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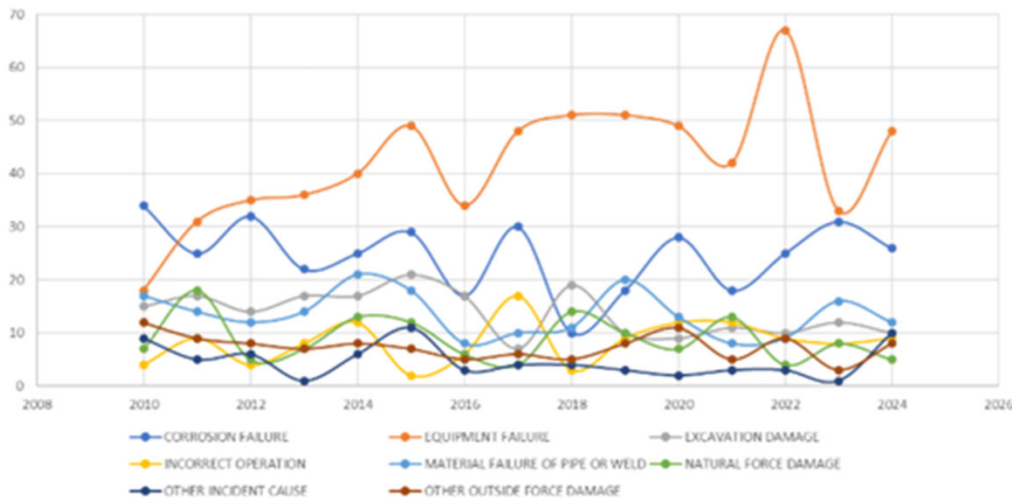
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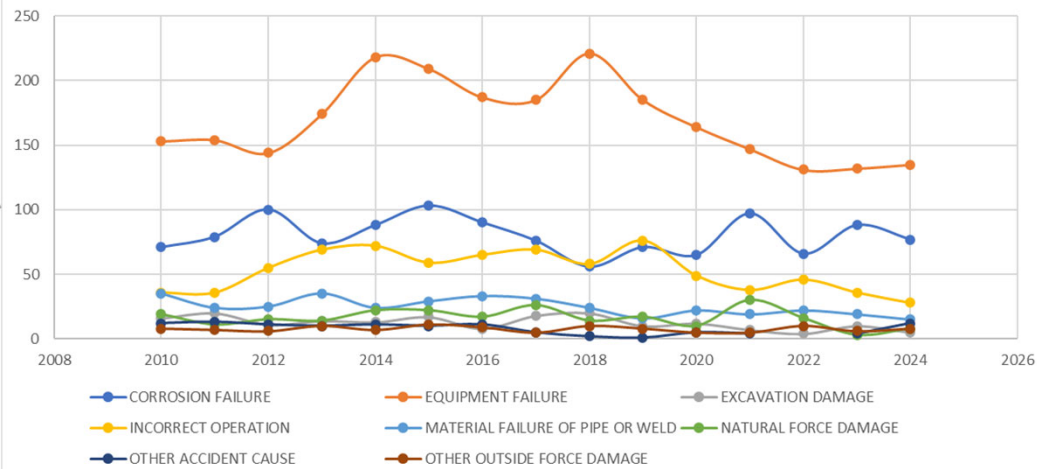
All data – Facilities and Pipeline

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PHMSA Gas Transmission & Gathering



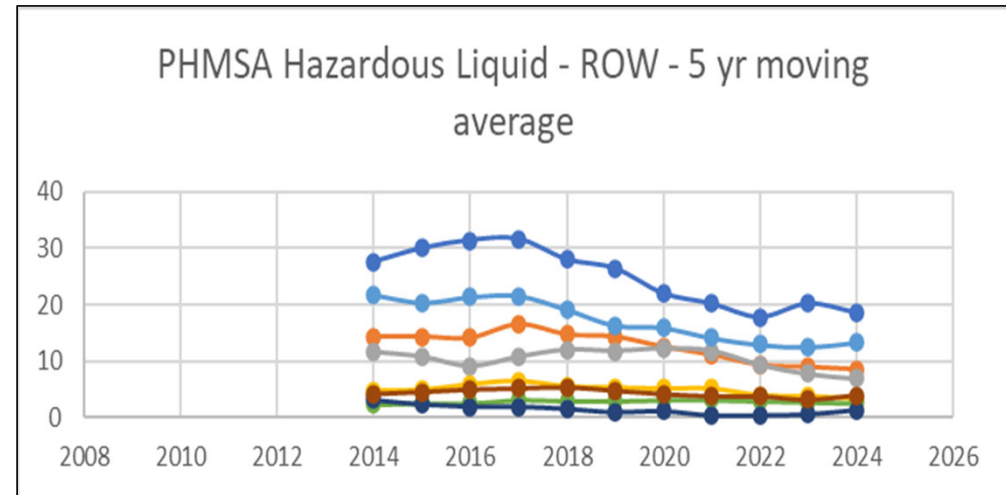
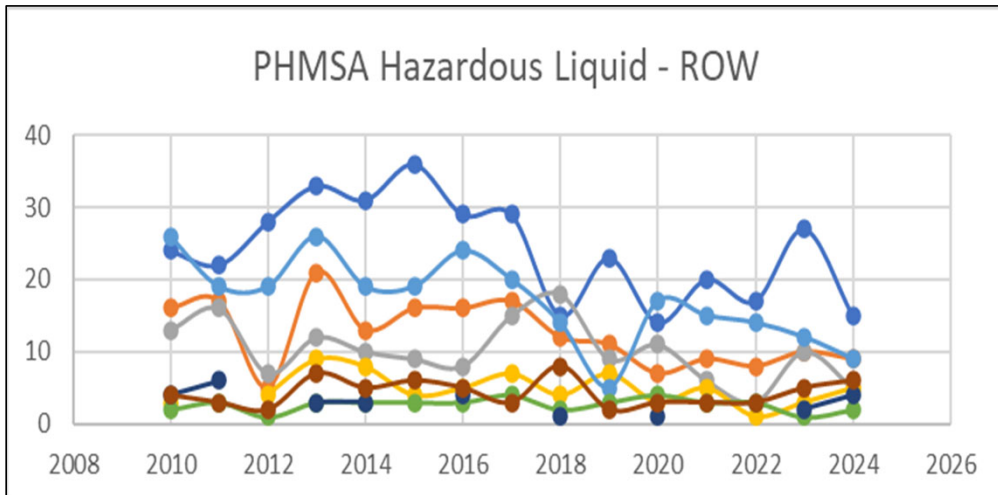
PHMSA Hazardous Liquids



When all data is together Equipment failure dominates. But analysis is too broad – needs sub-division, trending, normalizing etc for better analysis.

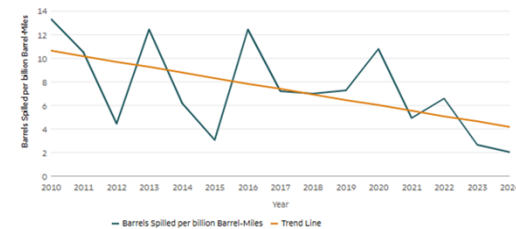
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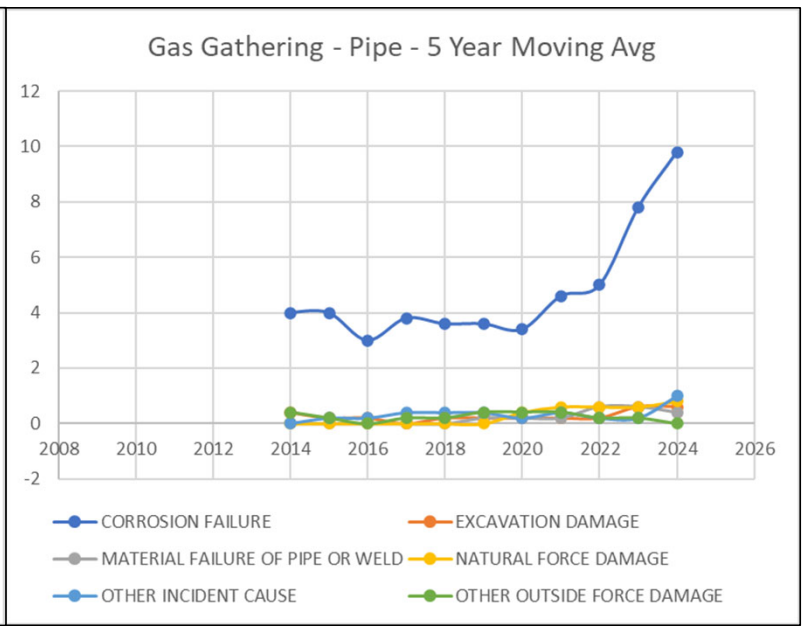
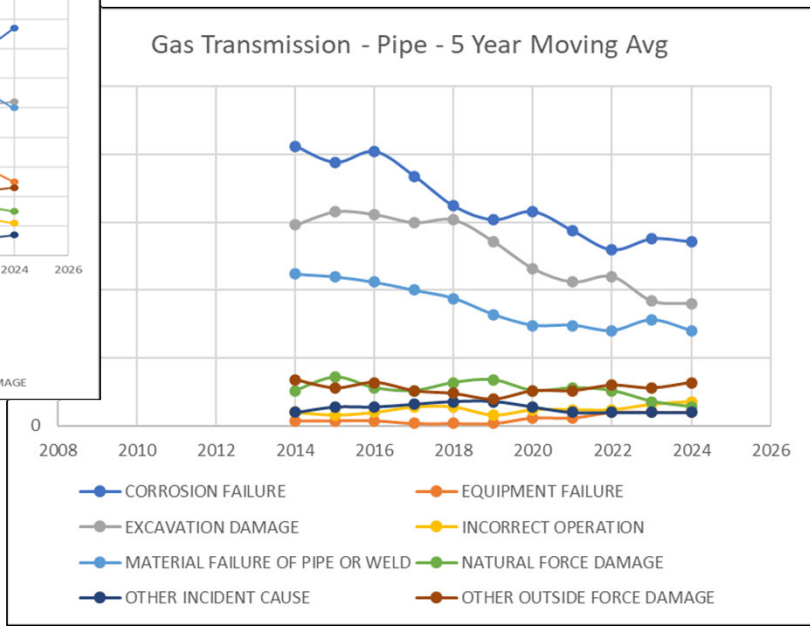
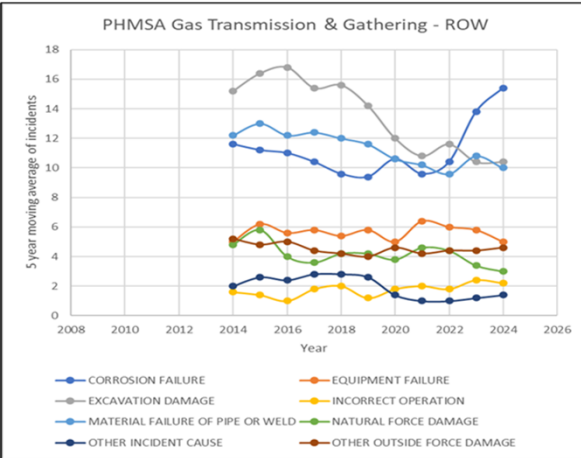
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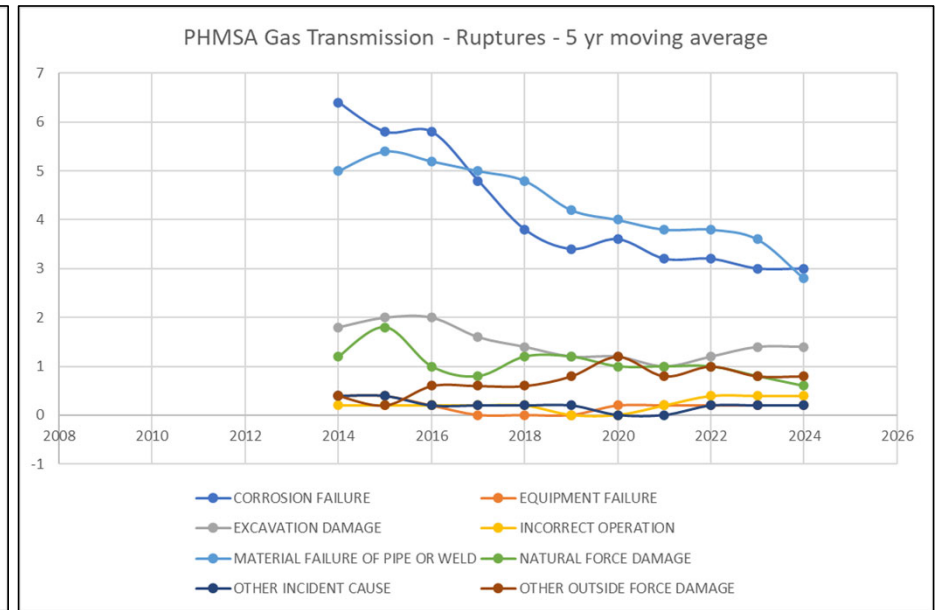
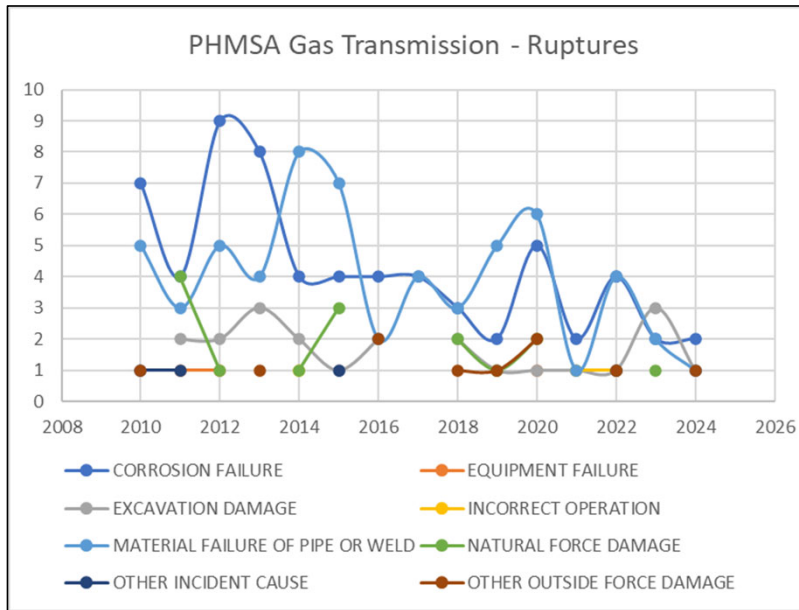
Gas Transmission vs Gas Gathering for pipe

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Gas Transmission – dominated by Corr, Exc. dam., and Mat. Failures all trending down
 Gas Gathering – Dominated by Corrosion and trending up (particularly onshore)

Gas Transmission - Ruptures

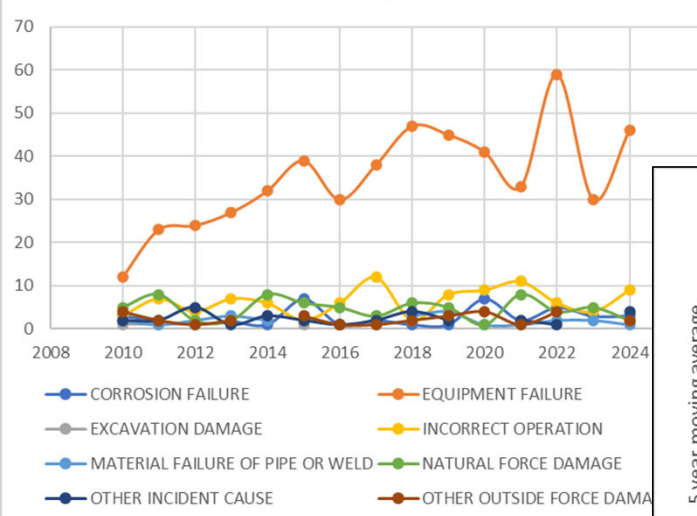


Gas Transmission Ruptures:
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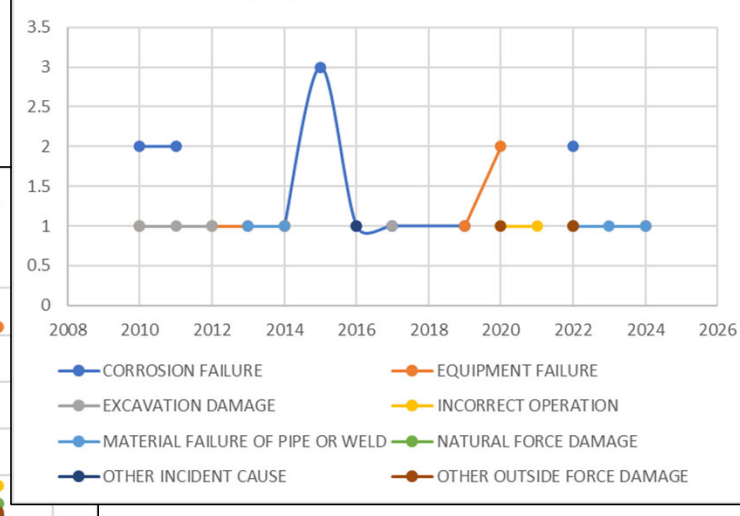
Gas Transmission & gathering(2010 to 2025) – Operator controlled property – trend and larger releases

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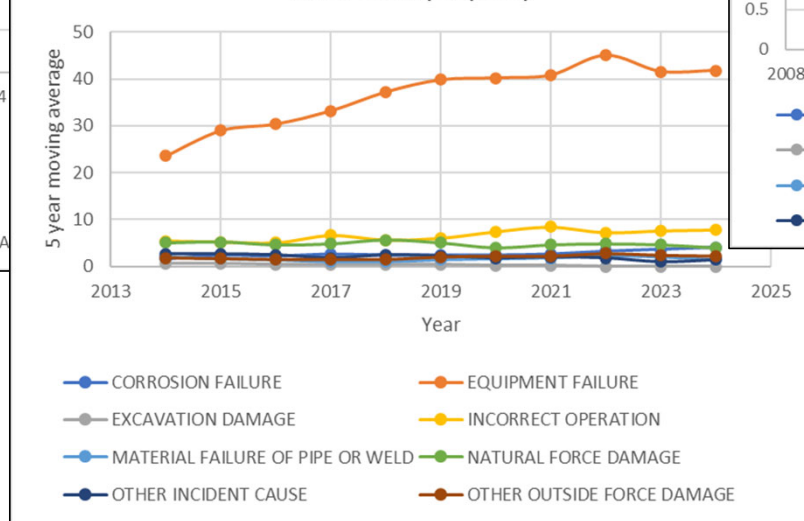
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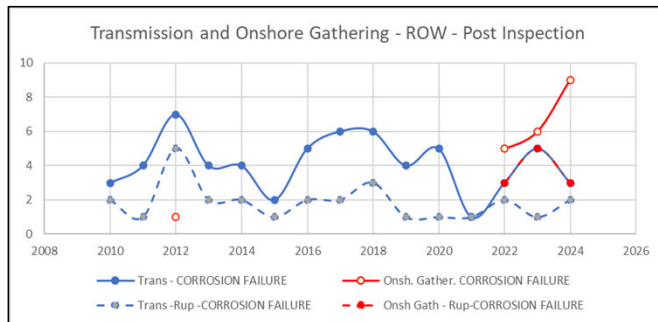
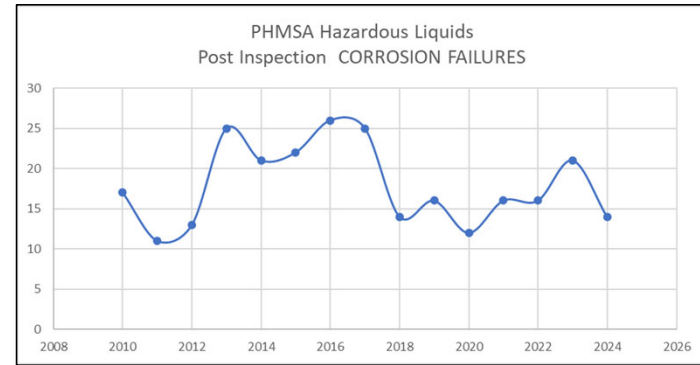
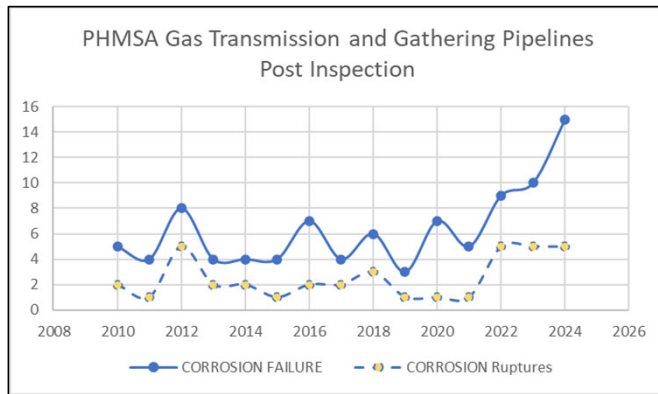


Gas Fac.: all data - Equipment failure dominates. Equipment failure is a broad category with leaks and other (mostly relief valve and venting...)

When leaks and other are removed – no highly dominant causes – Corr and Exc

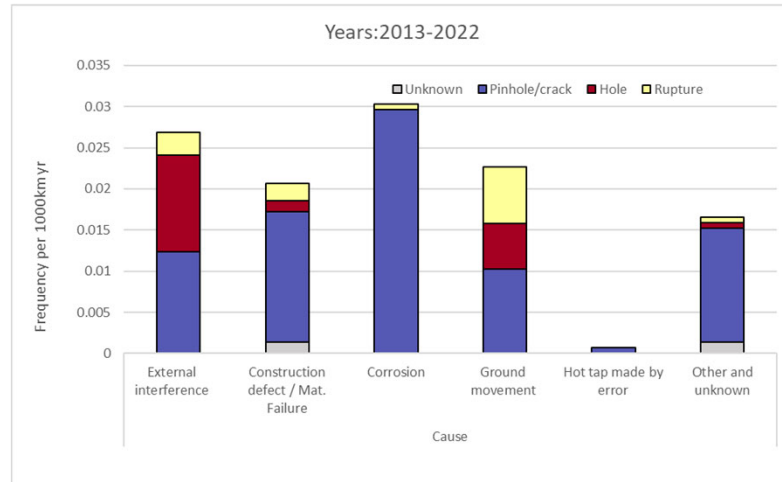
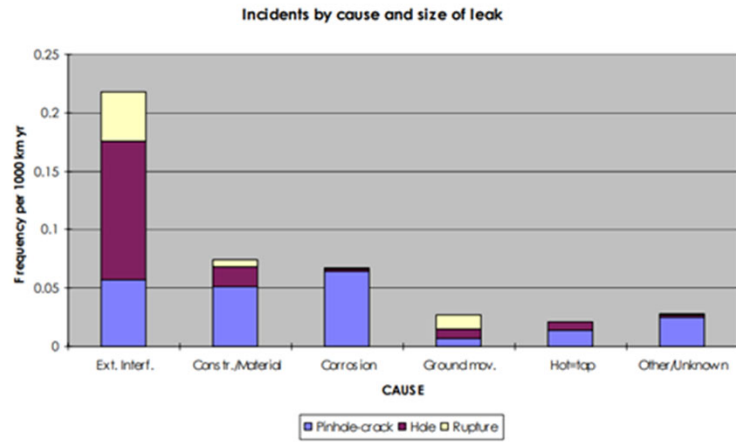
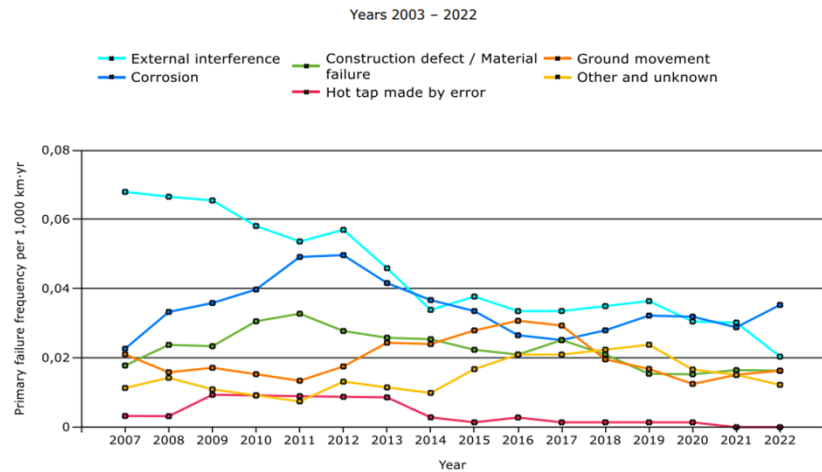
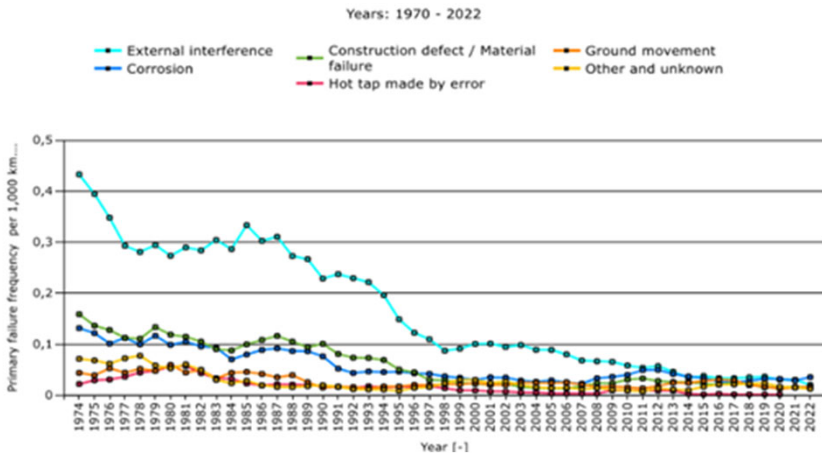
Post ILI trends – not normalized

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Gas and Liq: Investigate Post ILI Corrosion failures and ruptures. Normalizing data will give better view.

EGIG Trends



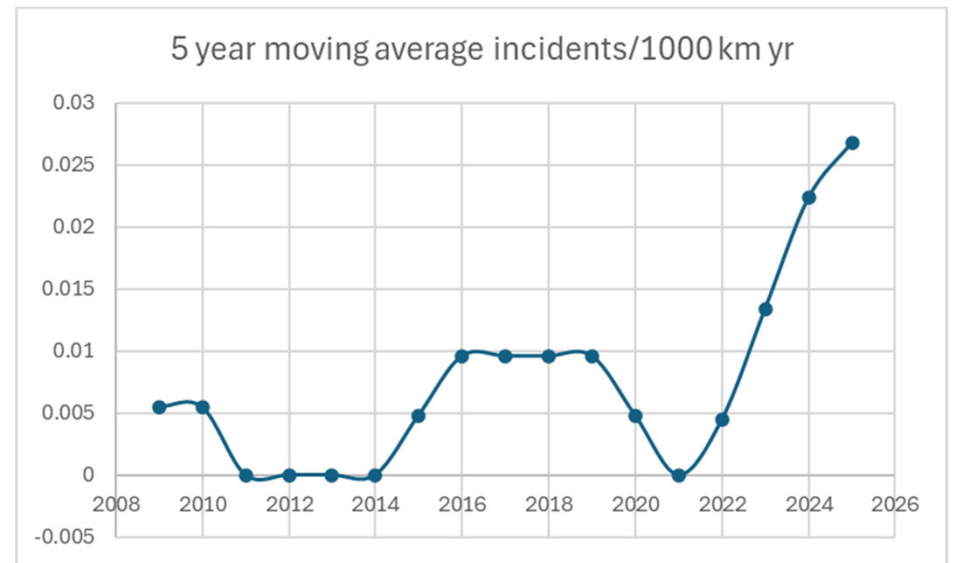
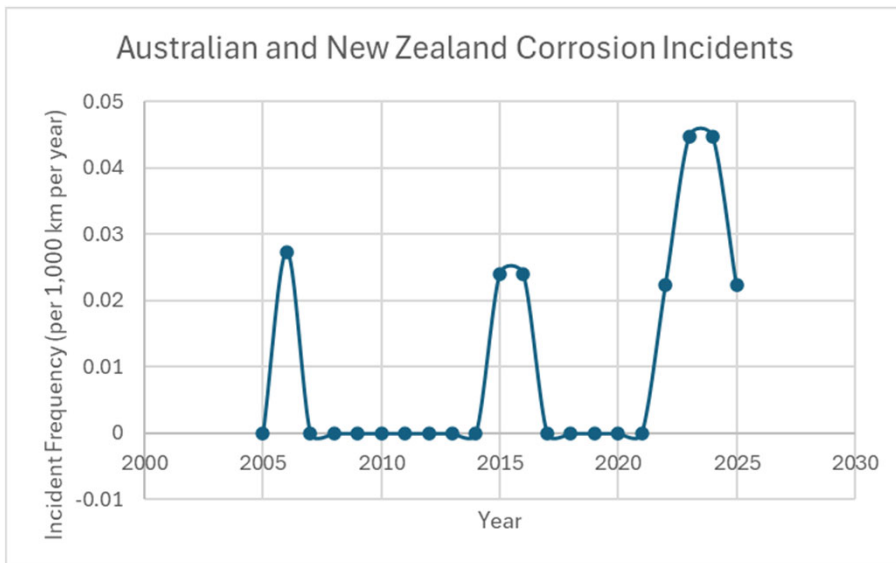
Historically EGIG Top Threats:

1. External Interference - leading
2. Construction / Material Threats
3. Corrosion

More Recent Trends (lower than historical):

1. External Corrosion (mostly leaks- 2 ruptures)
2. External Interference
3. Ground Movement

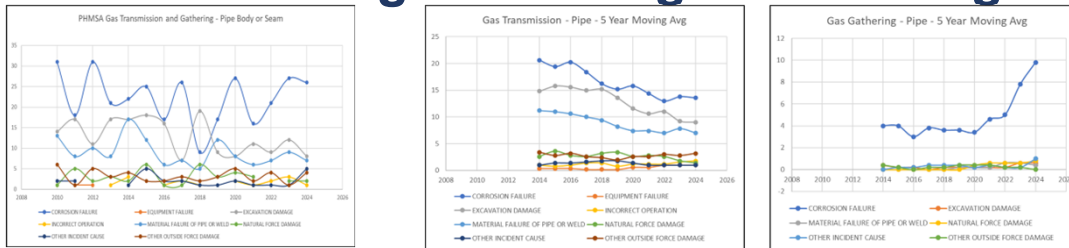
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Safety and Performance Data Analytics

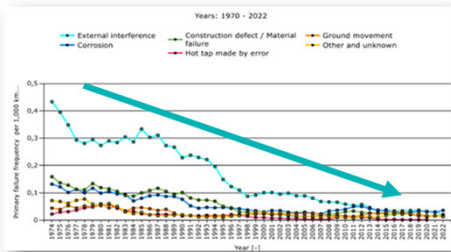
Three kinds of Lies: Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics ~ Twain/Disraeli

- Enable user defined slicing and dicing for meaningful data analytics

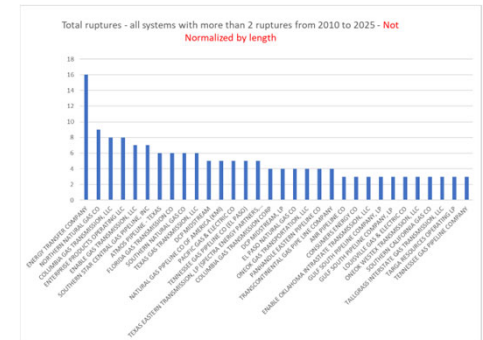
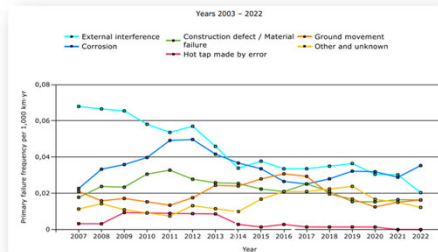


- Enable company performance data analytics and further sharing by members
- See International trends and learn early and drive R&D

Looking at 50 years of Data



More Recent Data - 20 years



Know your stats, so no one can fool you!

Thank you

PPIM Operator Workshop - SWOT Analysis

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SWOT Analysis of Inspection, Materials, Engineering, and Assessment practices in pipeline industry. Gaps:

1. Lack of standardized data integration and risk frameworks.
2. Non-standardized NDE validation and feedback loops.
3. Workforce and knowledge-transfer challenges.
4. Procurement practices misaligned with integrity outcomes.

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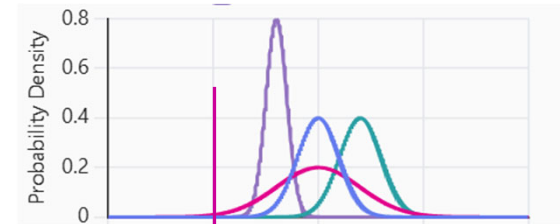
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Value Stories 1 of 4

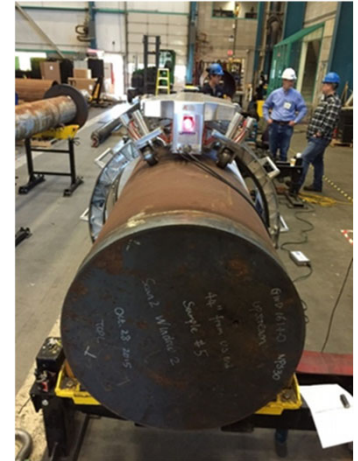
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- **Material properties have different distributions based on manufacturer, process, and vintage**
- **If an operator is missing material properties regulators require industry minimums(worst case) to be used in engineering assessments(EAs) - this will lead to many more remedial actions**
- **PRCI Material property data base collates data from many operators and can establish different distributions for each category**
- **With data for actual vintage and manufacturer EAs will safely give fewer remedial actions.**
- **Historically 100+ of digs have been avoided saving +\$10 M**



Value Stories 2 of 4

- Pipeline burst tests required for validating assessment models cost around \$30 to \$50 k each
- Original Psqr project had 30 data points
- In the Peer review project the SMEs were able to find 160 other tests to extend the validation and build industry confidence
- Some of the data from historical PRCI projects were never stored
- PRCI members can save millions of dollars (~5 M in above case) by reusing burst tests as appropriate to verify models and processes and improve safety with wider testing



Value Stories 3 of 4

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- **PRCI member had a “Complex Corrosion” failure in 2009 and shared that information with PRCI members**
- **Other members who had similar failures also shared and built a “Complex Corrosion Criteria” based on those failures.**
- **This work was published and shared**
- **One operator used this criteria and identified a dig. While they were in the field for the dig the ground shook and, as they bolted, it ruptured!**
- **Sharing does help us discover potential failures which cost \$1Million* to 1.5 Billion***

* PHMSA Data

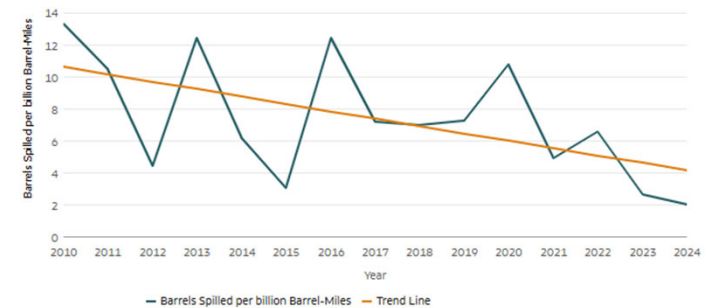


Value Stories 4 of 4 - Know your own stats to counter misinterpretation

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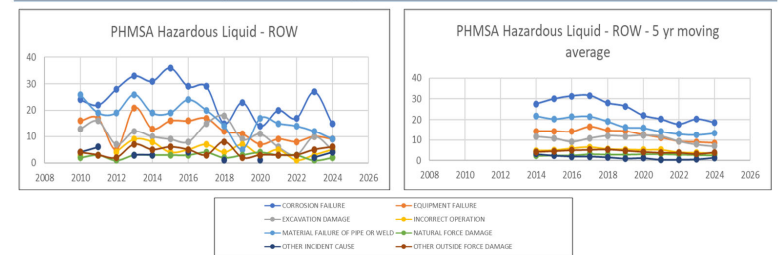
- Many misinterpretations are used to drive regulations and actions
- Cased crossings failures – assumed to be shorted, and asked to clear 100s, but data showed that the ruptures were not shorted and that ILI can adequately inspect cased pipe
- Counter misinterpretations to reduce unfounded drivers and knee jerk reactions that drive unreasonable actions and reputational issues.

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