

APGA Security and Integrity Foundation

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

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Report Language

FY05 Appropriations Bill

Small Gas Distribution Systems.— The conferees encourage the Office of Pipeline Safety to work closely with and assist existing organizations and foundations in efforts to develop and deliver educational tools and materials to small gas utilities. The conferees support those efforts focused on operating and maintenance procedures that will help prevent incidents, rapidly and safely control hazards and restore service in the event of accidental or intentional damage to pipelines.



Mission

- To promote the security and operational integrity of small natural gas utilities, master meter operators and LP systems
- To educate individuals regarding how to prevent, mitigate, and/or repair damage to the distribution infrastructure
- To develop and distribute products which will enhance the ability of small operators to respond to homeland security incidents
- To support the operational integrity and reliability of small gas utilities, master meter operators and LP systems



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2005 PHMSA Cooperative Agreement

- Agreement Started September 15, 2005
- One Year Term
- Agreement Amount of \$704,000
- Very Smooth and Expeditious Process



SIF Summary of Work

- Phase 1
 - Identify B31Q Covered Tasks
- Phase 2
 - Assess Training and Evaluation Materials
- Phase 3
 - Acquire/Develop/Modify Training and Evaluation Materials
- Phase 4
 - Conduct Training and Evaluation



What Has Been Accomplished?

- Phase 1 has been completed
- Focus Group Identified Seven Covered Task Categories
 - Corrosion Control (5)
 - Leak Investigation (2)
 - Tapping and Stopping (4)
 - Odorization (2)
 - Valves and Regulating Devices (3)
 - Damage Prevention (4)
 - Purging (3)
- Phase 2 is currently underway



What's Next?

- Subject Matter Expert (SME) Teams will—
 - Work to identify the Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Abnormal Operating Conditions for each covered task
 - Develop criteria for judging the adequacy of training and evaluation products

- SME meetings scheduled last week in Orlando, FL and late-March in Charlotte, NC



What's Next?

- Phase 3 will include developing the curriculum for each covered task to ensure uniformity
- Acquire necessary licenses to use the training/evaluation materials
- Begin identifying training locations and instructors
- Phase 4 will include training and evaluating at least 1000 employees



2006 PHMSA Cooperative Agreement

- Distribution Integrity Management Program
 - Develop a Model DIMP
 - Operator Qualification
 - Increase the Covered Task List
 - Significantly expand the training opportunities for all segments (small LDC, master meter, LP systems)
 - Provide recordkeeping



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