



Wisconsin Utilities Association (WUA) Update 2024 PSCW Pipeline Safety Conference February 7, 2024

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Agenda

- Who is the Wisconsin Utilities Association (WUA)?
- What is the WUA's role?
- What gas operating committees exist?
- Why join the WUA and participate in committees?

The WUA is ...

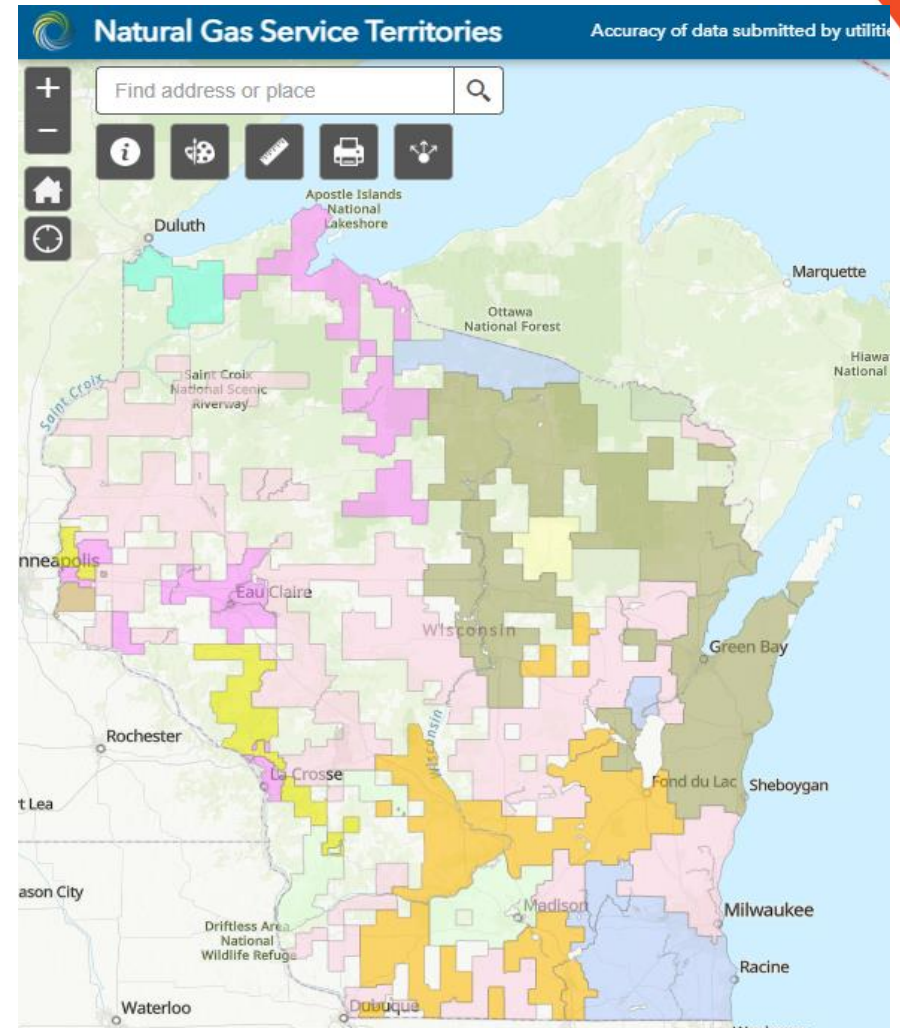
- ... a non-profit trade association that represents voluntary members of gas and electric energy providers in Wisconsin, serving about 80% of the electric and natural gas customers in Wisconsin

WUA Roles

- Medium of exchange to improve quality of service
- Industry advocate working in public, legislative, and regulatory arenas
- Fosters professional relationships between member company personnel
- Provide committee structure in 4 sections:
 - Accounting
 - Board of Directors
 - Electric Operating
 - Gas Operating

WUA Members include:

- Madison Gas and Electric
- Xcel Energy
- Alliant Energy
- Wisconsin Public Service
- We Energies
- American Transmission Company
- Superior Water, Light & Power
- City Gas of Antigo
- Midwest Natural Gas
- St. Croix Natural Gas



WUA Key Legislative Actions

- Advocates on dozens of issues – two examples:
 - Issued letters of support for American Gas Association led industry comments to PHMSA – LDAR and Distribution NPRM's
 - Supported Energy Freedom Bill - a.k.a. “ban the ban” of natural gas or other energy services

WUA Gas Operating Section Committees – Current Chairs and Key Objectives

- Operating Executive
 - Jackie Winchester, Alliant Energy
 - Information exchange on current issues
 - Lead for Gas Operating Conferences
- Utilization Safety
 - Amanda Spackman, We Energies
 - Practice/procedures associate with gas appliances
 - Customer piping, CO issues, red tagging, etc.

WUA Gas Operating Section Committees – Current Chairs and Key Objectives

- Codes
 - Ann Sundblad, Xcel Energy
 - PSC 135, PHMSA interpretations and new rules
 - State audit information sharing, PSCW collaboration with seminar planning
- Fusion Procedures
 - Scott Stouffer, We Energies
 - Develop and maintain best practice fusion procedures
 - Qualify fusers with portability amongst participating companies

WUA Gas Operating Section Committees – Current Chairs and Key Objectives

- Welding Procedures
 - Rich Hyde, Midwest Natural Gas
 - Develop and maintain best practice welding procedures
 - Qualify welders with portability amongst participating companies
- Measurement
 - Adam Lawniczak, Wisconsin Public Service
 - PSC 134 interpretations and revisions
 - Meter sampling, testing, gas chromatographs, fixed factor metering, AMR technologies

WUA Gas Operating Section Committees – Current Chairs and Key Objectives

- Operator Qualification
 - Jeff Kluge, Alliant Energy
 - Best practices associate with OQ and other qualifications
- Train the Trainer
 - Alex Hendrickson, Wisconsin Public Service
 - Gas operations continuing education to utilities and contractors
 - New technology, tools, equipment uniform to manufacturer recommendations and best practices

WUA Gas Operating Section Committees – Current Chairs and Key Objectives

- Installation, Operation, and Maintenance
 - Matt Flanigan, Madison Gas and Electric
 - New materials, equipment and techniques for installations
 - Inspection, directional boring, excavation protection, emergency response
- Engineering (proposed)
 - TBD
 - RNG, hydrogen blending, new technologies, system design, materials evaluations, etc.

Why participate in WUA Committees?

- Improve safety and efficiencies through developing best practices
- Improve compliance
- Develop peer networks for short and long term challenges
- Make a difference – to your company, our industry, and your own personal development

- Thanks to all the committee participants!!

Questions

