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Good Morning Michael,

Attached to this email please find the Superior Plus Propane Gas Safety Report for 2024.

If you require any further information please let me know.

Thank You,

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RE: Public Service (PBS) Chapter 48, Article 4, Section 66-U (Section 66-U). Case 23-G-0161

Dear Michael Pasinella,

In accordance with case number 23-G-0161 Superior Plus Propane was directed to submit with the Commission a Gas Safety Report to include a thorough description and explanation of the strategic planning and decision-making methodology used to determine and prioritize pipeline replacement projects, a description of the corporation's operation and maintenance activities related to gas safety, a description of the corporation's inspections of its intrastate transmission and distribution lines, leak repair information, and any other information the department may require, on or before April 13 of each year.

With this letter, Superior Plus Propane submits the attached Gas Safety Report for the year 2024.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,

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**Methodology used to determine and prioritize pipeline replacement projects**

Superior Plus Propane (SPP) uses a basic process to identify facilities to be replaced. Our Risk Based Assessment process ranks a segment of pipe based on leak history, material, population density, facility cover, operational issues, prior enhancements.

Each year the Jurisdictional Systems Administrative Team (JSAT), along with area OQ Qualified Operators, Customer Service Center Managers, Regional Managers, and General Managers review related to corrosion surveys, annual patrols, Cathodic Protection Surveys, Distribution Integrity Risk Ranking inspections, and DIMP History Reports. the reports, assist in determining if a segment or entire pipeline will be replaced. Existing and repaired leaks and material types are tracked on company software programs allowing the JSAT, OQ Qualified Operators, Customer Service Center Managers, Regional Managers, and General Managers the ability to see leak concentrations and to determine the need for repairing or replacing a segment or entire pipeline. Population density and district types are obtained through mapping and field reviews of the pipeline. Operational issues are determined from records maintained such as multiple leak calls to the same location.

In all cases the SPP's Pipelines in New York are entirely on one property and do not go under any public walkway, or roadway. When choosing a replacement project, JSAT, OQ Qualified Operators, Customer Service Center Managers, Regional Managers, and General Managers develop an action plan to determine what sections of the pipeline will need to be replaced and consider the effectiveness, and the effect it will have on the customer pricing.

## **Operation and maintenance activities related to gas safety**

Superior Plus Propane utilizes the following to assure a safe propane gas distribution system:

- ❖ Maintains a comprehensive Operations & Maintenance plan and Gas Construction Standards complying with 16NYCRR Part 255 and CFR 191 & 192 that delineates the following:
  - Safe installation of facilities using proper construction standards (proper depth, backfill, wire and tape) with PE joining procedures.
  - Performance of leak surveys and patrols of mains, pipelines and services including known customer owned buried facilities. Perform annual Buildings of Public Assembly and Business District surveys. Regulator Station and customer regulation/vent inspections. System valve inspections. Cathodic protection surveys with procedures for internal, external and atmospheric corrosion control.
  - Maintenance of a comprehensive odorization program testing.
  - Maintenance of a Damage Prevention program including membership with an underground facility locating program. Additionally includes proper pipeline markings, locating program, mapping.
  - Handling of Inactive Services.
  - Maintenance of maps and records. Records are retained per schedule.
  - Performance of leak and odor investigation with proper handling of leaks.
  - Performance of a Warning Tag program to make customers aware of hazardous conditions relating to their gas appliance and piping installations.
  - Safe performance of customer meter turn-on and offs.
  - Annual notification to customers if they receive gas pressure at a pressure greater than 14" water column.
  - Employs a safety and training (JSAT) department that maintains the Company training and Operator Qualification (OQ) program, DOT qualifications with hands on training. Performs onsite training and qualification. Operates a QA/QC program to assure compliance with procedures and standards. QA/QC performs site inspections, Periodic safety meetings held for all field personnel. Maintains PPE program for all field employees.
  - Maintains a Distribution Integrity Management (DIMP) Program to identify areas of risk.

Superior Plus Propane currently operates 20 small jurisdictional LP Gas pipelines within the State of New York totaling less than one mile of overall pipeline. Of the 20 systems operated 13 include underground storage tanks and inter-connecting piping all of which has active corrosion protection installed and tested.

All pipeline gas mains and service lines are constructed from ASTM 2513 Medium Density Polyethylene (PE) Plastic. All PE plastic joints are mechanical type of stab fitting.

All Pipelines have been installed after 1985 according to company records.

## **2024 Leak Information**

Leaks Discovered	Leaks Repaired
0	0

**Pipe Replacement Projects** – None

**Gas Safety Performance Metrics**

Gas Safety Performance Metrix	DIMP Ranking 3 or above	Results
Corrosion	0	N/A
Material Failure	0	N/A
Natural Forces	0	N/A
Excavation Damage	0	N/A
Outside Forces	0	N/A
Equipment Failure	0	N/A
Incorrect Operation	0	N/A