# Regulatory Baseline and Goals

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#### Part 192 – TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL AND OTHER GAS BY PIPELINE: MINIMUM FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS

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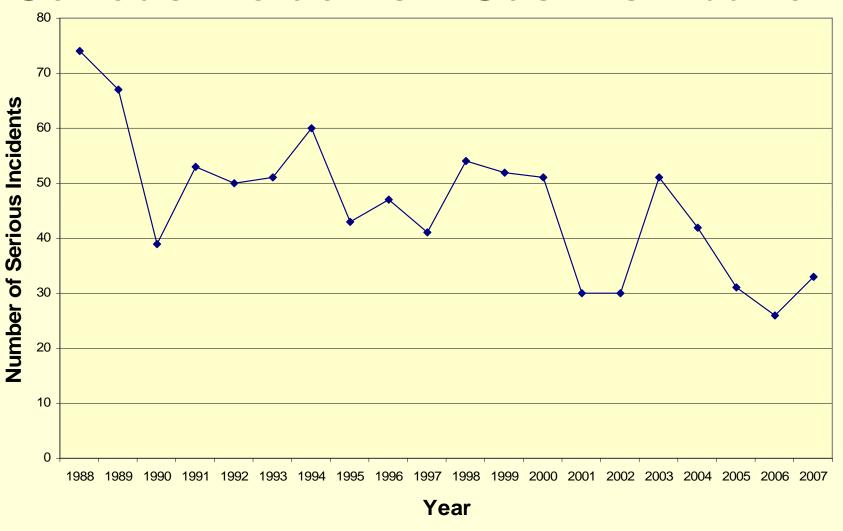
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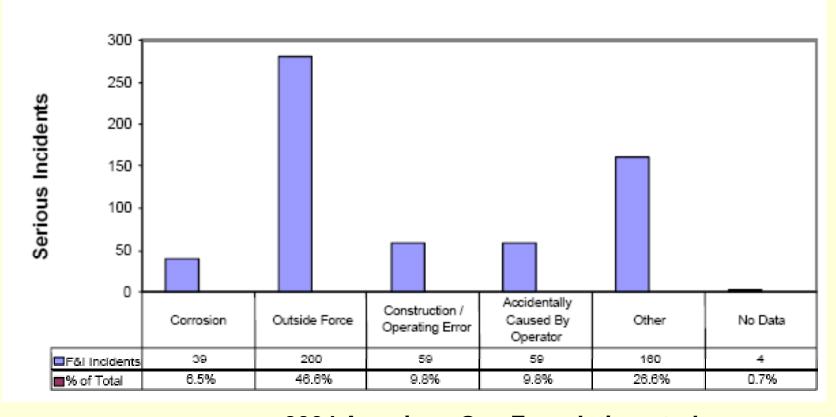
#### Periodic Inspection/Maintenance

- Cathodic protection (CP) must be tested once per year.
   Rectifiers and moving/active components must be inspected six times per year (192.465)
- Operators must reevaluate pipelines without CP every 3 years and provide CP if active corrosion is found (192.465)
- Pipe exposed to the atmosphere must be inspected for corrosion every 3 years (192.481)
- Leak surveys must be conducted annually in business districts and at least every 5 years (3 if cathodically unprotected and electrical surveys are impractical) outside of business districts (192.723)

## Periodic Inspection/Maintenance – Cont'd

- Pressure limiting devices must be tested at least annually (192.739)
- Each valve necessary for safe system operation must be tested annually (192.747)
- Vaults housing pressure regulating equipment must be inspected annually (192.749)
- Mains must be patrolled 4 times a year in business districts and twice per year outside business districts (192.721)

### Distribution Serious Incidents (601 Total) By Cause Totals for Years 1990-2002



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### Integrity Management - Goals

- Focused actions for efficient improvement
- Improve operator understanding
- Foster action to address threats/issues of importance
- Reduce the number and severity of distribution pipeline incidents

#### Monitoring Performance

- Reducing accidents will take time
- Number of leaks, excavation damages
- Process indicators
  - Results of inspections
  - Quality and thoroughness of risk assessments
  - Number and kind of risk reduction activities