

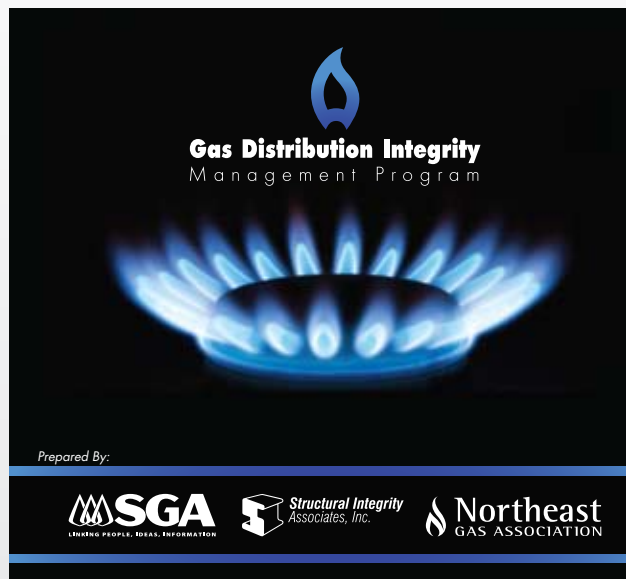
Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP)

DIMP REGULATION

PHMSA is currently in the process of releasing a new rule that will require gas distribution pipeline operators to have a Distribution Integrity Management (DIMP) written program in place and fully implemented within 18 months.

The rule states that the following program elements be covered by the DIMP program:

1. Knowledge. An operator must demonstrate an understanding of the gas distribution system.
2. Identify threats. The operator must consider the following categories of threats to each gas distribution pipeline:
 - Corrosion,
 - Natural Forces,
 - Excavation Damage,
 - Other Outside Force Damage,
 - Material or Weld Failure,
 - Equipment Malfunction,
 - Inappropriate Operation,
 - And any other concerns that could threaten the integrity of the pipeline.
3. Evaluate and prioritize risk. An operator must evaluate the risks associated with its distribution pipeline system.
4. Identify and implement measures to address risks.
5. Measure performance, monitor results, and evaluate effectiveness.
6. Periodic Evaluation and Improvement. An operator must continually re-evaluate threats and risks on its entire system and consider the relevance of threats in one location to other areas.
7. Report results. Report on each of the measures listed above.



Structural Integrity Associates, Inc.

Structural Integrity Associates, Inc. is an engineering consulting firm specializing in Integrity Management with over 250 employees and 13 offices throughout North America.



Our engineers have extensive backgrounds related to integrity management of distribution pipelines. The senior technical staff averages over 15 years of industry operating experience.

DIMP SOLUTIONS

Structural Integrity Associates, Inc. offers a full range of services to support distribution pipeline operators in complying with the DIMP regulation. These services include:

- Complete DIMP Plans and Plan Customization
- Risk Modeling & Threat Analysis
- Implementation Support
- Complete Program Management
- Action Coordination & Tracking
- Plan Auditing
- Software Tools and Service Support



DIMP PLAN FRAMEWORK

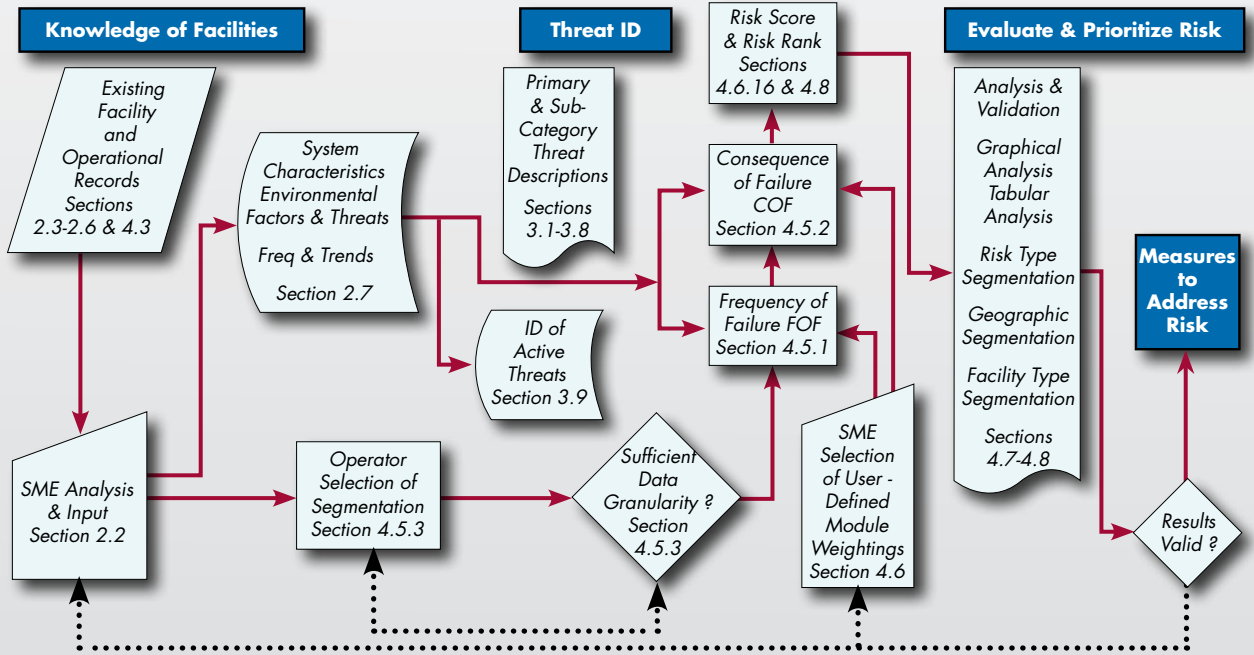
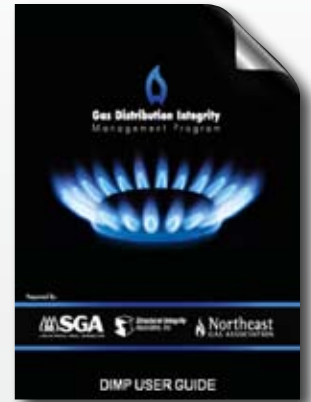
SI was contracted by the Northeast Gas Association (NGA) and Southern Gas Association (SGA) to develop a generic DIMP written plan framework. This framework will meet all elements of PHMSA's DIMP Final Rule, and can be readily customized to meet each pipeline operator's needs.

47 member companies of SGA and NGA have already purchased the written Program. These 47 companies collectively serve more than 40% of the distribution customers in the U.S.

DIMP PLAN CUSTOMIZATION

SI recognizes that each operator's system is unique with its own distinct threats and challenges. SI is capable to help operators adapt and implement a plan that will meet their specific needs.

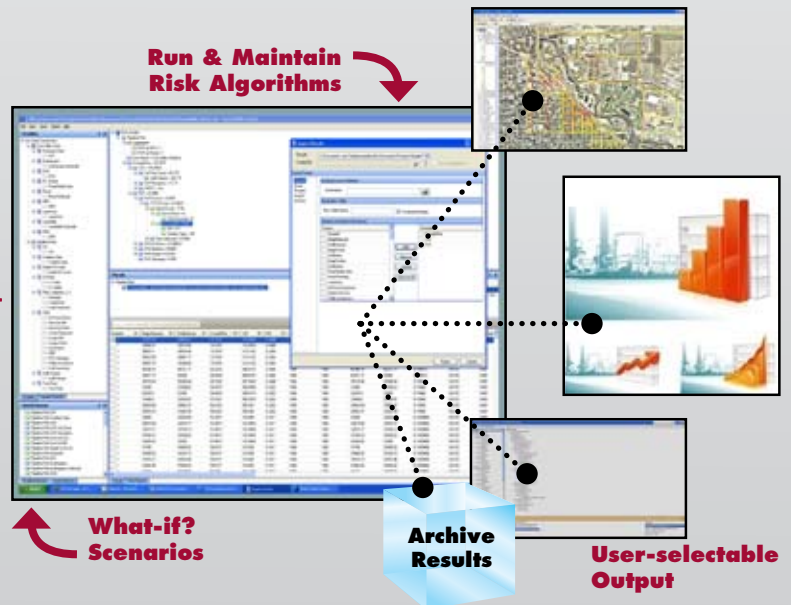
SI will also be available to review or audit both the process and implementation status of the client's own DIMP plans.



DIMP SOFTWARE TOOLS

SI has teamed with New Century Software to offer an industry-leading software solution and supporting services to assist gas distribution operators in complying with pending regulation for Distribution Integrity Management. This DIMP solution will provide a flexible framework that is capable of being adapted to each operator's unique requirements of their system.

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- Leak Records
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