWestern Energy Transmission



# Upcoming Projects and Areas of Focus in South Dakota

- ▶ Additional RNG Facilities getting installed
- ▶ New transmission line to soybean facility by Mitchell
- ▶ Relocation of transmission line due to highway project
- ▶ Continuous growth in new residential and commercial construction
- ▶ Special focus on pipeline markers during field inspections
- ▶ Focus on reducing excavation damages

# Questions?

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