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# Gas Transmission Integrity Verification Process

## Integrity Verification Workshop

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# Integrity Verification

- Multi-disciplinary engineering approach has been defined to verify that steel gas transmission (GT) pipeline integrity is adequate for continued operation for some desired future period.
- Pipeline may contain flaws, have sustained damage, or have aged so that it can not be evaluated by use of the original construction codes.
- **GOAL: Establish a comprehensive program to effectively address a number of Congressional Mandates and NTSB Recommendations.**



# Basic Principles of IVP Approach

- PHMSA's proposed **process is based on 4 principles**
  1. Apply to higher risk locations
    - High Consequence Areas (HCAs) and Moderate Consequence Areas (MCAs)
  2. Screen segments for categories of concern (e.g., “Grandfathered” segments)
  3. Assure adequate material and documentation
  4. Perform assessments to establish MAOP



# Principle #1

## Apply to Higher Risk Locations

- High Consequence Areas (HCAs)
- **Moderate Consequence Area (MCA):**
  - Non-HCA pipe in Class 2, 3, and 4 locations
  - Non-HCA pipe Class 1 locations that are populated in PIR (proposed 1 house or occupied site) to align with INGAA commitment
  - House count and occupied site definition same as HCA, except for 1 house or 1 person at a site (instead of 20)
- PHMSA Estimates ~ **91,000 miles HCA/MCA** (out of ~ 300,000 miles)



# HCA and Est. MCA Mileage

- Scope of Proposed IVP Process Estimated to Apply to approx. 91,000 Miles of GT Pipeline

	Total	HCA	Non-HCA	MCA
Class 1	237,756	1,660	236,096	(est.) 25,394
Class 2	30,210	1,412	28,798	28,798
Class 3	32,613	15,854	16,759	16,759
Class 4	962	752	209	209
<b>Total</b>	<b>301,540</b>	<b>19,678</b>	<b>281,862</b>	<b>(est.) 71,160</b>

➤ Total Estimated HCA + MCA Mileage = ~ 91,000 miles





# Principle #2

## Screen for Categories of Concern

- **Apply process to pipeline segments with:**
  - Grandfathered Pipe
  - Lack of Records to Substantiate MAOP
  - Lack of Adequate Pressure Test
  - Operating pressures over 72% SMYS (pre-Code)
  - History of Failures Attributable to M&C Defects



# Principle #3

## Know & Document Pipe Material

- If Missing or Inadequate Validated Traceable Material Documentation, then Establish Material Properties by an approved process:
  - Cut out and Test Pipe Samples (Code approved process)
  - *In Situ* Non-Destructive Testing (if validated and Code approved)
  - Field verification of code stamp for components such as valves, flanges, and fabrications
  - Other verifications



# Principle #4

## Assessments to Establish MAOP

- Allow Operator to Select Best Option to Establish MAOP
- **Candidate IVP Options for Establishing MAOP**
  - Subpart J Test with Spike Test
  - Derate pressure
  - Engineering Critical Assessment
  - Replace
  - **Other options PHMSA should consider?**



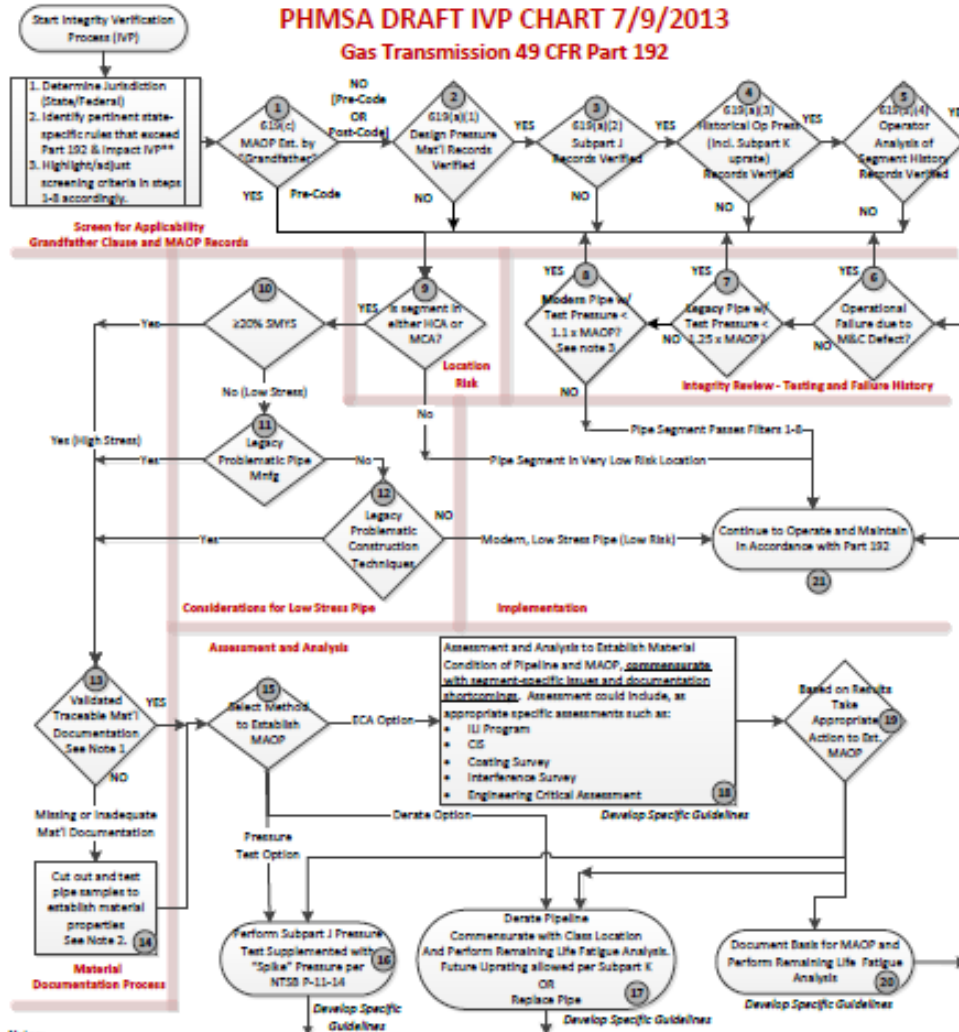


# Draft – IVP Process Steps

- **21 Step Process Embodies These 4 Principles**
  - **Grandfather Clause and MAOP Review** – Process Steps 1 – 4
  - **Integrity Review** – Process Steps 5 – 8
  - **Location Risk Review (HCA/MCA) – Process Step 9**
  - **Low Stress Review** – Process Steps 10 – 12
  - **Material Documentation Review** – Process Steps 13 – 15
  - **Assessment and Analysis Review** – Process Steps 16 – 20
  - **Implementation** – Process Step 21
  - **Deadlines for Implementation**



## PHMSA DRAFT IVP CHART 7/9/2013 Gas Transmission 49 CFR Part 192



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- \*\*Some state requirements exceed Part 192. For example:**
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# Integrity Verification Process (IVP) Chart



# Consideration of State-Specific Requirements

- 1. Determine Jurisdiction (State/Federal)**
- 2. Identify State-Specific Rules\*\***
- 3. Adjust Screening Criteria 1-8 Accordingly**

- **\*\*Some states have requirements that exceed federal regulations, e.g.,**
  - Pressure Test (PT) at 1.5 times Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP)
  - All GT to be classified as Class 4 location
  - GT pipeline if MAOP > 125 psig
- Process must account for those differences



# Draft Process Step 9 HCA/MCA Screen

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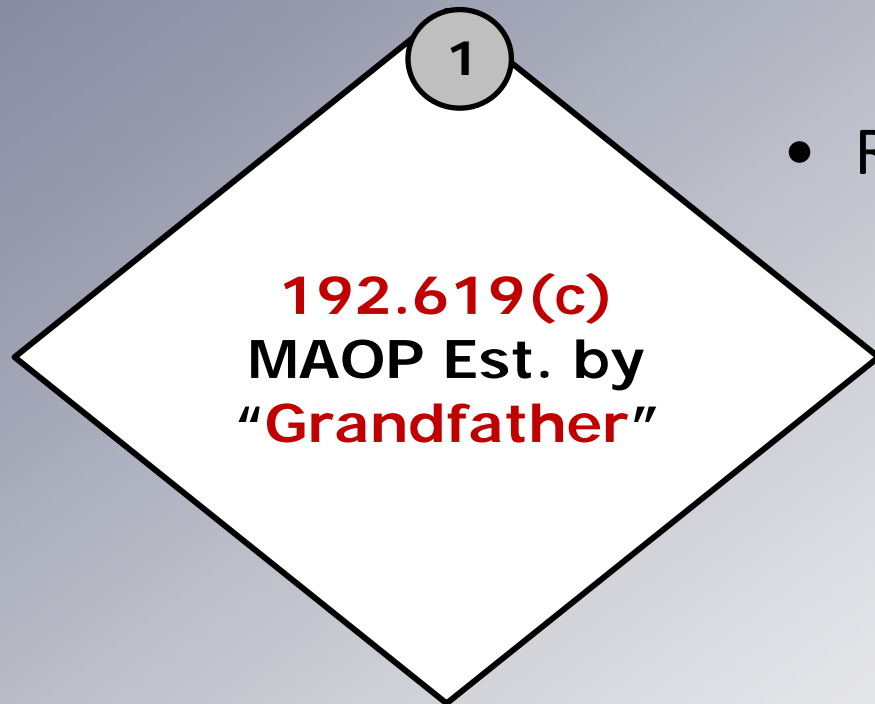
Segment  
in HCA or  
MCA?

- A major screening criterion is location risk (HCA or MCA)
- Even though listed on the draft flow chart as **Step 9, the HCA/MCA screening step may be accomplished first.**
- HCA/MCA screen should be done first to avoid exhaustive and expensive documentation review for segments that are screened out by virtue of low location risk
- PHMSA Estimates ~ **91,000 miles HCA/MCA miles (out of ~ 300,000)**





# Draft Process Step 1 Grandfather Clause Screen

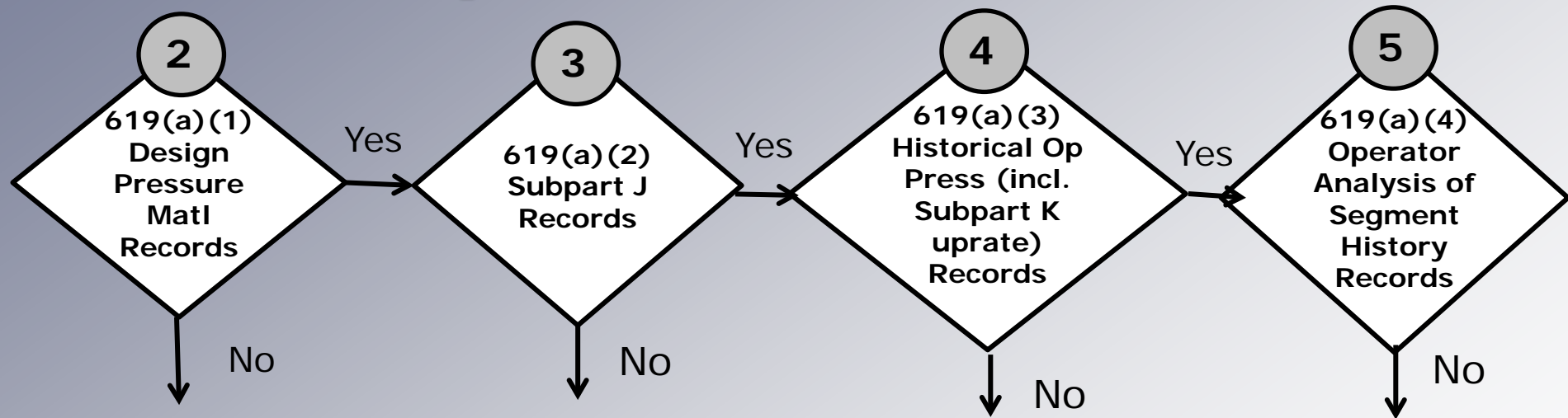


- Related Mileage
  - 22,717 miles reported as Grandfathered MAOP (192.619(c))
  - 32,403 miles reported for MAOP (192.619(a)(3))
  - Estimated **14,000 HCA/MCA Miles** for 192.619(a)(3) and 192.619(c) MAOP





# Draft Process Steps 2-5 Inadequate Records Screen



- Historical Operating Pressure (a)(3) and Analysis of Other Factors (a)(4) were needed when code first established
- IVP process - Design Records (a)(1) and Pressure Test (a)(2) are the most important

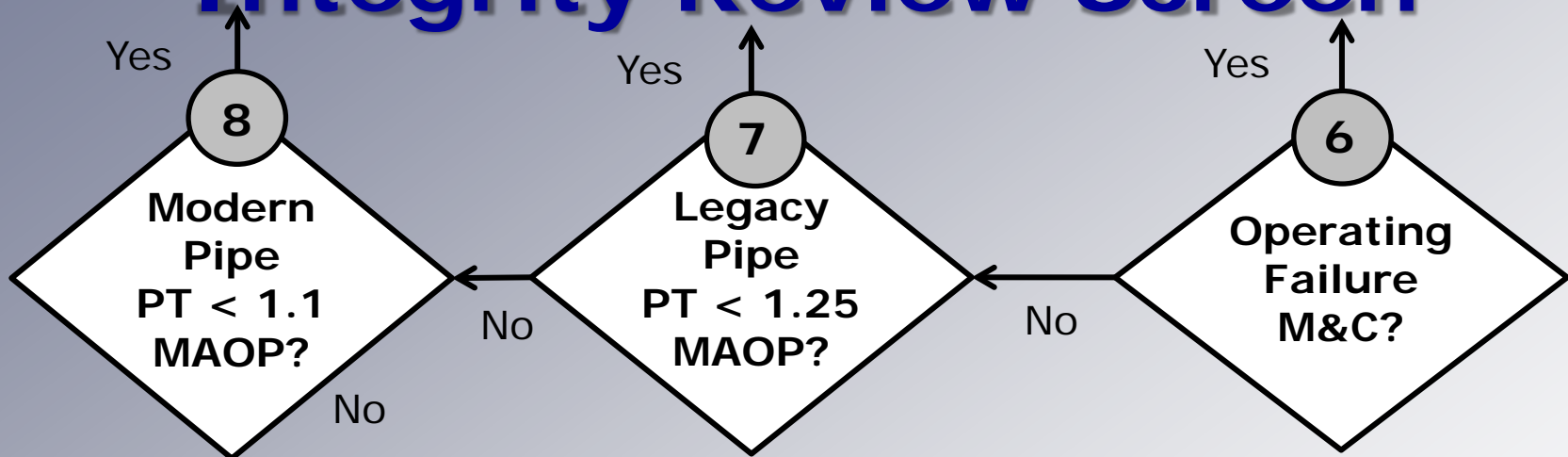


# Process Steps 2-5 Related Mileage

- 5,400 Miles Reported with Incomplete Records (HCA, Class 3, Class 4 Only)
- 7,700 Estimated Class 1 and 2 MCA Miles with Incomplete Records
- 13,100 Estimated Total HCA/MCA Miles with Incomplete Records



# Draft Process Steps 6-8 Integrity Review Screen



- Total Mileage PT < 1.25 MAOP ~ 113,000 miles  
PHMSA estimates ~ 27,000 miles in HCA/MCA
- Pipe mill pressure test not allowed
- Historical Manufacturing & Construction (M&C) failures of the segment.
- **Propose to revise 619(a) to require min. 1.25 x MAOP pressure test for new pipe (to address NTSB issue for new pipe)**

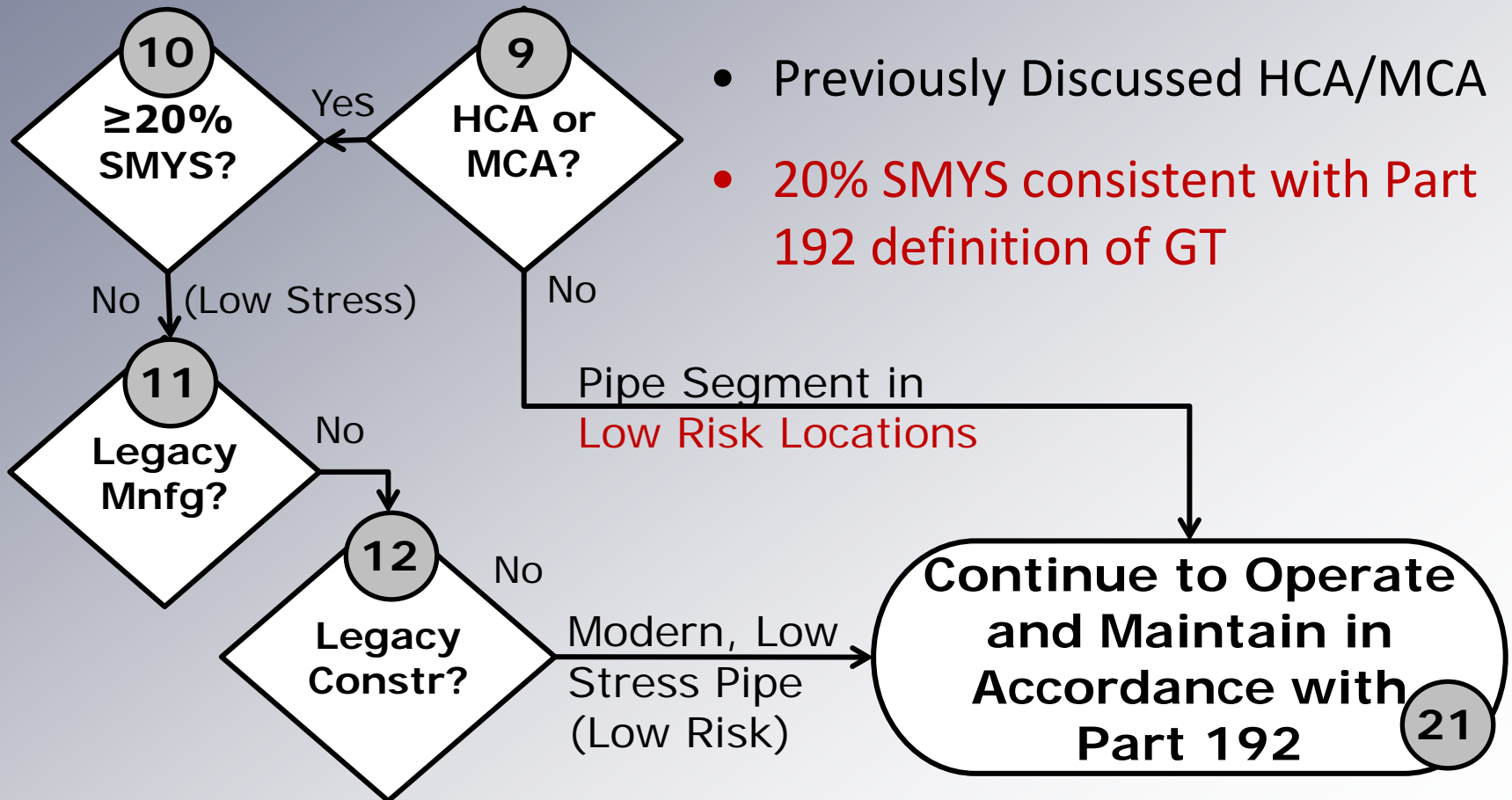


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- **Transmission line** means a pipeline, other than a gathering line, that:  
(1) Transports gas from a gathering line or storage facility to a distribution center, storage facility, or large volume customer that is not down-stream from a distribution center; (2) **operates at a hoop stress of 20 percent or more of SMYS**; or (3) transports gas within a storage field.



# Draft Process Steps 9-12 Location and Low Stress Screen







# Draft Process Steps 1-12 Anticipated Scope Based on 2012 Annual Report Data

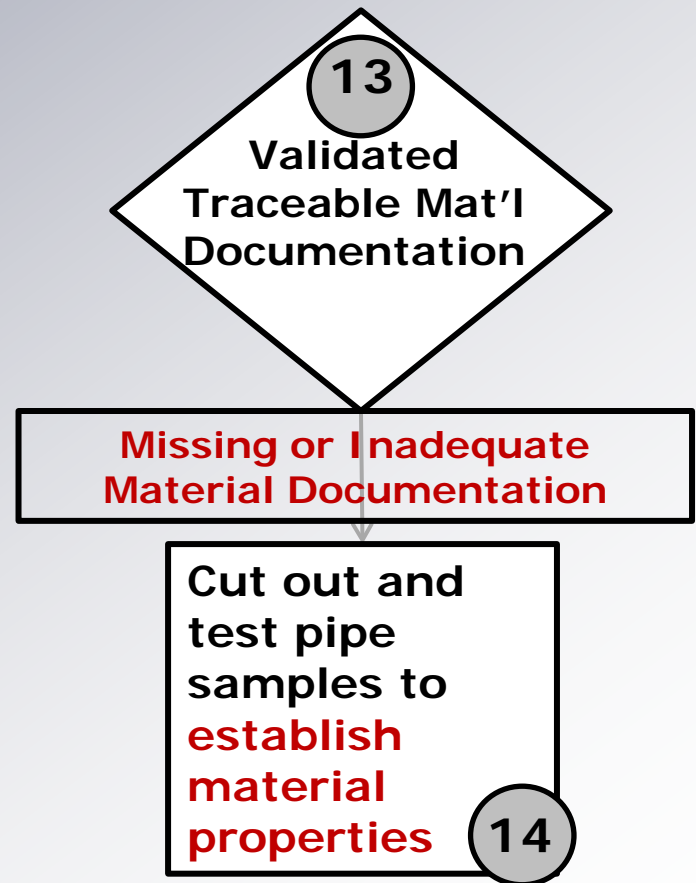
- PHMSA estimates approximately **33,000 miles** of GT pipe (approximately **11%** of total GT mileage) would meet screening criteria & require IVP assessment to establish MAOP



# Draft Process Steps 13-14 Material Documentation

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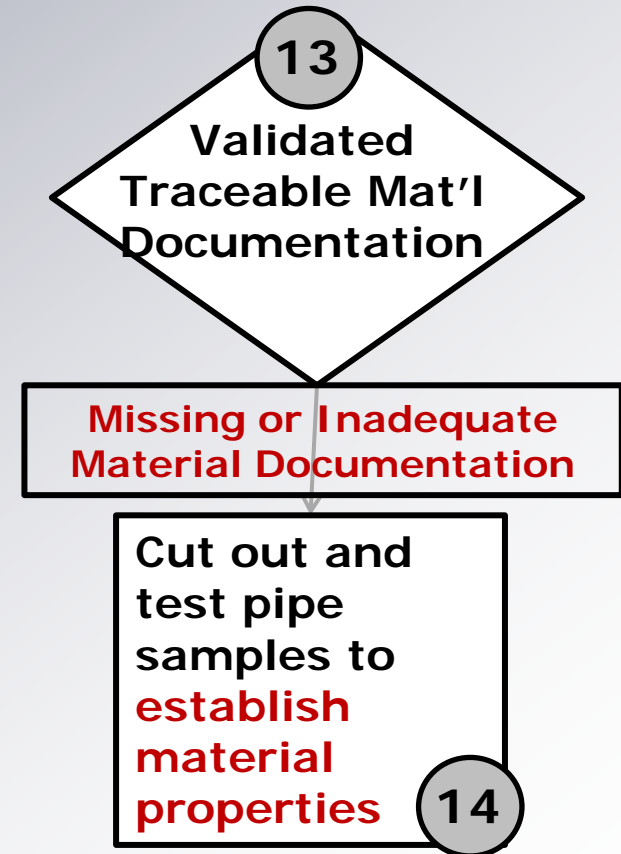
1. Material Documentation Required for Pipe, Valves, Flanges, Fittings, & Components
2. Validated material properties required for X42 and greater & pipe  $\geq$  2" OD if on mainline





# Draft Process Steps 13-14 Material Documentation (cont.)

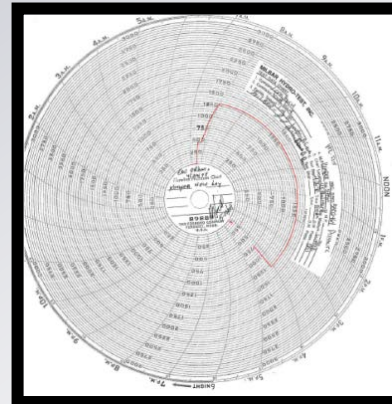
3. Valves and Components (ANSI Rating)
4. Cutouts each **XX joints or X miles**
5. Use *in situ* NDE, if validated
6. Not required for short segments
7. Each Unique Combination of Pipe Type, Seam, Vintage





# Why are pipeline material records needed?

- To establish design and maximum operating pressures (MAOP)
- For integrity management (IM) programs
- Anomaly evaluations for safe operating pressure



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The material has been manufactured, sampled, tested, and inspected in accordance with this spec/API spec and has been found to meet the requirements. We certify the above to be correct as contained in the records of the company.																																																								



# Why are pipeline material records needed?

- **§23 PSA of 2011– Statute requires PHMSA to:**
  - Direct Gas Transmission Operators to provide verification their records accurately reflect MAOP of Class 3 and 4 locations and Class 1 and 2 HCAs
  - **Reconfirm MAOP for pipe with incomplete records**
  - Strength test all untested pipe in HCA operating at > 30% SMYS





# Code Requirements - MAOP

- **Code - Gas Pipeline**
  - **MAOP Determination**
    - 192.105 – Design Pressure
    - 192.619 & 192.620 - MAOP
    - Subpart J – Pressure Test
      - 192.501 thru 192.517
  - **Material Determination**
    - 192.105 – Design
    - 192.107 – Yield Strength
    - 192.109 – Wall thickness
    - 192.113 – Joint factor
    - Appendix B- Qual. of Pipe



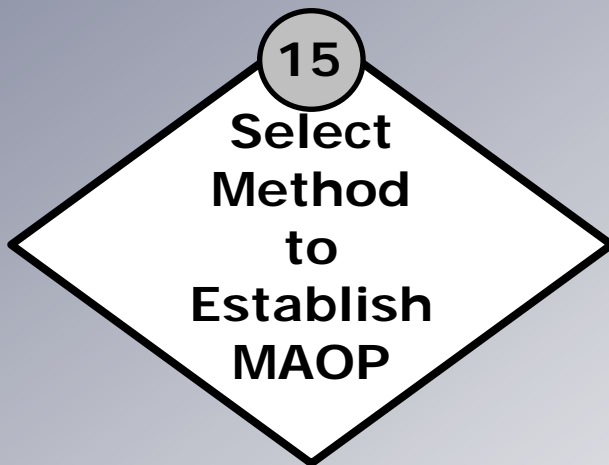
# Material Documentation Records Management

- **Materials manufactured in accordance:**
  - DOT referenced standards or other applicable standards
- **Able to maintain structural integrity of the pipeline:**
  - Operating pressure, temperature, and environmental conditions including outside force loads
- **Pipe Design**
  - Withstand external pressures and anticipated loads
  - Designed for service and class location
  - Must be able to verify: diameter, wall thickness, grade and seam type
- **Integrity Management (IM)**
  - Predicted failure pressure of defects
  - Risk analysis



# Draft Process Step 15

## Select Method to Establish MAOP



- PHMSA proposes four approaches that operators could select based on case-specific considerations:
  - Pressure Test, with Spike Test
  - Derate Pipeline MAOP (commensurate with margin obtained from PT)
  - Replace pipe
  - ILI/ECA Program (equivalent to PT)



# Draft Process Step 16 Pressure Test Option

Perform Subpart J  
Pressure Test  
Supplemented with  
"Spike" Pressure per  
NTSB P-11-14

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- Pressure Test with "Spike Test"
  - NTSB Recommendation P-11-14
  - Spike test to clear cracks and crack-like defects, including M&C defects
  - Spike test parameters, TBD
    - Spike pressure as a % of SMYS (e.g., 100% SMYS, 105% SMYS)
    - Spike hold time (min. 30 min. to 1-hour)



# Draft Process Step 17

## De-rate Option

### MAOP De-Rate Option

- De-rate option treats recent operating pressure as pressure test alternative.
- Set MAOP at least 20% below recent operating pressure
- Specific parameters - TBD
  - Look back period
  - Continual pressure period
- Future Uprate per Subpart K Allowed

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Commensurate with Class  
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# Draft Process Step 17

## Replace Option

### Replacement Option

- Most costly
- Ultimate solution
- Could also address other issues based on case-specific circumstances

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# Draft Process Steps 18-19

## Engr. Critical Assessment Option

Assessment and Analysis to Establish Material Condition of Pipeline and MAOP, commensurate with segment-specific issues and documentation shortcomings.

Assessment could include, as appropriate, specific assessments such as:

- **ILI Program**
- CIS
- Coating Survey
- Interference Survey
- **Engineering Critical Assessment**

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Based on Results  
Take  
Appropriate  
Action to  
Est. MAOP

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- Key point is assessment and analysis commensurate with segment specific issues and documentation shortcomings.
- E.G., segment with good PT but is missing some design records, might need only material documentation (ILI or other assessments might not be needed in this case).



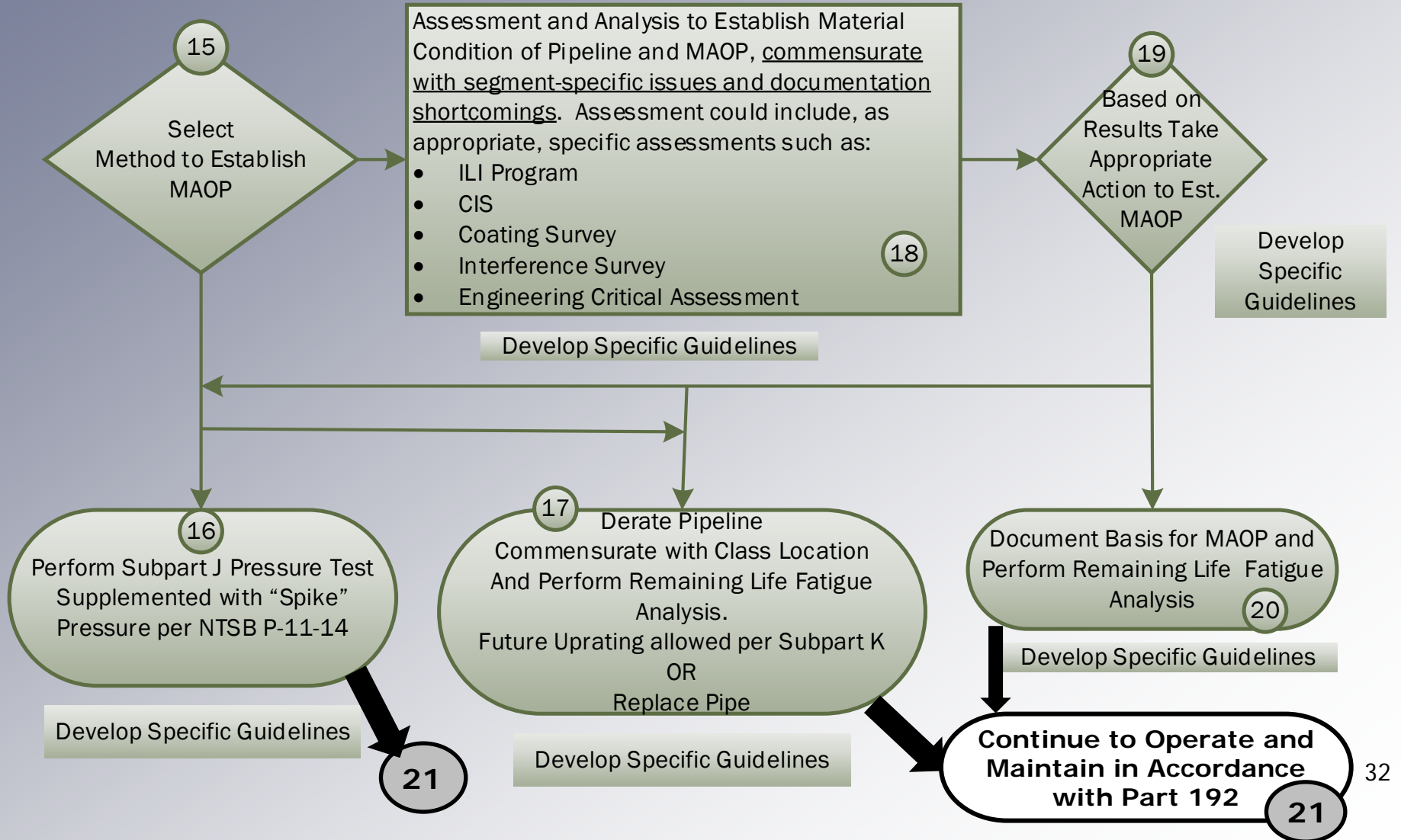
# Draft Process Steps 18-19

## Engr. Critical Assessment (cont.)

- PHMSA developing specific ILI, assessment, and analysis reqts.
- Maximize technology to provide highest practical level of assurance given the state-of-the-art
- Comprehensive ILI program required in most cases absent a valid, documented pressure test
  - ILI program supplemented by other assessments, analysis, or revised repair criteria to demonstrate equivalency to pressure testing with respect to mitigating latent Materials & Construction defects.
  - Appropriate ILI crack tools, or combination of tools, required in addition to typical MFL/deformation tools
    - Needed to identify seam defects, girth weld defects, and tight cracks,
    - e.g., UT, TFI, or EMAT Tools



# Assessment & Analysis - Steps 15-21





# Approach Issues: Limitations of Pressure Testing

- Technical (Conventional Industry Issues)
  - produces little information about pipe condition
  - could grow or destabilize defects
  - could result in “pressure reversal” (adding spike pressure could mitigate)
- Technical (R&D)
  - ongoing R&D suggests that above issues might be less valid than previously believed
- Operational
  - requires service disruptions in many/most cases





# Approach Issues: Limitations of [LI]

- Technical
  - provide much more detailed information about potentially injurious latent defects. *However...*
  - state-of-the-art limits assurance that all such defects will be detected and that detected defects will be accurately characterized (especially for cracks and seam defects).
- Operational
  - Cannot be accomplished for some lines that are not piggable



# Specific Guidelines & Criteria

- IVP Chart is high level concept
- Details and specifications under development
  - Will use knowledge from workshop and comments on web site to develop details
- For Example:
  - Spike pressure test specs (pressure, hold time, etc.)
  - De-rate criteria (amount of MAOP reduction)
  - ILI program requirements and specifications
  - Material verification specs (# of cutouts, etc.)



# Target Completion Timeframes

- Implementation Timeframe
  - Multi-Year Effort
  - Graduated timeframes with priority to:
    - Legacy pipe segments
    - HCAs
    - High Stress segments
- Proposed deadlines under development
  - Reasonableness in light of 2012 Annual Report data and estimated scope

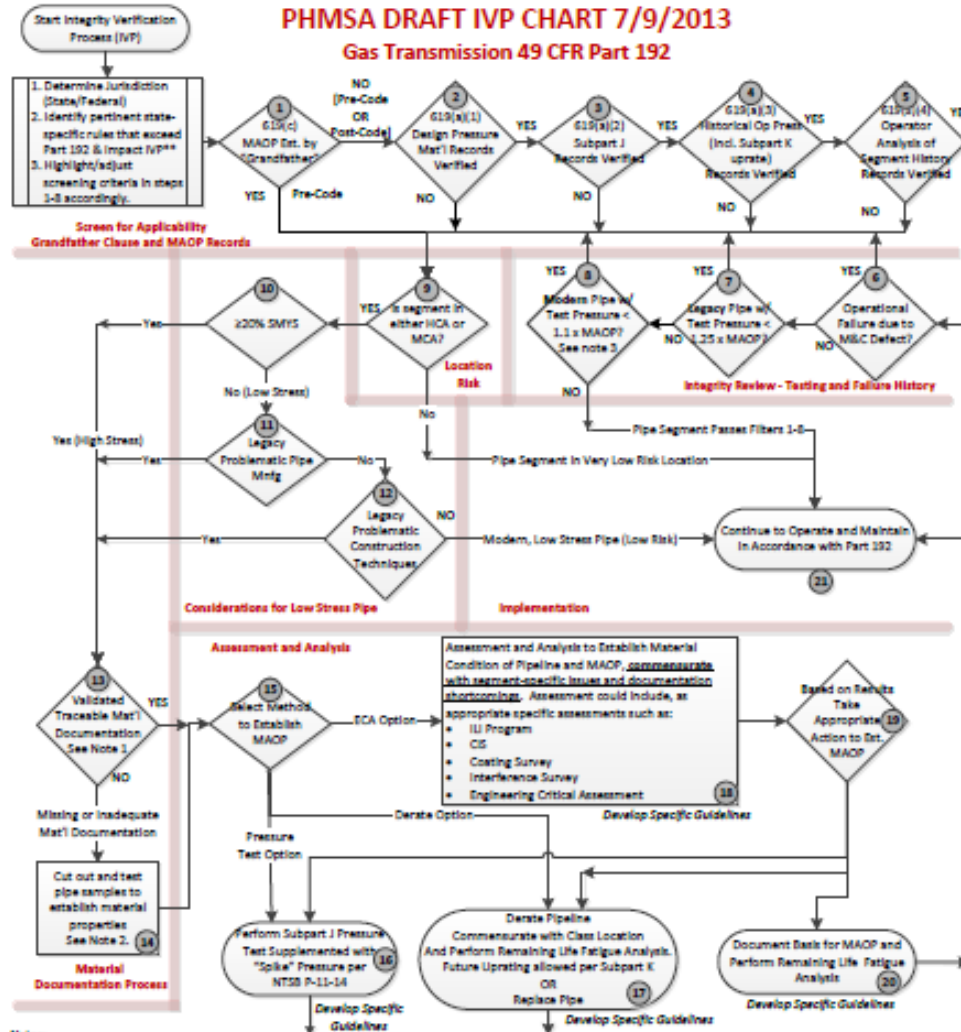


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