Pipeline Failure Investigation Report

Pipeline System: Midkiff Benedum Non-Regulated CL 1 Gas Gathering **Operator:** Targa PL Mid-Cont Westtex, LLC

Operator ID: 22465 **Unit Number:** 29965 **Activity Number:**

Location: 15811 CR150 **Date of Occurrence:** 08/09/2018

Material Released: NA **Quantity:** NA

PHMSA Arrival Time & Date: 08/09/2018 **Total Damages $:** NA

Investigation Responsibility: __X State __ PHMSA __ NTSB __Other

	Company Reported Apparent Cause:	*Company Reported Sub-Cause (from PHMSA Form 7000-1/7100.2):*
	Corrosion	NA
	Natural Force Damage	NA
	Excavation Damage	NA
	Other Outside Force Damage	NA
	Material Failure (Pipe, Joint, Weld)	NA
	Equipment Failure	NA
	Incorrect Operation	NA
	Other	NA

	Accident/Incident Resulted in (check all that apply):	*Comments:*
	Rupture	NA
	Leak	NA
	Fire	NA
	Explosion	NA
	Evacuation	Number of Persons:_____ Area: _____

Narrative Summary

Short summary of the Incident/Accident scenario

On August 9, 2018 Oversight and Safety Inspector Chris Williams began an accident review of Targa PL Mid-Cont Westtex, LLC. Mr. Williams was initially assisted with the site review by Oversight and Safety Inspector Joe Rusk. Previously, at approximately 10:30 AM that morning a house explosion occurred near one of the operator's gas gathering pipeline systems, located at 15811 CR150 Midland, Texas. The house that exploded was a double wide mobile home with a family of four inside at the time of the explosion. The explosion caused four injured/hospitalized people, one of which succumbed and became a fatality.

The inspectors were tasked with determining if the operator complied with applicable Federal and State pipeline regulations regarding the operations and maintenance of the pipeline system in question. After a review of the operator's system mapping it was determined that the pipeline in question operated as a Class 1 gas gathering pipeline, which fell outside the regulatory scope of 49 CFR Parts 191, 192 or the Texas Administrative Code, Chapters 8 and 16.

The operator opted to not provide information for the PHMSA Form 11.

Region/State: **Texas** **Reviewed by:**

Principal Investigator: **Chris Williams** **Title:**

Date: **12/20/2018** **Date:**

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Failure Location & Response		
Location (City, Township, Range, County/Parish): (Acquire Map) Midland, Midland		
Address or M.P. on Pipeline: (1) NA	Type of Area (Rural, City): (1) Rural	
Coordinates of failure location (Latitude):	(Longitude):	
Date: 08/09/2018	Time of Failure: 10:30	
Time Detected: 10:30	Time Located: 10:30	
How Located: Explosion		
NRC Report #: (Attach Report) NA	Time Reported to NRC:	Reported by:

Type of Pipeline:

Gas Distribution	**Gas Transmission**	**Hazardous Liquid**	**___ LNG**
__ LP	__ Interstate Gas	__ Interstate Liquid	
__ Municipal	__ Intrastate Gas	__ Intrastate Liquid	
__ Public Utility	__ Gas Gathering	__ Offshore Liquid	
__ Master Meter	__ Offshore Gas	__ Liquid Gathering	
	__ Offshore Gas - High H_2S	__ CO_2	
		__ Low Stress Liquid	
		__ HVL	

Pipeline Configuration (Regulator Station, Pump Station, Pipeline, etc.):

Operator/Owner Information	
Owner: Targa PL Mid-Cont Westtex, LLC Address: 14000 Quail Springs Parkway Oklahoma City, OK 73134 Company Official: Phone No.: Fax No.:	Operator: Targa PL Mid-Cont Westtex, LLC Address: Company Official: Phone No. Fax No.

Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Contacts __ X N/A

Drug Program Contact & Phone:

Alcohol Program Contact & Phone:

1 Photo documentation

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Damages	
Product/Gas Loss or Spill[(2)] Amount Recovered Estimated Amount $	Estimated Property Damage $ Associated Damages[(3)] $
Description of Property Damage:	
Customers out of Service: __ Yes __ No Number:	
Suppliers out of Service: __ Yes __ No Number:	

Fatalities and Injuries					***_X__ N/A***
Fatalities:	__ Yes	__ No	Company:	Contractor:	Public:
Injuries - Hospitalization:	__ Yes	__ No	Company:	Contractor:	Public:
Injuries - Non-Hospitalization:	__ Yes	__ No	Company:	Contractor:	Public:
Total Injuries (including Non-Hospitalization):			Company:	Contractor:	Public:

Name	Job Function	Yrs. w/ Comp.	Yrs. Exp.	Type of Injury

Drug/Alcohol Testing					***_X__ N/A***
Were all employees that could have contributed to the incident, post-accident tested within the 2 hour time frame for alcohol or the 32 hour time frame for all other drugs? ___Yes ___No					
Job Function	Test Date & Time	Location	Results		Type of Drug
			Pos	Neg	

System Description

2 Initial volume lost or spilled
3 Including cleanup cost

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System Description
Describe the Operator's System: NA

Pipe Failure Description	***__X_ N/A***
Length of Failure (inches, feet, miles): (1)	
Position (Top, Bottom, include position on pipe, 6 O'clock): (1)	Description of Failure (Corrosion Gouge, Seam Split): (1)
Laboratory Analysis: ___ Yes ___ No Performed by:	
Preservation of Failed Section or Component: ___Yes ___No If Yes - Method:	
In Custody of:	
Develop a sketch of the area including distances from roads, houses, stress inducing factors, pipe configurations, direction of flow, etc. Bar Hole Test Survey Plot, if included, should be outlined with concentrations at test points.	

Component Failure Description ***N/A***	***_X__***
Component Failed: (1)	
Manufacturer:	Model:
Pressure Rating:	Size:
Other (Breakout Tank, Underground Storage):	

Pipe Data	***_X__ N/A***
Material:	Wall Thickness/SDR:
Diameter (O.D.):	Installation Date:
SMYS:	Manufacturer:
Longitudinal Seam:	Type of Coating:
Pipe Specifications (API 5L, ASTM A53, etc.):	

Joining	***__X_N/A***
Type:	Procedure:
NDT Method:	Inspected: ___ Yes ___No

Pressure @ Time of Failure @ Failure Site	***_X__ N/A***
Pressure @ Failure Site:	Elevation @ Failure Site:

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Pressure @ Time of Failure @ Failure Site				***_X__ N/A***
Pressure Readings @ Various Locations:			Direction from Failure Site	
Location/M.P./Station #	Pressure (psig)	Elevation (ft msl)	Upstream	Downstream

Upstream Pump Station Data	***X___ N/A***
Type of Product:	API Gravity:
Specific Gravity:	Flow Rate:
Pressure @ Time of Failure [4]	Distance to Failure Site:
High Pressure Set Point:	Low Pressure Set Point:

Upstream Compressor Station Data	***_X__ N/A***
Specific Gravity:	Flow Rate:
Pressure @ Time of Failure [4]	Distance to Failure Site:
High Pressure Set Point:	Low Pressure Set Point:

Operating Pressure	***_X__ N/A***
Max. Allowable Operating Pressure:	Determination of MAOP:
Actual Operating Pressure:	
Method of Over Pressure Protection:	
Relief Valve Set Point:	Capacity Adequate? ___ Yes ___ No

Integrity Test After Failure ***_X__ N/A***
Pressure test conducted in place? (Conducted on Failed Components or Associated Piping): ___ Yes ___ No
If No, tested after removal? ___ Yes ___ No
Method:
Describe any failures during the test.

Soil/water Conditions @ Failure Site ***__X_ N/A***
Condition of and Type of Soil around Failure Site (Color, Wet, Dry, Frost Depth):
Type of Backfill (Size and Description):

4 Obtain event logs and pressure recording charts

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Soil/water Conditions @ Failure Site	***__X_ N/A***
Type of Water (Salt, Brackish):	Water Analysis [5] ___ Yes ___ No

External Pipe or Component Examination	***_X__ N/A***
External Corrosion? ___Yes ___ No [1]	Coating Condition (Disbonded, Non-existent): [1]
Description of Corrosion:	
Description of Failure Surface (Gouges, Arc Burns, Wrinkle Bends, Cracks, Stress Cracks, Chevrons, Fracture Mode, Point of Origin):	
Above Ground: ___ Yes ___ No [1]	Buried: ___ Yes ___ No [1]
Stress Inducing Factors: [1]	Depth of Cover: [1]

Cathodic Protection	***_X__ N/A***
P/S (Surface):	P/S (Interface):
Soil Resistivity: pH:	Date of Installation:
Method of Protection:	
Did the Operator have knowledge of Corrosion before the Incident? ____ Yes ____ No	
How Discovered? (Close Interval Survey, Instrumented Pig, Annual Survey, Rectifier Readings, ECDA, etc):	

Internal Pipe or Component Examination	***__X_ N/A***
Internal Corrosion: ___ Yes ___No [1]	Injected Inhibitors: ___ Yes ___ No
Type of Inhibitors:	Testing: ___ Yes ___ No
Results (Coupon Test, Corrosion Resistance Probe):	
Description of Failure Surface (MIC, Pitting, Wall Thinning, Chevrons, Fracture Mode, Point of Origin):	
Cleaning Pig Program: ___ Yes ___ No	Gas and/or Liquid Analysis: ___ Yes ___ No

5 Attach copy of water analysis report

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Internal Pipe or Component Examination	***__X_ N/A***
Results of Gas and/or Liquid Analysis [6]	
Internal Inspection Survey: ___ Yes ___ No	Results [7]
Did the Operator have knowledge of Corrosion before the Incident? ___ Yes ___ No	
How Discovered? (Instrumented Pig, Coupon Testing, ICDA, etc.):	

Outside Force Damage	***X___ N/A***
Responsible Party:	Telephone No.:
Address:	
Work Being Performed:	
Equipment Involved: [1]	Called One Call System? ___ Yes ___ No
One Call Name:	One Call Report # [8]
Notice Date:	Time:
Response Date:	Time:
Details of Response:	
Was Location Marked According to Procedures? ___ Yes ___ No	
Pipeline Marking Type: [1]	Location: [1]
State Law Damage Prevention Program Followed? ___ Yes ___ No ___ No State Law	
Notice Required: ___Yes ___No	Response Required: ___ Yes ___ No
Was Operator Member of State One Call? ___ Yes ___ No	Was Operator on Site? ___ Yes ___ No
Did a deficiency in the Public Awareness Program contribute to the accident? ___Yes ___ No	
Is OSHA Notification Required? ___ Yes ___ No	

Natural Forces	***_X_ N/A***
Description (Earthquake, Tornado, Flooding, Erosion):	

6 Attach copy of gas and/or liquid analysis report
7 Attach copy of internal inspection survey report
8 Attach copy of one-call report

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Natural Forces	***_X_ N/A***

Failure Isolation	***_X_ N/A***
Squeeze Off/Stopple Location and Method: (1)	
Valve Closed - Upstream: Time:	I.D.: M.P.:
Valve Closed - Downstream: Time:	I.D.: M.P.:
Pipeline Shutdown Method: __ Manual __ Automatic __ SCADA __ Controller __ ESD	
Failed Section Bypassed or Isolated:	
Performed By:	Valve Spacing:

Odorization	***_X_ N/A***
Gas Odorized: __ Yes __ No	Concentration of Odorant (Post Incident at Failure Site):
Method of Determination: __ Yes __ No	% LEL: __ Yes __ No / % Gas In Air: __ Yes __ No
	Time Taken: __ Yes __ No
Was Odorizer Working Prior to the Incident? __ Yes __ No	Type of Odorizer (Wick, By-Pass):
Odorant Manufacturer: Model:	Type of Odorant:
Amount Injected:	Monitoring Interval (Weekly):
Odorization History (Leaks Complaints, Low Odorant Levels, Monitoring Locations, Distances from Failure Site):	

Weather Conditions	***_X_ N/A***
Temperature:	Wind (Direction & Speed):
Climate (Snow, Rain):	Humidity:
Was Incident preceded by a rapid weather change? __ Yes __ No	
Weather Conditions Prior to Incident (Cloud Cover, Ceiling Heights, Snow, Rain, Fog):	

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Gas Migration Survey	***_X_ N/A***
Bar Hole Test of Area: __ Yes __ No	Equipment Used:
Method of Survey (Foundations, Curbs, Manholes, Driveways, Mains, Services) [9] [1]	

Environment Sensitivity Impact	***_X_ N/A***
Location (Nearest Rivers, Body of Water, Marshlands, Wildlife Refuge, City Water Supplies that could be or were affected by the medium loss): [1]	
OPA Contingency Plan Available? __ Yes __ No	Followed? __ Yes __ No

Class Location/High Consequence Area	X__ N/A
Class Location: 1 __ 2__ 3 __ 4 __ Determination:	HCA Area? __ Yes __ No __ N/A Determination:
Odorization Required? __ Yes __ No __ N/A	

Pressure Test History **_X_ N/A**
(Expand List as Necessary)

	Req'd [10] Assessment Deadline Date	Test Date	Test Medium	Pressure (psig)	Duration (hrs)	% SMYS
Installation	N/A					
Next						
Next						
Most Recent						

Describe any problems experienced during the pressure tests.

Internal Line Inspection/Other Assessment History **_X_ N/A**
(Expand List as Necessary)

	Req'd [10] Assessment Deadline Date	Assessment Date	Type of ILI Tool [11]	Other Assessment Method [12]	Indicated Anomaly If yes, describe below
Initial					__ Yes __ No
Next					__ Yes __ No
Next					__ Yes __ No
Most Recent					__ Yes __ No

9 Plot on site description page
10 As required of Pipeline Integrity Management regulations in 49CFR Parts 192 and 195
11 MFL, TFI, UT, Combination, Geometry, etc.
12 ECDA, ICDA, SCCDA, "other technology," etc.

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Internal Line Inspection/Other Assessment History *(Expand List as Necessary)*	**_X_ N/A**
Describe any previously indicated anomalies at the failed pipe, and any subsequent pipe inspections (anomaly digs) and remedial actions.	

Pre-Failure Conditions and Actions	**__ N/A**
Was there a known pre-failure condition requiring [10] the operator to schedule evaluation and remediation? __ Yes (describe below or on attachment) __ No	
If there was such a known pre-failure condition, had the operator established and adhered to a required [10] evaluation and remediation schedule? Describe below or on attachment. __ Yes __ No __ N/A	
Prior to the failure, had the operator performed the required [10] actions to address the threats that are now known to be related to the cause of this failure? __ Yes __ No __ N/A List below or on an attachment such operator-identified threats, and operator actions taken prior to the accident.	
Describe any previously indicated anomalies at the failed pipe, and any subsequent pipe inspections (anomaly digs) and remedial actions.	

Maps & Records	___X ***N/A***
Are Maps and Records Current? [13] __ Yes __ No Comments:	

Leak Survey History	***X___ N/A***
Leak Survey History (Trend Analysis, Leak Plots):	

Pipeline Operation History	***_X__ N/A***
Description (Repair or Leak Reports, Exposed Pipe Reports):	
Did a Safety Related Condition Exist Prior to Failure? ___ Yes ___ No Reported? ___ Yes ___ No	
Unaccounted For Gas:	
Over & Short/Line Balance (24 hr., Weekly, Monthly/Trend):	

13 Obtain copies of maps and records

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Operator/Contractor Error	***__X_ N/A***
Name:	Job Function:
Title:	Years of Experience:
Training (Type of Training, Background):	
Was the person "Operator Qualified" as applicable to a precursor abnormal operating condition? ___Yes ___ No ___ N/A	
Was qualified individual suspended from performing covered task ___ Yes ___ No ___ N/A	
Type of Error (Inadvertent Operation of a Valve):	
Procedures that are required:	
Actions that were taken:	
Pre-Job Meeting (Construction, Maintenance, Blow Down, Purging, Isolation):	
Prevention of Accidental Ignition (Tag & Lock Out, Hot Weld Permit):	
Procedures conducted for Accidental Ignition:	
Was a Company Inspector on the Job? ___ Yes ___ No	
Was an Inspection conducted on this portion of the job? ___ Yes ___ No	
Additional Actions (Contributing factors may include number of hours at work prior to failure or time of day work being conducted):	
Training Procedures:	
Operation Procedures:	
Controller Activities:	

Name	Title	Years Experience	Hours on Duty Prior to Failure	Shift

Alarm Parameters:
High/Low Pressure Shutdown:
Flow Rate:
Procedures for Clearing Alarms:
Type of Alarm:
Company Response Procedures for Abnormal Operations:

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Operator/Contractor Error	***__X_ N/A***
Over/Short Line Balance Procedures:	
Frequency of Over/Short Line Balance:	
Additional Actions:	

Additional Actions Taken by the Operator	***_X__N/A***
Make notes regarding the emergency and Failure Investigation Procedures (Pressure reduction, Reinforced Squeeze Off, Clean Up, Use of Evacuators, Line Purging, closing Additional Valves, Double Block and Bleed, Continue Operating downstream Pumps):	

Photo Documentation [(1)]

Overall Area from best possible view. Pictures from the four points of the compass. Failed Component, Operator Action, Damages in Area,
Address Markings, etc.

Photo No.	Description	Photo No.	Description
1		16	
2		17	
3		18	
4		19	
5		20	
6		21	
7		22	
8		23	
9		24	
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11		26	
12		27	
13		28	
14		29	
15		30	
Camera Type:			

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Additional Information Sources			
Agency	Name	Title	Phone Number
Police:			
Fire Dept.:			
State Fire Marshall:			
State Agency:			
NTSB:			
EPA:			
USCG:			
FBI:			
ATF:			
OSHA:			
Insurance Co.:			
FRA:			
MMS:			
Television:			
Newspaper:			
Other:			

Persons Interviewed		
Name	Title	Phone Number

Event Log	
Sequence of events prior, during, and after the incident by time. (Consider the events of all parties involved in the incident, Fire Department and Police reports, Operator Logs and other government agencies.)	
Time / Date	Event

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Investigation Contact Log			
Time	Date	Name	Description

Failure Investigation Documentation Log					
Operator:		Unit #:	CPF #:		Date:
Appendix Number	Documentation Description		Date Received	FOIA Yes	FOIA No

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Site Description
Provide a sketch of the area including distances from roads, houses, stress inducing factors, pipe configurations, etc. Bar Hole Test Survey Plot should be outlined with concentrations at test points. Photos should be taken from all angles with each photo documented. Additional areas may be needed in any area of this guideline.