Cold Weather Hydrostatic Testing

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Technical Overview



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Hydrostatic Testing

16" Hydrostatic Test1 - P/V Disgram



Testing Specifics

- 3 separate hydrostatic pressure tests
- Minimum test pressure 1755psig (94% SMYS)
- 330,000 gallons of water required
- Dewatering Pigging & methanol dry air
- Water Sourced Local municipal facilities
- Water Disposal Local water treatment facility









Dewatering Process

- IRun Push Double Dish Poly Pig Out of 16" Main 75%
- IRun Brush Pig 75%
- 3Runs Cupped Pig 90%
- 4Runs Foam Disk Pig Train 95%
- 10Runs 2lb Swab Pig Train 98%
- IRun Brush Pig 98%
- 10Runs 2lb Swab Pig Train 99%
- IRun Methanol Train 40gal 99.9%
- IRun Brush Pig 99.9%
- 3Runs Swab Pig Train 99.99% (less than ¼" penetration)
- Dreger Tube Sample
- Turn and Grease Every Valve



The Unseen Issues

- Improper use of Dreger tubed
- Normal air compressor
- 1/4" penetration does not mean dry
- Low velocity conditions 26hr exposure
- Meter sets exposed to extremely cold air

Pipeline Dew Point (°F) Relative To Hours of Drying)

Cold Weather Impacts - Time

- Waiting for weather, 1st hydrotest 6days
- Constructing heated enclosures 3days
- Cold weather and snow downtime 14days
- Insufficient dewatering, 1st hydrotest 35days
- Total lost time 58days

Cold Weather Impacts - Money

- Change orders attributable to weather \$300,000
- Supply optimization opportunity cost \$4,000/day
- Incremental inspection and overheads \$50,000

Total estimated cost of weather delays - \$600,000