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August 6, Elmira Star-Gazette – (New York) **Millenium Pipeline unsafe, according to a federal report.** The Southern Tier’s major natural gas pipeline in New York poses a public safety risk due to defective welds that could lead to a rupture, according to a recent federal report. The Millennium Pipeline, which runs more than 180 miles from Steuben County to Rockland County, has been under investigation since a leak was detected January 11 near Schneider Road in the Town of Owego. The New York State Department of Public Service conducted a five-month investigation, and determined that an 1/8-inch leak caused by a faulty weld released 1.3 million cubic feet of natural gas from the pipeline. The federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) received the results of the state investigation in May, and on July 6 released a document that raises concerns about the integrity of the pipeline. According to the report, the section of pipeline that failed in January did not pass a visual inspection due to a faulty weld, and was set aside. Later, the weld was inadvertently picked up and installed. The PHMSA report indicates that investigators identified other —suspect || welds along the length of the pipeline, and that pipeline employees could not produce records to demonstrate the welds had been tested properly. The Millennium, which includes 24- and 30-inch-diameter sections, was constructed in 2007 and 2008 and went into service in December 2008. It is co-owned by NiSource Inc. of Merrillville, Indiana, Detroit-based DTE Energy and National Grid of Waltham, Massachusetts. Source: <http://www.stargazette.com/article/20110806/NEWS01/108060348/Millenium-Pipeline-unsafe-according-federal-report?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>