

Operator Qualification: Why are We Here? Where are We Headed?

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Today's Discussion Topics

- The Pipeline Safety Law will impact us all
- A clear, stable approach to inspection is needed & Congress has mandated this
- OQ program implementation must evolve
- OPS needs tangible evidence of operator intent to pursue program evolution
- New compliance tool (NARI) will be used
- Collaboration developing criteria & benchmarks is needed

Today, We Plan to Discuss the Path Forward

- Describe our planned approach
- Gather stakeholder perspectives
- Identify and plan actions in areas where further development is needed
 - Complete protocols and supporting guidance
 - Develop needed criteria
 - Develop benchmarks describing acceptable choices for practices needed for successful OQ Programs
- I will summarize before adjourning