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Gas Circuit Rider Newsletter

2021 Inspection Scheduling

On January 12, I met with MNOPS via Microsoft Teams to discuss scheduling Inspections for 2021. MNOPS will be utilizing Microsoft Teams for online Inspections in 2021.

MMUA's goal is to conduct face to face Inspections in 2021, however with COVID restraints still in place I will work with each Operator and do what is best for you/your company. In some cases, an online meeting may be the best course of action. Inspections are scheduled, starting in April, partly due to weather concerns, as well as COVID restraints. I will be contacting each Operator with their scheduled Inspection dates and their specific Inspections in the next week or two. Inspection questions will be provided at least 30 days prior to the scheduled Inspection to provide sufficient time for review prior to the Inspection.

This year, Field and Record Inspections are at the discretion of the MNOPS Inspector due to Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Construction. All MNOPS Inspectors will be spending time on this project. In any event, I plan on reviewing your records using the Checklist to ensure compliance even if the MNOPS Inspector does not complete that Inspection. Operators have done a good job and I do not want to lose that continuity.

DIMP Implementation Inspections have been scheduled for almost every Operator. If you have not updated your DIMP in several years, you will need to use prior years' Annual Reports to update your DIMP. Keep in mind you will need to complete your Annual Report in order to update your DIMP.

Note: I will assist you with updating your DIMP. Please contact me to schedule time for this.

Damage Prevention and Public Awareness are the other Inspections that most Operators will be completing.

REMINDER: If you have a personnel change or your contact information changes, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can update my files. Thank you!

To Do List for Q1

- Complete hands-on training
- Review Emergency Procedures

Hands on training provides opportunities to check equipment and tools, as well as re-qualify. Also check to make sure all of your procedures, O&M and Manufacturer, are current and up to date.

On January 13, 2021, Hawley and Lake Park completed hands-on fusion and mechanical fittings qualification. Locating was discussed and Emergency Procedures were reviewed.

Please contact me to schedule fusion and mechanical fitting re-qualifications. I can also work with you to complete other training needs as required.

Work Safe & Stay Well!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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