PHMSA Gas Integrity Management

Frequently-Asked Question FAQ #205

FAQ-205: Quality of information

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Question: Does an operator have to provide the original source documents for the covered segment of the pipeline? (Source document means actual pressure test chart for MAOP, mill test report on pipe, etc.) In the absence of original source material, will DOT accept inventory map data for pipeline information, MAOP database information, etc.?

Answer: Operators should use the best information that they have available in performing the data integration and analysis associated with integrity management and must assure the quality of information used. Information of this nature would be subject to review during integrity management inspections.

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