



Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

2014 Pipeline Safety Inspection Days

The Pipeline Safety Program has a staff of five engineers. These include the Program Manager and four other engineers who carry out the inspections associated with the program. Inspections include both field and in-office visits. The federal program requires 85 days per year per full-time inspector to be in the field. An inspection person day is any day or part of a day that is spent in the field conducting inspection activities in the various inspection categories.

Type of Inspection	Description of Activity	Person Days
Construction	On-site evaluation of design and testing for new or replacement utility construction	217
Control Room Management	Review safety requirements for controllers, control rooms, and SCADA systems used to remotely monitor and control pipeline operations.	2
Damage Prevention	Training or education to prevent damage to utility facilities by excavators	7
Distribution Integrity Management Program	Assure pipeline integrity and management of gas distribution pipelines	6
Drug & Alcohol	Check for adequacy of review and security of testing of drug and alcohol programs	3
Follow Up	Verification that previously identified compliance issues have been corrected.	9
Integrity Management Programs	Use federal protocols to assess compliance with inspection requirements for transmission pipelines	21
Incident Investigation	Visit sites, review operator response and prepare documentation of reportable incidents to investigate cause	8
Liquefied Natural Gas	Inspections of onshore and near-shore LNG facilities engaged in import/export activities and the interstate transportation of natural gas by pipeline	4
Master Meter	Identify MM operators to carry out initial and follow-up inspections of systems	23
Operator Training	Presentations to operator or contractor personnel	3
Operator Qualification	Inspection of operator training programs to ensure that activities are carried out by qualified personnel	30
Standard	Inspect regulator stations, valves, odorization, corrosion, review records and manuals for compliance	150
Totals for 2014		483