Meeting

5 Minute Meeting

March 24, 2014

Gas Carrier Pipe Verification

AUDIENCE:

- All personnel performing welding and/or tapping on distribution facilities

Why It Matters To You

Safety:

As a result of a recent incident, the following measures must be taken to verify that steel pipe has not been inserted prior to welding and tapping. These measures are effective immediately.

Key Discussion Points

This 5MM outlines measures which must be taken to identify whether or not a steel pipe has been inserted with a plastic pipe.

Complete the attached "Gas Carrier Pipe Checklist" to document these steps.

Perform both record review and jobsite review prior to any physical work.

Record Review (Plat Sheets, Gas Service Records, As-builts)	Perform the following:
	
	☐ Review most current records to ensure that they match each other and jobsite conditions.
	
	    a. Is the job package current and complete?
	    b. Do the facility construction details on the documents match each other?
	
	If any of the answers to the above are NO, then STOP and contact your supervisor for guidance.

Jobsite Review	☐ "Read the Street." Check for signs of recent construction activity on gas facilities.
	
	    a. Do the existing adjacent risers match the documentation?
	    b. Does the facility construction type seen in the field match what is shown on the records?
	
	If any of the answers to the above are NO, then STOP and contact your supervisor for guidance.

Physical Verification	☐ If plastic is present, then STOP and contact supervisor. ☐ If fittings are in the excavation, then utilize them for pressure check. If you detect no pressure or if there are no visible fittings, then STOP and contact your supervisor.

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What's Next?

Gas Methods and Procedures and Operations and Construction are continuing to evaluate other work methods and technologies. Future improvements will be made to job packages and revisions to the JSSA. These will be announced in future communications.

If you have any questions, please contact the following:

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