Railroad Commission of Texas

How to Prepare for an RRC Pipeline Inspection

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The meeting will begin shortly.

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Power Point Presentation

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- Our Focus Today:

  - Quality Communication
  - System and Program Knowledge
  - Utilizing Current Regulations
  - Document! Document! Document!
  - An Inspection-Ready Culture
  - Types of Inspections
  - Building Strong Relationships

- Quality Communication:

  - May be one of the most important of all life skills.

  - Inform the Inspector of any vital information related to the inspection request.

  - Request as much information as possible from the Inspector (type of inspection, duration, required forms).

"Did you decide to renovate the house without telling me?"

- Knowledge of your systems:

    – The Who, What, When, Where, and Why of your pipeline systems.

    – Not only helpful in inspections, but in daily operations as well.

    – Allows for smooth data integration during the inspection process.

- Knowledge of your programs:

    – Your guide to compliance.

    – Must be easily understood and accessible.

    – Are program reviews being completed? How?

- Current regulations:

  - Regulations are updated frequently: A "living document".

  - U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) website contains ample resources.

  - Visit http://www.phmsa.dot.gov for more information.

- If there is no documentation, did it really happen?

  - What activities should be recorded and maintained?

  - As inspectors, we **trust but verify**.

  - Records should reflect procedures, and vice versa.

- What does an "Inspection-Ready Culture" mean for you?

  - Creating an environment where employees are exposed to the inspection process helps to lower stress company-wide during these activities.

  - Examples of resources to aid in preparation: Inspection Checklists, Protocols, and RRC website.

- Standard Comprehensive Inspections:
  - General overview of all aspects of compliance.
  - Includes procedures, records, and field evaluation of a given system.

- Specialized Inspections:
  - Program/Plan specific.
  - Includes Operation & Maintenance, Operator Qualifications, Integrity Management, Drug & Alcohol, Control Room Management, Public Awareness/Damage Prevention, and New Construction.
  - In-depth review of a given program/plan.

- Building strong relationships requires **teamwork**!

  - As inspectors and operators: safety should be our highest priority.

  - The Railroad Commission of Texas is here to help you!

- Questions?

- Comments?

- Need further clarification?

Thank You For Attending!

- Resources:

  –Links to all Pipeline Safety rules can be found on the RRC website:

  http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/pipeline-safety/rules/

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Evaluation

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