

# *Maine Gas Safety Program*



Maine Public Utilities Commission

2014 NEPSR Pipeline Safety Seminar  
Portsmouth, NH

# Staffing

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Sean Watson joined our  
program in April

# Inspections

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- 187 Inspection Days, 445 Individual inspections in 2013
- 2014 & 2015 Focus
  - Construction
  - DIMP
  - Records
  - Drug & Alcohol

# Pipeline Safety Civil Penalties

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- 2012: None
- 2013: \$76,000 Assessed,  
\$68,500 Collected
- 2014 to Date: \$300,000  
Assessed

# Pipeline Safety Civil Penalties

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- Limits Now Match Federal
  - \$200,000 per occurrence
  - \$2,000,000 for series of events

# Cast Iron & Bare Steel Replacement

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2013 was the third year of the 14 year Cast Iron and Bare Steel replacement program in Portland & Westbrook.

As of December 31, 2013:

10 Mi CI Replaced, 55 Remaining

6 Mi BS Replaced, 4 Remaining

# Jurisdictional LP Gas

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- 734 facilities
- 31 Operators, 39 last year
- Five-year Facility Insp. Sched.
- Some Facility Owners are now interested in being the Operators
- We'll soon be requesting digital copies of O&M Procedures

# Recently Completed Projects

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- Bangor Gas
  - Rehabilitation of former Loring Jet fuel Line
  - Lateral to paper mill in Lincoln
  - Distribution expansions, including Town of Bucksport



# Recently Completed Projects

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- Summit Natural Gas of Maine
  - 68 miles Transmission Pipeline
  - Approximately 60 Miles of Distribution Pipeline in 2013

# Recently Completed Projects

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- Maine Natural Gas
  - 11 mile steel distribution pipeline to Augusta
  - Augusta distribution network

# Current Projects

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- Summit Natural Gas of Maine
  - Significant expansion of Central Maine distribution
  - Expansion to Cumberland, Falmouth, & Yarmouth

# Current Projects

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- Numerous Distribution Expansions
  - Unital
  - Maine Natural Gas
  - Bangor Gas

# Current Projects

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- Woodland Pulp, LLC
  - Relocation of several hundred feet of transmission pipeline to accommodate mill expansion

# Damage Prevention Program

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Locate Requests</b>	<b>Total Damages</b>	<b>Total Damages per 1,000 Locates</b>	<b>Gas Locate Requests</b>	<b>Gas Damages</b>	<b>Gas Damages per 1,000 Locates</b>	<b>Total Penalties Collected</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>55,434</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>5.68</b>	<b>21,568</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2.04</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>60,206</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>7.41</b>	<b>15,586</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>\$230,650</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>60,108</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>7.42</b>	<b>16,158</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2.04</b>	<b>\$181,350</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>60,420</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>6.97</b>	<b>17,481</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1.77</b>	<b>\$180,600</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>65,250</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>6.93</b>	<b>19,735</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1.67</b>	<b>\$151,750</b>



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