

2013 South Dakota Pipeline Safety Inspection
Summary of Deficiencies
Operator: Humboldt Municipal Gas Utilities
Inspection Types: OQ Records Follow-up
Inspection Dates: July 1, 2013

Notices of Probable Violation

Code Section	Code Description	Deficiency Noted	Proposed Correction Due Date	Penalty Proposed	Maximum Allowable Penalty	Compliance Order Proposed
OQ Protocol 3.01	Development/Documentation of Areas of Qualification for Individuals Performing Covered Tasks	<p>Operator did not take all the necessary steps to ensure that all qualifications were completed prior to 1/1/13 as necessary. NorthWestern terminated the contract to perform emergency response and maintenance activities on 12/31/12. Operator had indicated that they would have the OQ tasks that may need to be performed covered by the transition date since no one else would be in place to perform these tasks.</p> <p>As of 7/1/13 there are 9 OQ identified tasks that do not have anyone qualified to perform. Other tasks were not completed as late as 5/23/13. The tasks not completed by the operator as of 7/1/13 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KNT192-0702.00 Customer Pressure Regulating, Limiting, and Relief Devices - O&M • KNT192-0801.00 Locating Pipelines • KNT192-0803.00 Inspection for Damage • KNT192-1301.00 Leak & Strength Test - Service Lines, Mains, and Transmission Lines • KNT192-1413.00 Line Markers • KNT192-2011.00 Prevention of Accidental Ignition • PEF192-0702.01 Customer Pressure Regulate/Limit/Relief - O&M: Residential/Small Comm 	10/1/13	<p>Included under Valve OQ issue on other inspection.</p> <p>Added by NDS on 7-17-13</p>	\$100,000	<p>Humboldt must hire additional help in the area of gas technician and DOT coordinator.</p> <p>Added by NDS on 7-17-13</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEF192-0801.01 Locating Pipelines • PEF192-0803.01 Inspection For Damage • PEF192-1202.01 Outside Gas Leakage Investigation, Pinpointing, and Grading • PEF192-1301.04 Leak/Strength Test - Service/Main/Trans. Line: Op. Press. (soap test) • PEF192-1410.01 Cover - Service Lines, Mains, and Transmission Lines • PEF192-1418.02 Purging: Small Vol., e.g. Svc. Line, Short Pipe, Compressor, etc. 				
OQ Protocol 3.02	Covered Task Performed by Non-Qualified Individual	<p>Daryl Severding performed the following tasks without having proper operator qualification. These tasks included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 192-Abnormal Operating Conditions - completed 3/11/13 • KNT192-0901.00 System Patrolling - completed 3/11/13 • PEF192-0901 System Patrolling - completed 5/2/13 • KNT192-0801.00 Locating Pipelines – not completed • PEF192-0801.01 Locating Pipelines – not completed 	10/1/13	<p>\$4,019</p> <p>Added by NDS on 7-17-13</p>	\$100,000	<p>Humboldt must hire additional help in the area of gas technician and DOT coordinator.</p> <p>Added by NDS on 7-17-13</p>
OQ Protocol 7.01	Qualification “Trail”(i.e., covered task; individual performing; evaluation method(s); continuing performance evaluation; reevaluation interval; reevaluation records)	The spreadsheet used to track qualifications of individuals was not accurate. A number of mistakes were found during the inspection showing a date for last qualification when the there was no documentation showing those qualifications.	10/1/13	<p>\$1,548</p> <p>Added by NDS on 7-17-13</p>	\$100,000	<p>Humboldt must hire additional help in the area of gas technician and DOT coordinator.</p> <p>Added by NDS on 7-17-13</p>

Warnings

Code Section	Code Description	Deficiency Noted	Warning	Proposed Correction Due Date
		None		

Notices of Concern

Code Section	Code Description	Comment
		None