

SETBACKS, A REAL SAFETY  
BENEFIT OR AN ILLUSION OF  
SAFETY  
A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE  
PERSPECTIVE

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# Need for Energy

- ▣ Energy Improves the Quality of Life
- ▣ Location Dilemma
  - Location of the Energy
  - Location of the Market
- ▣ Linear Facilities
  - Footpaths
  - Rivers
  - Highways
  - Railroads
  - Shipping Channels
  - Flight Corridors
  - Pipelines
- ▣ Technology and Knowledge are Changing
- ▣ Expectations are Changing

# Terminology

Setback

Temporary Construction Easement

Permanent Pipeline Easement

Pipelines-----Pipeline-----Pipeline

Permanent Pipeline Easement

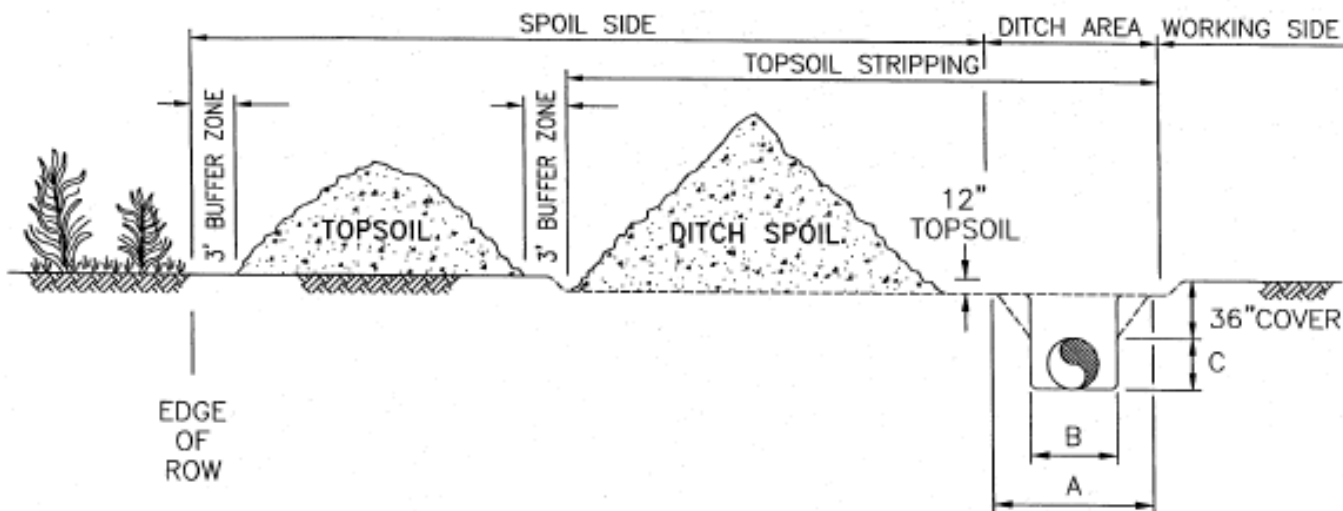
Temporary Construction Easement

Setback

# Permanent Pipeline Easement

- ▣ Facilitate Access for:
  - Operation
  - Inspection
  - Maintenance
- ▣ Identification of Pipeline Location
  - Company
  - Landowners
  - Excavators
- ▣ Technology and Knowledge are Changing
- ▣ Expectations are Changing

# Temporary Construction Easement



PIPE DIAMETER	WORKSPACE TO STOCKPILE SPOILS				DITCH DIMENSIONS			TOTAL WORKSPACE FOR DITCH AREA AND SPOIL SIDE
	BUFFER ZONE	TOPSOIL	BUFFER ZONE	DITCH SPOIL	A	B	C	
8" - 16"	3'	10'	3'	14'	6'	3'-4"	16"	36'
18" - 24"	3'	14'	3'	19'	8'	4'	24"	47'
30" - 36"	3'	20'	3'	24'	10'	5'	36"	60'
40" - 42"	3'	20'	3'	29'	12'	5'-5"	42"	67'

**NOTES:**

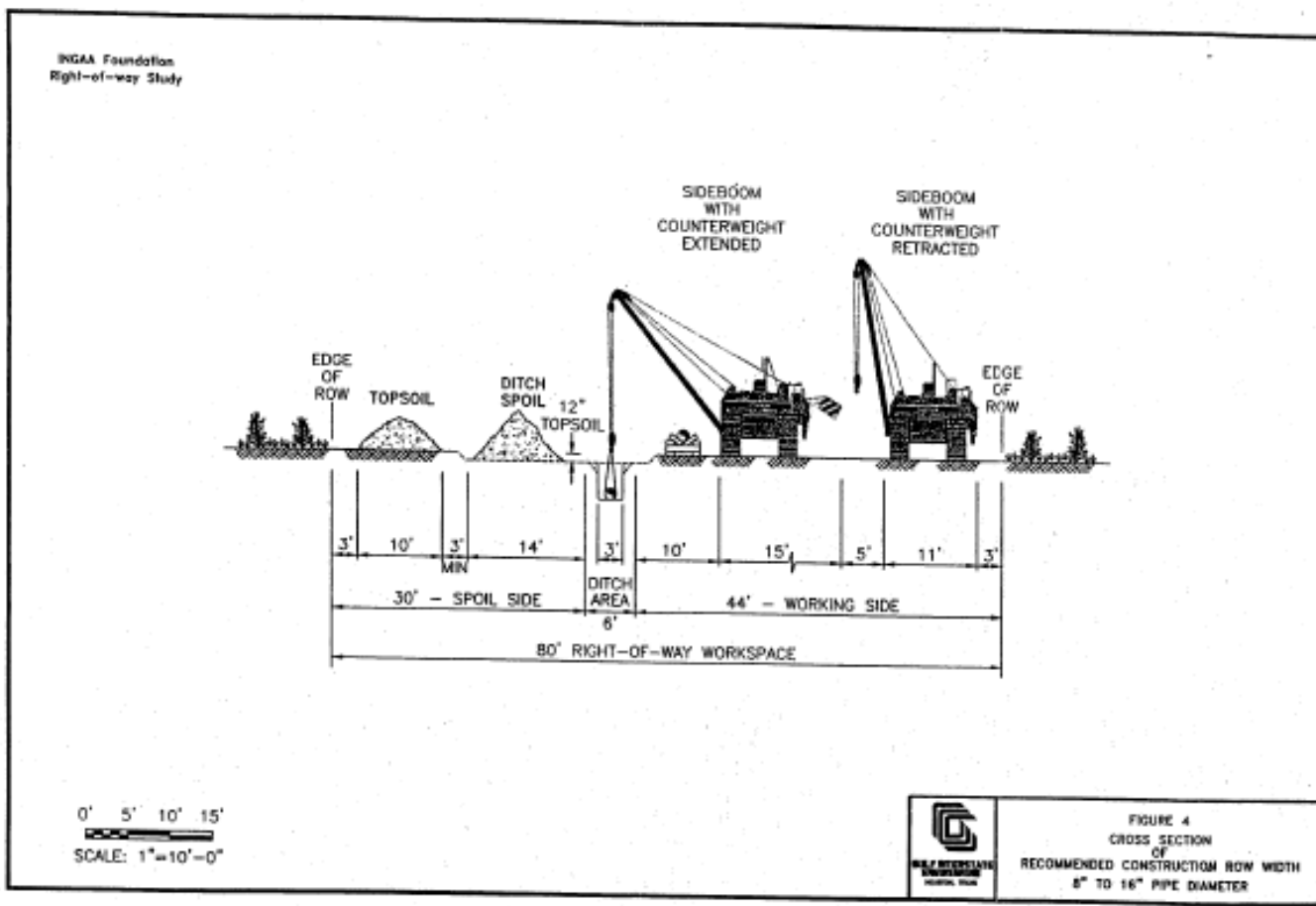
1. THIS FIGURE IS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE.
2. DIMENSIONS ARE IN FEET AND INCHES.



**FIGURE 2**  
CROSS SECTION  
RECOMMENDED CONSTRUCTION ROW  
DITCH AREA AND SPOIL SIDE



# Temporary Construction Easement



# Temporary Construction Space

- ▣ Facilitate Access for Construction of Needed Energy Pipelines
  - Engineering
  - Public Safety
  - Employee Safety
  - Environment
  - Historical Significance
- ▣ Technology and Knowledge Are Changing
- ▣ Expectations are Changing

# Definition of Setback

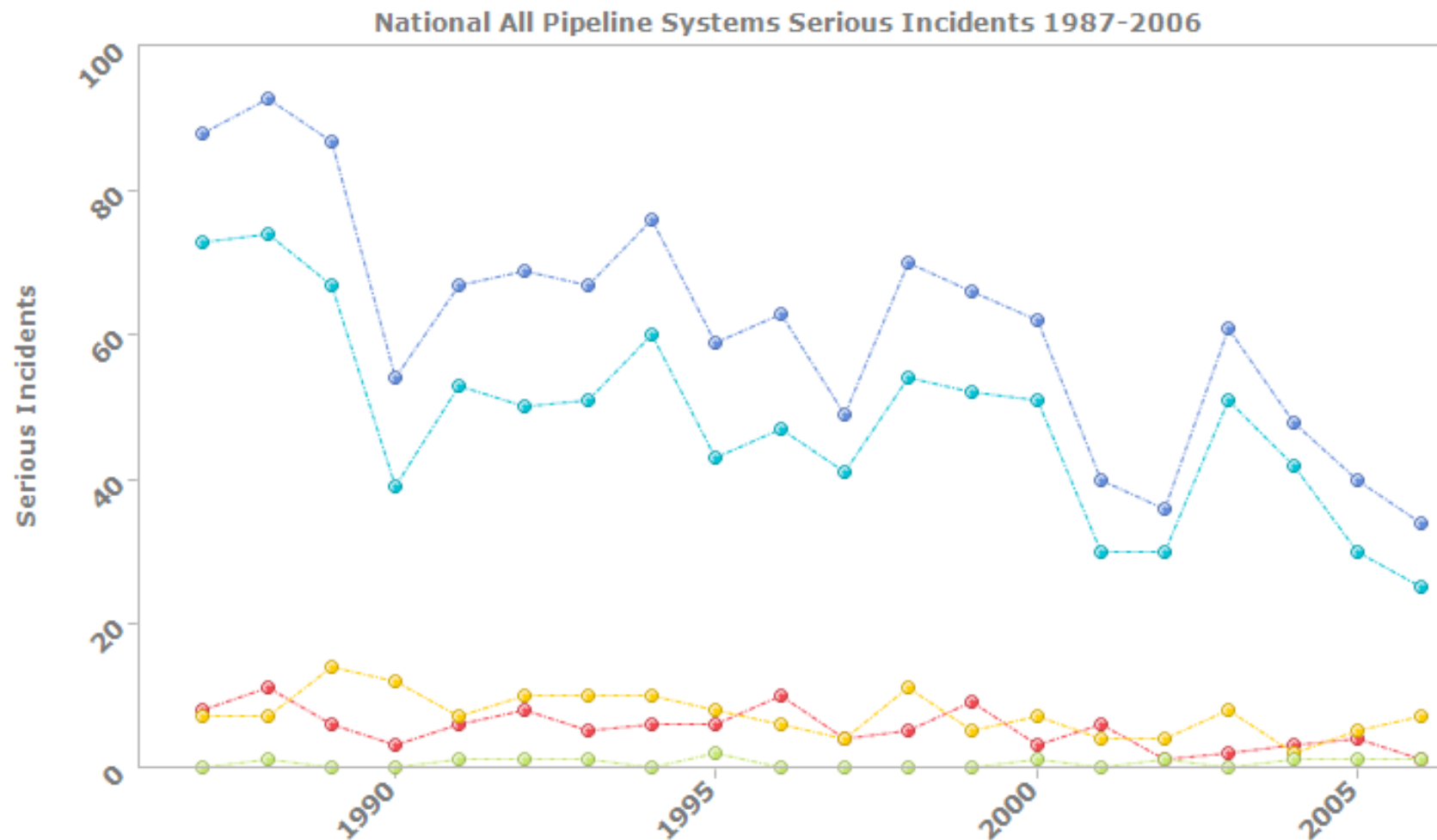
- ▣ Spacing between a Pipeline and Some Activity
  - Buildings
  - Vegetation
  - Excavation
  - Explosive Charges
  - Wildlife Habitat
  - Vehicle Loading
  - Visual Impact
- ▣ Today's Definition is Public Safety



# Risk Management Review & Demonstrations

- ▣ Risk to Public = Probability \* Consequence
- ▣ Review Practices (Risk Management 1.0)
  - "Almanac"
    - ▣ Pipeline Safety Regulations
    - ▣ Consensus Standards
    - ▣ Pipeline Company Practices
  - "Emeritus Report" (Why was this done?)
- ▣ Risk Management 2.0
  - Reduce the Probability (B31.8S; IMP)
  - Inform about Consequences (Communications)

# Serious Incidents (All Pipelines)



Source: PHMSA Significant Incidents Files Oct 19, 2007

- All Types
- Gas Distribution
- Gas Transmission
- Hazardous Liquid
- Gas Gathering

# Consequences

Public Consequences

National Gas Transmission Onshore: Consequences Summary Statistics: 2002-2006

Year	Public Fatalities		Industry Fatalities		Public Injuries		Industry Injuries		Total Property Damage (B) (C)	Damage to Public Property (D) (B)			Damage to Industry Property (E) (B)	
2002	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	4	100%	\$21,044,702	\$844,084	4%	\$11,068,814	52%	
2003	0	0%	1	100%	3	37%	5	62%	\$51,759,964	\$11,162,307	21%	\$23,618,889	45%	
2004	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	\$9,916,578	\$170,670	1%	\$5,722,475	57%	
2005	0	0%	0	0%	2	40%	3	60%	\$131,269,854	\$90,523,128	69%	\$30,471,690	23%	
2006	1	33%	2	66%	1	25%	3	75%	\$25,553,112	\$2,648,566	10%	\$17,200,717	67%	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>\$239,544,210</b>	<b>\$105,348,755</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>\$88,082,585</b>	<b>36%</b>	

# Results of the Gas IMP Program

**Table 3**  
**2004 – 2006 PHMSA Integrity Management Metrics**

<b>PHMSA METRIC Onshore &amp; Offshore Pipelines</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Total Onshore & Offshore Gas Transmission Miles	296,740	295,613	288,765
Total Miles Inspected	30,398	19,669	19,765
Miles of HCA Pipe	21,727	20,116	18,830
HCA Miles Inspected	3,956	2,739	3,406
Number of Immediate Repairs in HCAs	101	237	158
Number of Scheduled Repairs in HCAs	595	403	405
Number of Leaks in HCAs	117	105	86
Number of Failures in HCAs	8	20	11
Number of Incidents in HCAs			
Time Dependent	2	0	1
Time Independent	5	8	7
Stable	1	2	3

# Progress of The IMP Program

- ▣ Number of Incidents

- Time Dependent
- Stable



- ▣ Number of Leaks

- Time Dependent
- Stable



- ▣ Number of Immediate Repairs

- Time Dependent
- Stable



- ▣ Probability



Therefore Risk



# Manage Time Independent Defects

- ▣ Excavation Damage Prevention Understanding
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Party
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Party
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Party
- ▣ One Call Programs
- ▣ Common Ground Alliance (CGA)
- ▣ Excavation Damage Prevention Initiative (EDPI)
- ▣ Pipeline Easement Management
- ▣ Local Government Practices

# Summary

- ▣ Pipelines are Key to Quality of Life
- ▣ Cohabitation with Pipelines is Necessary
- ▣ Common Language for Dialogue is Desirable
- ▣ Reducing Probability of an Incident Achieves the Same Goals as Setbacks (Reducing Risk)
- ▣ Risk to the Public Is being Addressed and Reduced
  - Past
  - Present
  - Future
- ▣ Communication is Major Step to Understanding
- ▣ Are the Present Efforts Sufficient?