Joes Subsits, Chief Engineer

Assure compliance with Federal and State Regulations

Intrastate Inspections

- Types of operators (LDC’s industrial users, biogas, propane, LNG, hydrogen, master meters, refined petroleum)
- Types of inspections
- Frequency of inspections
- Crew inspections

Interstate Inspection (PHMSA Coordination)

- Types of operators (natural gas transmission, crude petroleum, refined petroleum, LNG, natural gas underground storage)
- Types of inspections
- Frequency of inspections
- Construction inspections

Pipeline Incident Investigations

- All federally reportable events are reviewed by staff
- Operator responsible for determining cause
- Pipeline staff independently evaluate root cause
- Probable violations may result in the filing of a complaint against the operator

Alan Rathbun, Director

Pipeline Safety Enforcement

- Notice of Probable Violation and Areas of Concern
- Compliance action
- Complaint (Commission Policy Guidance)
- Settlement
- Adjudication

Monitor Compliance – Pipeline Safety and Damage Prevention Orders

- Receive and review submissions for timely response and technical content
- Pursue enforcement where warranted
Interagency Cooperation and Coordination

- Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA/DOT)
- National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR)
- WA Department of Ecology – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Funding
- Washington Utilities Coordination Council (WUCC)
- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
- Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC)

Debbie Becker, Operations Manager

Damage Prevention Investigation

- Monitor DIRT reports and issue warning letters
- Investigate violations of RCW 19.122 related to pipeline
- Investigate violations of RCW 19.122 referred from Safety Committee
- Pursue penalty assessments (Commission Policy Guidance)
- Respond to requests for mitigation or hearing

Staff Support of Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety (CCOPS)

- Prepare and distribute agenda and minutes
- Process travel/per diem reimbursements
- Research and technical assistance for members

Other Tasks (Alan, Joe & Debbie)

- Rulemaking
- Evaluate pipeline replacement plans submitted by Local Distribution Companies (LDC)
- Respond to and testify before the Commission on petitions by operators (WAC/CFR waiver requests and proximity requests)
- Provide advice to Regulatory Services Division in their consideration of tariff or rate making proposals
- Technical assistance to operators
- Respond to public inquiries and complaints
- Annually propose fees to be charged to pipeline operators
- Progress reports (annually) to PHMSA
- Participate in PHMSA performance (annual) and financial audits (every 3 years)