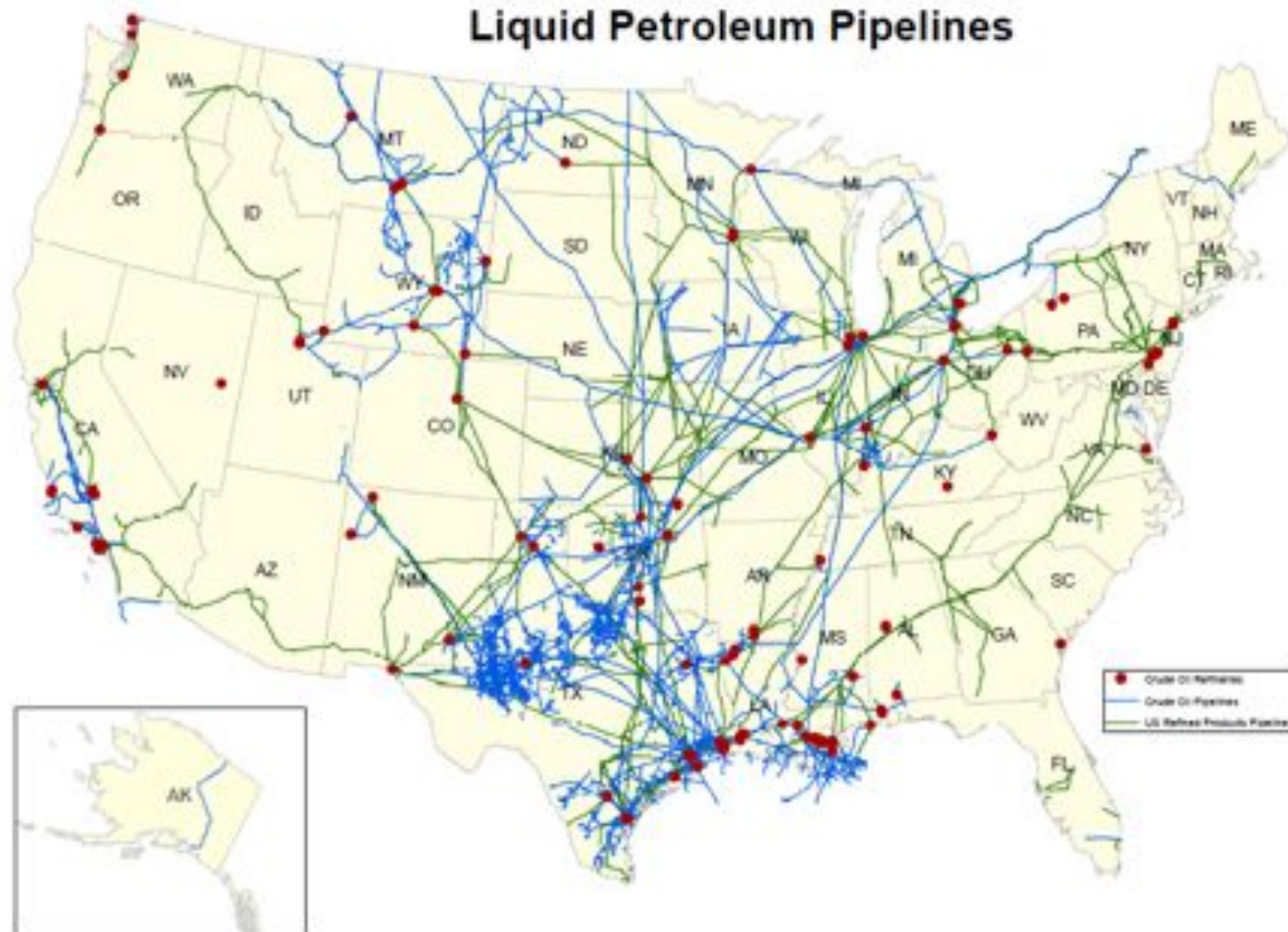


# Liquid Petroleum Pipelines Safe, Efficient and Improving

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Source: Petroleum Geographics Corporation 2012

# Pipelines: Safe and Getting Safer

- Safest and most efficient mode for transporting large volumes of energy products long distances
- Pipeline operators spent at least \$2.7 billion on inspection & maintenance of pipelines over the last 5 years & at least \$600 million on storage tank safety
- Liquid pipeline spills are down 60% and volumes released have dropped by 35%, over the past 11 years.
- Over the same time period, the number of spills from crude oil pipelines are down 72%.
- As a result of integrity management, corrosion failures are down 76%, equipment failures down 34%, and material and weld failures down 21%
- Pipeline incidents, while rare, do happen
- Industry works with PHMSA, NTSB, & State officials to investigate and learn from all incidents

# Liquid pipeline operators assess many more miles than required

- Liquid pipelines subject to federal pipeline safety regulations – 49 CFR Part 195
- About 44% of miles “could affect” a high consequence area (HCA) and are thus subject to additional integrity management requirements
- Liquid operators assess about 90% of all miles
  - 83% of non-HCA miles (and 100% of HCA miles)
  - 80% assessed with ILI-only
  - 14% assessed by ILI plus pressure testing

# Liquid pipeline operators strive to do more

- Since 1999 – Pipeline Performance Tracking System
  - “*You can’t improve what you don’t measure*”
    - Started with spills of 5 gallons or more when regulations only required reports for spills of 2,100 gallons or more to be reported.
    - Used to produce operator advisories for the industry – available to the public on our web site
- Performance Excellence Team – how do we do better going forward?
- Since 2008 – Pipeline Information eXchange – Learning from incidents and near misses



# In 2011, Seven New Pipeline Safety Initiatives Started:

- Leak Detection
- Excavation Damage Prevention
- Improved Integration of Data
- Improved Industry Learning and Knowledge Sharing
- Research & Development and Enhanced Technology
- Industry Strategic Planning
- Better Communication with Non-Industry Stakeholders

# Supporting new safety regulations and standards

Changes to pipeline safety regulations and revisions to integrity standard:

- Require repair of discovered immediate repair conditions regardless of location (HCA **and** non-HCA)
- Conduct leak detection evaluations on all regulated transmission lines
- Update HCAs every ten years based on new information (census data; drinking water sources)
- Revisions to API 1160 reflecting industry experience over the last 11 years

# Industry Goals

**No** fatalities

**No** injuries

**No** releases to the environment

**Reliable service** to our shippers,  
customers and communities

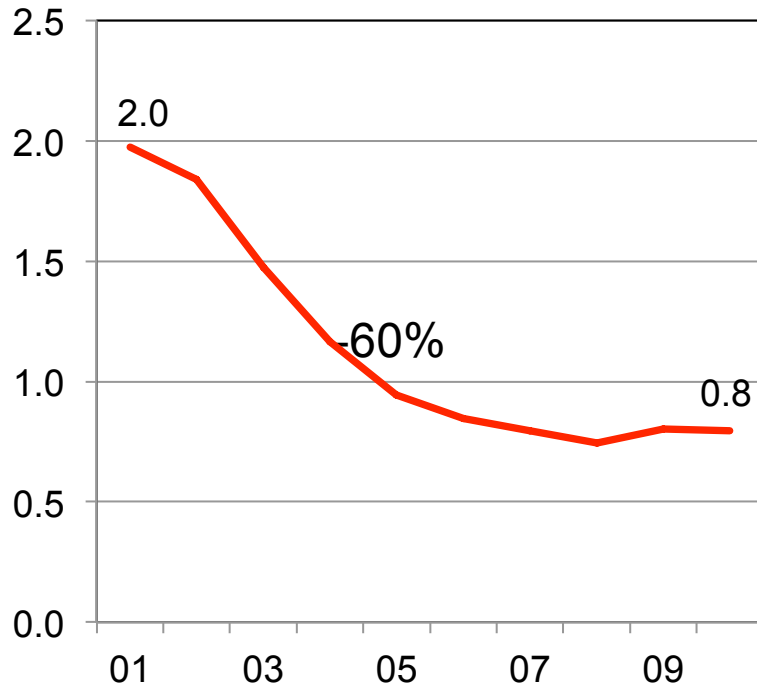
**Pipeline operators seek continuous  
improvement through practice sharing  
and adherence to industry and  
regulatory standards**



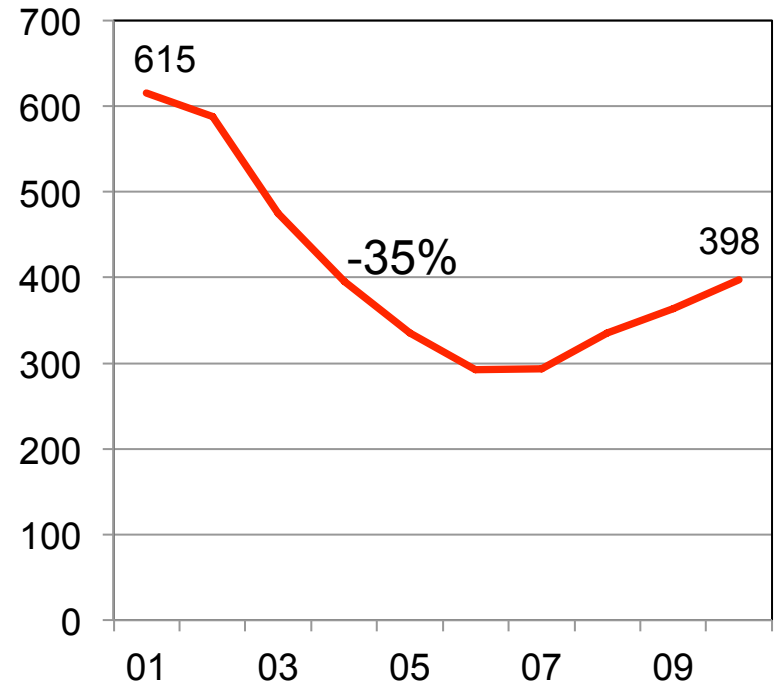


# Dramatic Improvement In Safety: Oil Pipeline Industry Onshore Spill Record

Number of Spills per 1,000 Miles



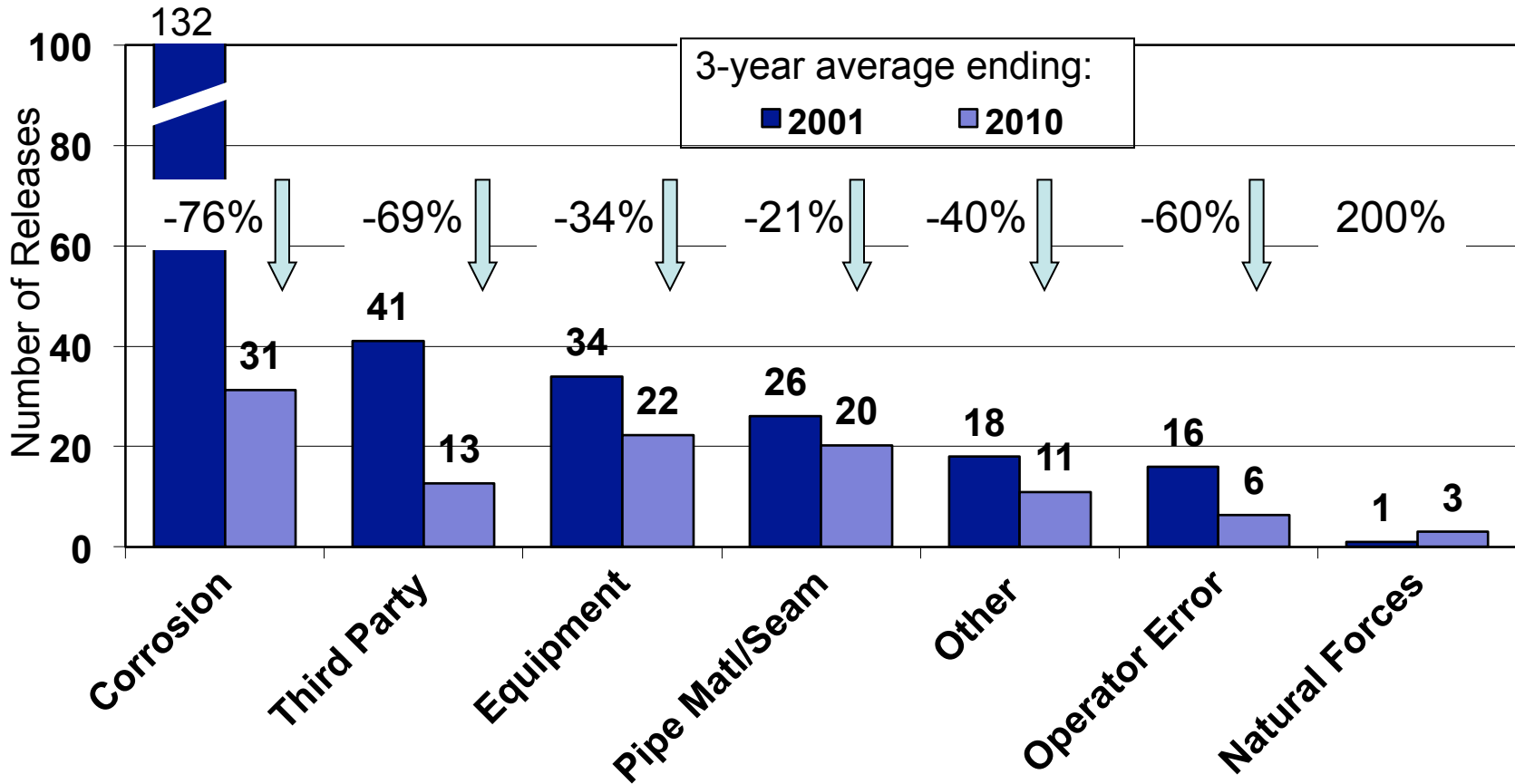
Barrels Released per 1,000 Miles



3-Year Averages Ending in Year Shown

Source: Pipeline Performance Tracking System, a voluntary spill reporting system involving 85% of the U.S. liquids pipeline mileage. Percentage decline from 1999-2001 average to 2008-2010 average.

# Reduction in all major causes of releases reflects diverse strategies



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# For More Information:

<http://www.pipeline101.com>

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