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State Program Operators

- 4 Private Distribution (5 Inspection Units)
 - MDU, GPNG, NSP/Xcel Energy, DNG
- 1 LPG Inspection Unit
 - Hettinger (MDU Badlands Region)



State Program Operators (cont.)

8 Intrastate Transmission

Aux Sable, DGC, Hiland Partners (Kinder Morgan), MDU, ONEOK, Hess-ND, Crestwood, Nesson

12 Intrastate Gathering

MPLX, Caliber, Crestwood, Hiland Partners, ONEOK, Targa, Nesson, Hess-ND, OE2 North, Pecan Pipeline, USG Midstream Bakken, Harvest Midstream



State Operator Statistics

- 4,001 Miles Dist Mains in 2021
- 4,056 Miles Dist Mains in 2022
 - + 55 (Mile Increase)
- 180,913 Distribution Services 2021
- 182,964 Distribution Services 2022
 - + 2051 (Increase)



State Operator Statistics (cont.)

- 265 Miles Trans Pipeline in 2021
- 264 Miles Trans Pipeline in 2022
 (-1.00 miles per PHMSA Portal)

- 14 Miles Gath Pipeline in 2021
- 2,758 Miles Gath Pipeline in 2022
 (+2,744 miles per PHMSA Portal)



Incidents

 There were zero jurisdictional incidents reported in 2021 and 2022.



Levels of Enforcement - Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV/Warnings)

 Warnings/Violations issued in CY21 & 22: 	2
Warning/Violations corrected in CY21 & 22:	2
 Warning/Violations outstanding CY21 & 22: 	0
Civil penalties issued in CY21 & 22:	2
 Civil penalties collected in CY21 & 22: 	1



Construction Activity

- No major construction for CY2021
- No major construction for CY2022
- PVC Distribution mileage in North Dakota:
 - 14.9 miles PVC Mains in 2021
 - 14.61 miles PVC Mains in 2022
 - 772 PVC Services in 2021
 - 765 PVC Services in 2022



Damage Prevention (DP) Update (Natural Gas & Utilities)

Third Party Complaints in 2021-22 (Gas & Utilities)

• 2021 DP cases: **16**

• 2021 DP cases closed: **38***

2021 cases carried to next year:

• 2022 DP cases: **15**

• 2022 DP cases closed: 19*

2022 cases carried to next year:

* May include cases from previous year(s)



Program Overview

- December, 2021 Previous Inspector, Aaron Morman retired from the ND PSC
- March, 2022 New Gas Pipeline Safety Inspector, Lakken Paulsrud hired.
- January, 2023 New Gas Pipeline Safety Inspector, Brandon Wahlfeldt hired
- July 2024 PSC Staff will be attending the NAPSR Regional Meeting
- September 2024 PSC Staff will be attending the NAPSR National Meeting



Program Overview (continued)

- 190.5 Inspection Days completed in 2021
- 195.0 Inspection Days completed in 2022



Program Overview (continued)

Gas Pipeline Systems Inspector:

Inspection staff is steadily progressing through all required natural gas safety courses at the PHMSA training & qualification center (TQ).



State Program Concerns

- Staying informed of all updates on pipeline regulations as they become available
- Accomplish Required Person Inspection Days while inspection staff completes PHMSA training courses
- Complete all inspections due in CY2024



Questions?

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