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 Data Response**

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QUESTION 3

Does PG&E use the terms “pipeline segment” or “pipeline test segment” in connection with its hydrostatic testing? If so, please define those terms and explain how they are used.

ANSWER 3

The term “pipeline segment” is typically used by PG&E in conjunction with its GIS (Geographic Information System) and represents a portion of pipeline with all the same pipeline specifications, features, circumstances, and is contiguous. Any change in pipe diameter, wall thickness, Specified Minimum Yield Strength (SMYS), etc., creates a new pipe segment that is uniquely numbered.

The term “pipeline test segment” is not a common industry term, but may be referring to a “test section” as was described in PG&E’s response to LocalUnions246-342_003-Q02. PG&E does not typically use the terms “pipeline segment” and “test section” interchangeably. Typically a test section encompasses multiple pipeline segments as defined in PG&E’s GIS.