



# **NEXUS GAS TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

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This Draft Resource Report for the NEXUS Gas Transmission Project (“Project”) is being filed as part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“FERC’s”) pre-filing process. The pre-filing process allows interested stakeholders, FERC, and regulatory agency staff to engage in early dialogue to identify affected stakeholders, facilitate early issue identification and resolution, provide multiple opportunities for public meetings (e.g., open houses), and support the preparation of high-quality environmental Resource Reports and related documents that describe the Project, assess its potential impacts, identify measures to avoid and mitigate impacts, and analyze alternatives to the Project.

Since the initial filing of Draft Resource Report 1 (Project Description) and 10 (Alternatives) on January 23, 2015, NEXUS hosted eight Open Houses along the proposed pipeline route to inform stakeholders about the proposed Project and to answer questions. FERC staff also hosted six independent Public Scoping Meetings along the proposed route in April and May of 2015, as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) compliance process. This Draft Resource Report may contain items that are highlighted in grey that will be filed when NEXUS files its NGA 7(c) Certificate Application with the Commission in November 2015.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Describe how the project facilities would be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to minimize potential hazard to the public from the failure of project components as a result of accidents or natural catastrophes. (§ 380.12(m))	Sections 11.2 to 11.4

## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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AC	alternating current
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
Dawn	Dawn Hub in Ontario, Canada
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
HCA	High Consequence Areas
M&R	meter and regulating
NEXUS	NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC
NEXUS Project or Project	NEXUS Gas Transmission Project
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Part 192	Title 49 of the CFR Part 192
PHMSA	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
Project	NEXUS Project
ROW	right of way
Spectra Energy	Spectra Energy Partners, LP
U.S.	United States
USDOT	U.S. Department of Transportation

## **11.0 RESOURCE REPORT 11 – RELIABILITY AND SAFETY**

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### **11.1 Introduction**

NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC (“NEXUS”) is seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“Certificate”) from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act authorizing the construction and operation of the NEXUS Gas Transmission Project (“NEXUS Project” or “Project”). NEXUS is owned by affiliates of Spectra Energy Partners, LP (“Spectra” or “Spectra Energy”) and c Energy Company. The NEXUS Project will utilize greenfield pipeline construction and capacity of third party pipelines to provide for the seamless transportation of 1.5 billion cubic feet per day of Appalachian Basin shale gas, including Utica and Marcellus shale gas production, directly to consuming markets in northern Ohio and southeastern Michigan, and to the Dawn Hub in Ontario, Canada (“Dawn”). Through interconnections with existing pipelines, shippers on the NEXUS Project will also be able to reach the Chicago Hub in Illinois and other Midwestern markets. The United States (“U.S.”) portion of the NEXUS Project will traverse Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Michigan, terminating at the U.S./Canada international boundary between Michigan and Ontario. The Canadian portion of the Project will extend from the U.S./Canada international boundary to Dawn. A more detailed description of the Project is set forth in Draft Resource Report 1.

This Resource Report 11 describes the reliability and safety aspects of the proposed Project. Tables for this Resource Report are provided in the Tables section at the end of this report.

Project drawings, maps, alignment sheets, and aerials are provided in Appendix 1A of Resource Report 1.

### **11.2 Natural Gas Pipeline Industry Safety Overview**

The following information provides a perspective of NEXUS’ experience with respect to safety and reliability compared to industry-wide operational data. The information presented also helps to define the key industry related safety issues.

#### **11.2.1 Pipeline Safety**

##### **11.2.1.1 Hazards**

According to PHMSA, the federal agency with authority for regulating oil and gas pipeline safety, there are 2.6 million miles of pipelines across the U.S. and those pipelines offer one of the safest and most cost-efficient way to transport oil and natural gas. Natural gas transmission makes up about 301,000 miles of the total miles of pipelines in the United States. The risk of pipeline incidents resulting in death or major injury has decreased over the past two decades by approximately 10 percent every three years (PHMSA, 2013). As presented in subsequent sections of this report, through the application of federal law and with technological advances, there are multiple layers of safeguards built into the design, construction and operation of the proposed pipeline.

Methane, the primary component of natural gas, is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. It is not toxic, but it is classified as an asphyxiant for its ability to displace oxygen, resulting in an inhalation hazard. If inhaled in high concentration, oxygen deficiency can result in serious injury or death. Methane has an ignition temperature of 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit and is flammable at concentrations between five percent and 15 percent in air. Unconfined mixtures of methane in air are generally not explosive or a significant health hazard. However, a flammable concentration within an enclosed space in the presence of an ignition source can result in a fire or explosion. The specific gravity (relative density per unit) of methane is 0.55 when compared to atmospheric air at specific gravity 1.0. This means that natural gas is buoyant at atmospheric temperatures and disperses readily in ambient air which does not create a spill as a liquid would.

### 11.2.1.2 Safety Standards

Under the Pipeline Safety Act, as amended (49 USC 60101 *et seq.*), the U.S. Department of Transportation (“USDOT”) is exclusively authorized to promulgate pipeline safety and design standards for interstate pipelines and transportation facilities. The proposed Project facilities will be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to meet or exceed USDOT minimum federal safety standards set forth in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (“CFR”) Part 192 (“Part 192”). NEXUS safety specifications for the following equipment exceed the minimum standards set forth in Part 192: pipe, valves, pigging facilities, fabrications, pipe fittings, and welding, as well as procedures for pressure testing, corrosion protection, inspection, and record keeping.

Examples of specifications that meet or exceed those required by Part 192 are listed below:

- Minimum cover of 36-inches is required over the proposed pipeline for all pipeline Class Locations and geological conditions;
- All welding, coating, and backfilling activities are inspected;
- All welds are non-destructively examined by an independent radiographic inspection company, regardless of Class Location;
- Remote controlled valves and monitoring equipment will be installed for all mainline valves on the Project;
- Valves are spaced based upon Part 192 area classifications and population density;
- Valves are also installed as close to roads as possible to provide for good access;
- All mainline piping will have at least 16 mils nominal thickness of epoxy coating;
- The minimum pressure for pressure tests, based upon the pipeline maximum allowable operating pressure, is greater than the operating pressure of the pipeline;
- Testing is conducted in accordance with USDOT regulations.

Part 192 defines area classifications, based on population density and land uses in the vicinity of the pipeline, which determine more rigorous safety requirements for populated areas. The Class Location Unit is an area that extends 220 yards (660 feet) on both sides of the centerline of any continuous 1-mile length of pipeline. The four Class Location Units defined by Part 192 are as follows:

- Class 1 – Location with 10 or fewer buildings intended for human occupancy.
- Class 2 – Location with more than 10 but fewer than 46 buildings intended for human occupancy.
- Class 3 – Location with 46 or more buildings intended for human occupancy or where pipeline lies within 100 yards of any building, or small, well-defined outside area (such as a playground, recreation area, outdoor theater, or other place of public assembly) occupied by 20 or more people on at least five days a week for 10 weeks in any 12 month period.
- Class 4 – Location where buildings with four or more stories aboveground are prevalent.

Class locations representing more populated areas require higher safety factors in pipeline design, testing, and operation. Per Part 192, pipelines constructed in Class 1 locations must be installed with a minimum depth of cover of 30 inches in normal soil, and 18 inches in consolidated rock. Class 2, 3 and 4 locations, as well as drainage ditches of public roads and railroad crossings, require a depth of cover of 36 inches in normal soil and 24 inches in consolidated rock.

Class locations also specify the maximum distance between sectionalizing block valves with intervals of 20 miles in Class 1, 15 miles in Class 2, 8 miles in Class 3, and 5 miles in Class 4. Pipeline design pressures, hydrostatic test pressures, maximum allowable operating pressure, inspection and testing of welds and frequency of pipeline patrols and leak surveys must also conform to higher standards in more populated areas. NEXUS will conduct thorough class location studies in accordance with USDOT regulations. The pipeline design will be based on current class location studies and structure verification; however, the NEXUS team will continue to evaluate potential High Consequence Areas (“HCAs”) and future development areas and plan for future class location changes accordingly:

Whenever there is a class location change and the maximum allowable operating pressure does not conform to the current class location, NEXUS will take actions such as pressure testing certain pipeline areas or replacing the existing pipe with heavier wall pipe in accordance with USDOT regulations Table 11.2-1 shows current USDOT area classifications for the Project.

Part 192 prescribes the minimum standards for operating and maintaining pipeline facilities, including the requirement to establish a written plan governing these activities. Under Section 192.615, each pipeline operator must also establish an emergency plan that provides written procedures to minimize the hazards from a gas pipeline emergency. Key elements of the plan include procedures for:

1. Receiving, identifying, and classifying emergency events - gas leakage, fires, explosions, and natural disasters;
2. Establishing and maintaining communications with local fire, police, and public officials, and coordinating emergency response;
3. Making personnel, equipment, tools, and materials available at the scene of an emergency;
4. Protecting people first and then property, and making them safe from actual or potential hazards; and
5. Emergency shutdown of system and safe restoration of service.

Each operator must establish and maintain liaison with appropriate fire, police, and public officials to communicate the resources and responsibilities of each organization that may respond to a gas pipeline emergency, and coordinate mutual assistance in responding to emergencies. The operator must also establish a continuing education program to enable customers, the public, government officials, and those engaged in excavation activities to recognize a gas pipeline emergency and report it to appropriate public officials.

### **11.2.1.3 High Consequence Areas**

The Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 mandated that USDOT’s PHMSA issue regulations that require operators of natural gas transmission pipelines to develop and implement Integrity Management Programs for pipelines in HCAs. USDOT’s PHMSA promulgated a rule for Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas HCAs for Gas Transmission, which requires that a facility-specific Integrity Management Plan be developed to document procedures under which pipeline integrity will be monitored and maintained for those areas where the pipeline traverses lands or facilities that are considered HCAs (Part 192 Subpart O). Pipeline integrity management is a systematic approach for identification and mitigation of potential risks to the pipeline. HCAs are defined and discussed further in Section 11.4.1.

NEXUS will implement a comprehensive Integrity Management Program that meets or exceeds Part 192. While the pipeline integrity management regulations apply only to HCAs, NEXUS will implement the same principles across its entire pipeline system. These practices will enable NEXUS to identify and mitigate risks for the entire pipeline system, inside and outside of HCAs.

### 11.2.2 Pipeline Accident Data

USDOT has set forth certain reporting requirements for operators of natural gas pipelines in 49 CFR Part 191. Since June 1984, 49 CFR Part 191 has required all operators of transmission and gathering systems to notify USDOT of any reportable incident, and to submit a written report on form 7100.2 within 30 days after detection of the incident's occurrence. A reportable incident includes incidents that involve property damage valued at more than \$50,000, injury, death, unintentional loss of 3,000,000 cubic feet or more of gas, or incidents that are otherwise considered significant by the operator. Table 11.2-2 summarizes reported onshore natural gas transmission incidents and accidents by category from 1995 to 2014. As evidenced in Table 11.2-2, the highest number of onshore natural gas transmission pipeline incident fatalities is caused by excavation damage (15 fatalities out of 42 total fatalities or approximately 36 percent).

The most frequent cause of onshore natural gas transmission pipeline incidents from 1995 to 2014 was corrosion (533 incidents out of 2,176 incidents or approximately 25 percent). The frequency of corrosion-related incidents is largely dependent on external corrosion. While pipelines installed since 1950 exhibit a fairly constant frequency of corrosion incidents, pipelines installed before that time have a significantly higher rate of incidents. Older pipelines have a higher frequency of corrosion incidents because corrosion is a time-dependent process. The corrosion potential for new pipe over time is further reduced by the use of more advanced coatings and cathodic protection. Prior to 1971, pipelines were not required to use cathodic protection and protective coatings. The use of both an external protective coating and a cathodic protection system significantly reduces the rate of material failure compared to unprotected or partially protected pipe (*see* Sections 11.4.6 Mitigative Measures and 11.4.15.5 Corrosion Control).

Outside force incidents result from excavation damage (*i.e.*, encroachment of mechanical equipment such as bulldozers and backhoes), natural force damage (*i.e.*, earth movements due to soil settlement, washouts, or geologic hazards, and weather effects such as winds, storms and thermal strains), and other outside forces. The breakdown of outside force incidents in Table 11.2-3 shows that third party excavation damage was responsible for 15 percent of all onshore incidents from 1995 to 2014. Since April 1982, operators have been required to participate in "811 Call Before You Dig" public utility programs in populated areas to minimize unauthorized excavation activities in the vicinity of pipelines. State laws also require excavators to call their state "811 Call Before You Dig" centers well in advance of digging (*see* Section 11.4.15.3 below on NEXUS pipeline markers).

### 11.2.3 Impact on Public Safety

The reported incident data summarized in Table 11.2-2 includes onshore natural gas pipeline incidents of all magnitudes with widely varying consequences. As stated previously, the majority of incidents during the reporting period were attributed to corrosion. Table 11.2-4 presents the annual fatalities and injuries which occurred on natural gas transmission pipelines from 1995 through 2014.

Table 11.2-5 presents the 2012 nationwide totals of transportation-related fatalities and injuries, broken down by mode of transportation by USDOT Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Research, and Innovation Technology Administration. This table provides a relative measure of the industry-wide safety of natural gas transmission pipelines. Direct comparisons between modes of transportation should be made cautiously since individuals are not uniformly exposed to hazards from all of the modes. Nevertheless, the average number of fatalities resulting from natural gas transmission pipelines is proportionally small considering the 320,500 miles of onshore and offshore transmission pipelines in service nationwide. A more recent comparison from USDOT is not available.

## 11.3 Safety Overview of NEXUS

The Project facilities constructed by NEXUS will meet or exceed applicable USDOT regulations pertaining to pipeline safety. These safety regulations will be reinforced by the comprehensive and strictly enforced corporate practices of NEXUS. The effectiveness of the federal and corporate requirements in ensuring

reliability and safety is illustrated by the following operating experience profile of one of NEXUS' parent company, Spectra Energy. Spectra Energy will be the operator of the NEXUS pipeline. The empirical information presented illustrates the low potential for public hazard from accidents associated with the operation of the proposed Project facilities.

### **11.3.1 System Overview**

Spectra Energy, owns and operates a natural gas transmission system consisting of approximately 13,827 miles of transmission pipeline in the U.S., as well as natural gas gathering, processing, and local distribution assets. Spectra Energy, and its predecessor companies, have been providing service since the early 1940s when the major portion of its transmission system was constructed.

### **11.3.2 Historical Operating Record**

Generally, the natural gas transmission industry has an excellent record of public safety. Pipelines and related facilities are designed and maintained with strict adherence to USDOT standards to ensure public safety, reliability, and to minimize the opportunity for system failure. Spectra Energy has an excellent record of public safety. According to comparison with Bureau of Labor and Statistics data, over the past five years, the incident rate for Spectra Energy's onshore pipelines in the U.S. is half that of the industry as a whole. However, no incident is acceptable. Spectra Energy works closely with federal and state regulators to ensure safe, reliable natural gas for Americans and inspects more pipeline annually than required by state and federal regulations. Spectra Energy is also committed to being a good neighbor in the communities that host our facilities. NEXUS will continue to employ similar system design, construction, operation, and maintenance practices to ensure this excellent record is maintained.

## **11.4 Measures to Protect the Public and Utilities**

### **11.4.1 High Consequence Area Identification**

Federal law and pipeline safety regulations require natural gas transmission pipeline operators to implement Integrity Management Programs for pipelines to identify and prevent potential impacts around areas with greater populations, ecological sensitivities or dense infrastructure and buildings. These areas are referenced to as "High Consequence Areas" or "HCAs" in the federal regulations.

The federal regulations include specific criteria for pipeline companies to identify and designate HCAs.

NEXUS uses a number of methods to identify HCAs to ensure that it identifies all HCAs along its pipeline, including aerial photography, field surveys, consultation with emergency response officials, and multiple database searches. NEXUS will perform a comprehensive review each year, or as frequently as needed to meet the requirements of Part 192, to assure that its identification of HCAs is accurate and up to date.

HCAs are identified as an area established by one of the methods described below:

1. An area defined as:
  - Class 3 or 4 Locations; or
  - Class 1 or 2 Locations where the potential impact radius is greater than 660 feet and the area within a potential impact circle contains 20 or more buildings intended for human occupancy; or
  - Any Class 1 or 2 location where the potential impact radius contains an identified site.
2. An area within a potential impact circle containing:
  - 20 or more buildings intended for human occupancy;
  - An identified site such as:

- An outside area or open structure that is occupied by 20 or more persons for at least 50 days in any 12-month period;
- A building that is occupied by 20 or more persons for at least five days a week for 10 weeks in a 12-month period; or
- A facility occupied by persons who are confined, are of impaired mobility, or would be difficult to evacuate.

The Potential Impact Radius (“PIR”) is a key measurement element of an Integrity Management Program. The PIR model is based on a federally mandated calculation utilizing the diameter of the pipeline and the pressure of the gas moving through the pipeline. The PIR is incorporated into the federal regulations primarily to define where hypothetical consequences would be most significant in order to define HCAs for interstate gas transmission pipelines. The PIR for the NEXUS Pipeline is approximately 1,100 feet and it is solely a formulaic element used to identify HCAs. With the identification of HCAs, additional maintenance and monitoring criteria are utilized by pipeline operators with the purpose of ensuring public safety in these specific areas.

Table 11.4-1 contains a listing of the identified HCAs along the proposed Project facilities.

As discussed above, the Project facilities will be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to meet or exceed USDOT Minimum Federal Safety Standards in Part 192.

#### **11.4.2 Data Gathering**

The risk analysis process involves the use of data about the pipeline, potential activities near the pipeline and potential consequences in the unlikely event of a pipeline failure. This information is needed to properly identify integrity risks and potential consequences and is gathered from a number of sources, including but not limited to:

- Original construction records;
- United States Geological Survey Quadrangle maps;
- Pipeline alignment sheet records;
- Digital elevation models;
- Personnel interviews;
- Historical data;
- Database searches;
- Cathodic protection surveys;
- Leak and incident data/reports;
- Subject matter experts;
- Operating characteristics;
- One-call notices;
- Corrosion monitoring; and
- Aerial photography.

### 11.4.3 Risk Assessment

In accordance with Part 192.917, NEXUS will routinely perform a detailed risk analysis for its entire pipeline system to identify potential integrity threats to the pipeline and potential consequences in the unlikely event of a pipeline failure. This risk analysis allows NEXUS to prioritize integrity management activities, such as integrity assessments and additional prevention measures, to those pipeline segments that have higher risks. Examples of potential integrity threats could include:

- Excavation damage by third parties; and
- Corrosion metal loss.

The risk assessment is performed by subject matter experts using modern risk management tools and techniques to assure the risk assessment process provides an accurate determination of pipeline risks. NEXUS follows the integrity management principles contained in industry standard ASME B31.8S,

### 11.4.4 Integrity Assessments

Integrity assessments are prioritized based on the risk assessment, and are conducted to find pipeline defects before they become a threat. The integrity assessment method for each pipeline segment is selected based on the types of potential integrity threats applicable to that segment. The integrity assessment methods could include:

- In-Line Inspection – an assessment method that uses an internal inspection tool (commonly referred to as a “Smart Pig”) that is capable of identifying and classifying pipe defects, including metal loss, dents, gouges and other types of defects. The Smart Pig is inserted into the pipeline and is typically pushed by the flow of natural gas in the pipeline.
- Direct Assessment – an assessment method that uses a systematic approach to identifying potential defects through data review, indirect assessments and targeted hands-on inspections.
- Pressure Testing – an assessment method where the pipeline is filled with an inert substance, typically water, and is tested to a pressure that is well above the normal operating pressure to validate the strength of the pipe and identify any smaller defects long before they could become a threat.

### 11.4.5 Response and Remediation

Pipeline defects identified by the integrity assessments are prioritized and scheduled for field investigation and repair, if required, in accordance with Part 192.933 and the integrity management regulations and standards issued by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the National Association of Corrosion Engineers, other consensus standards, and industry best practices. NEXUS will schedule and conduct investigations and repairs for any potential defects that exceed specified thresholds. This will be done regardless of whether or not the pipeline is located in a designated HCA.

### 11.4.6 Preventive and Mitigative Measures

Preventive measures begin with the design and construction of NEXUS’ facilities. These measures include design specifications, selection of suitable construction materials, development and selection of welding procedures, pipe coatings and cathodic protection systems. Additionally, manufacturing controls are used to promote high-quality installation of the pipeline and to limit operating stress. During the installation phase, all welders and radiographic technicians performing work on the facilities must take and pass a qualification test. Qualified inspection oversight staff are used to monitor the installation of the facilities.

In roadways, in-streets, and parking lots, a 15:1 sand to concrete mix called flowable fill, or Controlled Density Fill, or clean compacted material may be used as backfill around the pipeline following consultation

with municipal, county, and state roadway authorities. A two-foot wide brightly colored warning tape is placed one-foot below natural grade at road and utility line crossings. A variety of pipeline location markers (e.g., adhesive decals, marker posts, and signage) will be used to clearly identify the location of the pipeline and provide contact information for the public and parties excavating in the area.

The pipeline will be patrolled in accordance with the requirements of Part 192.705, and personnel well-qualified to perform both emergency and routine maintenance on interstate pipeline facilities will handle emergencies and maintenance related to:

- Erosion and wash-outs along the right of way (“ROW”);
- Settling, undermining or degradation of repaired ditch line in streets or parking lots;
- Performance of water control devices such as diversions;
- Condition of banks at stream and river crossings;
- Third-party activity along the pipeline ROW;
- Evidence of subsidence, surface cracks or depressions which could indicate sinkhole formation; and
- Any other conditions that could endanger the pipeline.

NEXUS will also monitor the pipeline 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from Spectra Energy’s Gas Control Center. This high-tech computer control center monitors the flow of gas throughout Spectra Energy’s interstate transmission pipeline. The center collects data from all of these pipelines to ensure they are operating within their design parameters. The Gas Control Center monitors and reacts to equipment anomalies and, when necessary, dispatches employees who live and work along the pipeline to respond. As an added safety measure, remote control equipment is installed along the pipeline system, enabling remote operation of the pipeline valves from the Gas Control Center (*see* Section 11.4.15.2 below). Patrolling will also be performed regularly to monitor activity near NEXUS’ pipeline, and NEXUS will become a member of the “811 Call Before You Dig” and related pre-excavation notification organizations in the states of Ohio and Michigan (*see* Section 11.4.15.1 below).

Other preventive and mitigative measures will be implemented as appropriate under the integrity management regulations set forth in Part 192.935 depending on any threats that may be identified for each pipeline segment.

#### **11.4.7 Continuous Evaluation and Improvement**

As required by PHMSA Integrity Management Program regulations, NEXUS will continually refine and enhance the integrity management techniques as it implements the Integrity Management Program on its pipeline system, including performing integrity assessments at specified intervals and periodically evaluating the integrity of a pipeline segment as required under Part 192.937.

#### **11.4.8 Public Safety**

NEXUS is committed to safety, protecting the environment, preventing accidents/incidents, and maintaining the highest standards for its pipeline operation and maintenance. NEXUS will accomplish this goal through routine preventative maintenance, pipeline patrols, solid emergency response plans and a strong pipeline integrity management program. NEXUS will establish and maintain strict operating and maintenance policies and procedures that will be audited periodically by the PHMSA and are in compliance with Part 192.

Trained and qualified pipeline personnel will operate and maintain the pipeline in accordance with Subpart N of Part 192. The training program will ensure all personnel possess the knowledge and competency

necessary to efficiently operate and maintain the pipeline in a manner that protects the environment, the public and the health and safety of all employees. More specifically, personnel are trained to: execute normal operating and maintenance procedures; recognize abnormal conditions and take appropriate corrective actions; predict consequences of malfunctions or failures; recognize conditions likely to cause emergencies; respond to emergency situations; control accidental releases of gas; and recognize characteristics and hazards of gas.

- During construction, special care will be taken in residential and commercial areas to minimize neighborhood and traffic disruption, to control noise and dust to the extent practicable, and to protect the public at large. Measures to be implemented where the pipeline traverses near residential areas include, but are not limited to: Fencing the construction work area boundary to ensure construction equipment, materials, and spoil remain in the construction ROW;
- Ensuring piping is welded and installed as quickly as reasonably possible consistent with prudent pipeline construction practices to minimize construction time affecting a neighborhood;
- Backfilling the trench as soon as the pipe is laid or temporarily steel plating the trench; and
- Completing final cleanup and installation of permanent erosion control measures within 10 days after the trench is backfilled, weather conditions permitting.

No ditch will remain open overnight in residential and commercial areas. The installed pipe will be backfilled to near the end of the section, and the remaining open trench will be covered with temporary steel plating. The work will be accomplished so that emergency vehicle access to nearby residences will be maintained by establishing a temporary access road to the nearby residences (also known as “shoofly” construction) or by installing steel plating over the trench-line to insure homeowners are able to access their driveways. NEXUS will coordinate with residents while construction activities are underway. NEXUS has developed residential construction plans in areas where residential dwellings are within 50 feet of construction workspace. These plans are included in Draft Resource Report 8, Appendix 8A.

#### **11.4.9 Emergency Response**

Natural gas pipeline operators are required by PHMSA to develop emergency response plans designed to minimize the consequences of a pipeline failure. Operators must also educate local emergency responders on a periodic basis, and have public awareness requirements for informing those living near a pipeline.

Consistent with Part 192.615, NEXUS operating personnel will develop, maintain and implement a written emergency response plan to minimize the hazards from a pipeline emergency. The plan will be filed with the NEXUS application. Key features will include:

- Receiving, identifying, verifying and classifying emergency events – leaks, fires, explosions or natural disasters;
- Managing communications with emergency responders and public officials to establish incident command and coordinate response efforts;
- Making personnel, equipment, tools and materials available for emergencies;
- Ensuring that response efforts focus on public safety first; and
- Ensuring emergency shutdown actions are taken in a timely manner.

NEXUS will work closely with local, state and federal agencies to ensure our pipelines meet or exceed regulatory requirements for safety. NEXUS will also communicate regularly with members of the public who live or work near our pipelines, and we will collaborate with organizations that share our dedication to pipeline safety and public awareness. Periodically, NEXUS employees and local emergency response

personnel will come together for emergency drills to test staff readiness and identify improvement opportunities.

As part of our public awareness program, and in accordance with USDOT regulations, NEXUS will establish a working relationship early on with emergency responders to ensure effective communication, education, and training.

NEXUS will also coordinate efforts with pipeline companies already working with first responders in the area to ensure effective and efficient communications.

Should the need arise, NEXUS will have field service personnel and repair contractors available that are capable of completing emergency repairs and restoration.

#### **11.4.10 Public Awareness Program**

NEXUS will develop a Public Awareness Program as outlined in Part 192.616, which will provide outreach measures to the affected public, emergency responders, and public officials. This program will use multi-media channels (direct mail, e-mail, social networking, public service announcements, print advertisement, and public meetings, etc.) to engage these core audiences.

NEXUS' objective is to educate the public on how to recognize the presence of pipelines; understand the potential hazards and safe actions they should take; recognize and report abnormal conditions; and encourage the safe behavior of calling for buried facility location before digging.

#### **11.4.11 One-Call Response**

When NEXUS receives notification from a "811 Call Before You Dig" center that someone intends to dig near its pipeline facilities, personnel will be dispatched to mark the location of the facilities in the vicinity of proposed digging or other earth disturbance activities. NEXUS will have company employees on-site when the excavation occurs to ensure that the facility is not compromised.

#### **11.4.12 Pipeline Safety Brochures**

NEXUS will mail informational brochures to landowners, businesses, potential excavators and public officials along the pipeline system each year to inform them of the presence of the pipeline and instruct them on how to recognize and react to unusual activity in the area. These brochures provide emergency contact phone numbers available 24/7 and reinforces the need for excavators to use the "811 Call Before You Dig" service.

In addition to these public awareness outreach efforts, NEXUS will also provide pipeline location information in the National Pipeline Mapping System to inform the public and others of the general location of their pipeline facilities.

#### **11.4.13 Contact Information**

NEXUS will include emergency contact information in its Emergency Response Plan.

##### **11.4.13.1 Interactions with Federal Authorities**

1. NEXUS will be required by law to notify the USDOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration ("PHMSA") at least 60 days prior to commencement of construction. In fact, the construction notification has already been made. NEXUS is also in communication with PHMSA to review the project scope and schedule. PHMSA has the authority to review the design of the Project facilities prior to construction, and inspect construction activities and records. PHMSA routinely exercises its oversight authority to ensure that facilities under its jurisdiction are safely designed, constructed, and operated. The PHMSA develops regulations and other approaches to

risk management to assure safety in design, construction, testing, operation, maintenance, and emergency response of pipeline facilities.

2. The PHMSA administers the USDOT's national regulatory program to assure the safe transportation of natural gas, petroleum, and other hazardous materials by pipeline. PHMSA routinely inspects pipeline facilities and records for compliance with design, construction, testing, operations, maintenance, and integrity regulations. NEXUS' procedures and practices will be prepared in a manner to meet or exceed the pipeline safety regulations and related risk management requirements administered by PHMSA.

#### **11.4.13.2 Liaison Procedures with Local Authorities**

NEXUS' personnel involved with public awareness will ensure that appropriate liaisons and public education is established and maintained in the communities within which NEXUS operates. NEXUS will establish open relationships with local fire, police, and other governmental leaders in order to efficiently respond in a cooperative manner to pipeline emergencies.

To accomplish this NEXUS, on an annual basis, will:

- Have informational meetings and training with local fire and police departments, and other concerned government agencies at their request;
- Conduct periodic emergency response drills and table top exercises to build familiarity with emergency response personnel and response measures to be taken; and
- Provide literature listing emergency contact phone numbers and other pertinent information.

In addition to maintaining contact with local governmental and emergency response agencies along the pipeline, NEXUS's liaison efforts will allow NEXUS to:

- Determine how local officials may be able to assist NEXUS during an emergency with the determination of jurisdiction and resources that may be involved in responding to an emergency;
- Familiarize local officials with how NEXUS responds to an emergency on its pipeline system;
- Verify notification preferences for pipeline emergencies; and
- Review with local officials the use of incident command system to cooperate and assist with response to an emergency.

Outreach to emergency responders will be conducted by NEXUS on a periodic basis. NEXUS' focus with these organizations will be to review firefighting methods and techniques for natural gas fires and to conduct periodic emergency drills and exercises.

#### **11.4.14 Utility Protection**

The majority of the proposed pipeline segments for the Project will be within or adjacent to existing ROWs, consisting of pipeline ROWs, electric transmission line ROWs, public roadway, and/or other utility ROWs. Some portions of the pipeline segments deviate from existing ROWs, generally to avoid specific construction constraints, provide adequate separation from existing residences, or reduce impacts to sensitive resources.

Prior to construction, existing utility lines and other sensitive resources, identified in easement agreements or by federal and state agencies, will be located and marked to prevent accidental damage during pipeline construction. NEXUS' contractors will contact the "811 Call Before You Dig" system, or state or local utility operators, to verify and mark all utilities along the Project workspaces to minimize the potential for damage to other buried facilities in the area. Where there is a question as to the location of utilities, such

as water, cable, gas, and sewer lines, they will be located by field instrumentation and test pits. Test pits to verify location of utilities will be excavated using “soft digging” techniques, such as rubber buckets on an excavator, vacuum trucks, jetting of the soil, or excavation by hand.

When trenching for construction activities, soft digging methods can be used to fully excavate any foreign line. At minimum, an excavator bucket without teeth or side cutters will be used. NEXUS can also shield sensitive lines using rock shield or plywood. The lines will also be supported, either from below or from a beam installed across the trench. NEXUS plans to work directly with existing utility owner/operators during the development of any site-specific NEXUS blasting plans to mitigate potential damage to foreign utility lines during blasting operations, if such operations are required. Blasting will be strategically used in certain areas along the pipeline based on sub surface conditions. Thorough calculations and studies will be conducted prior to any blasting. Blasting must be within the approved lb/delay limits for the chosen offset distances. The NEXUS Blasting Plan is provided as Appendix 1B3 to RR1. Project Blasting Contractors will also submit a blasting plan for approval to NEXUS. Additionally, the contractor will be responsible for obtaining any local or state blasting permits required for the work. The plan will be prepared in compliance with all Federal and State regulations pertaining to blasting, including but not limited to:

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms – 27 CFR 181 (Commerce in Explosives).
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) – 29CFR 1926.90 (Safety and Health Regulations for Construction Blasting and Use of Explosives).
- Carriage by Public Highway – USDOT 49 CFR 177.
- Explosives and Blasting Agents – OSHA, 29 CFR 1910.109 (Safety in the Workplace When Using Explosives).
- Siting and Maintenance Requirements – FERC 18 CFR 380.15.
- USDOT regulation regarding protection from hazards and continuing surveillance – 49 CFR Part 192.317, Part 192.613(b).

It is not uncommon for natural gas pipeline facilities to parallel existing utility ROWs, including electric transmissions ROWs. As part of NEXUS assessment of the reliability and safety of constructing and maintaining its proposed pipeline in proximity to overhead electric facilities, it considered the following.

#### *NEXUS’ Use of Heavy Construction Equipment in the Vicinity of High Voltage Powerlines*

NEXUS has and continues to meet with electric utilities to obtain information on their requirements for construction activities within the vicinity of their overhead electric transmission lines and structures. NEXUS has conducted surveys and collected information on the location and size of existing powerline structures within the proposed construction corridor, tower footing locations and dimensions, and wire heights (lowest point between towers). Based on its consultations, and construction experience within and adjacent to existing overhead electric transmission lines and structures, NEXUS has designed and will modify its construction techniques on the Project to maintain sufficient offsets from these existing facilities to eliminate the risk of heavy construction equipment interfering with overhead high voltage electric transmission lines during construction and operation of the Project.

#### *Potential Structural Impacts to Electric Transmission Towers Due to Nearby Blasting*

NEXUS has designed the proposed pipeline trench to be a minimum of 50 feet from existing electric transmission towers to avoid potential damage, where possible. In those areas where a 50 foot offset could not be achieved, construction techniques will be modified to ensure safety. NEXUS has extensive experience in blasting near structures including other underground pipelines and overhead powerlines.

NEXUS will use a state licensed blasting professional and will follow the Project Blasting Plan (refer to Resource Report 1) to avoid damage to overhead electric transmission lines and structures from blasting.

#### Effects on the Pipeline Resulting from Lightning Strikes to the Electric Transmission Towers

NEXUS will consult with an engineer that specializes in developing alternating current (“AC”) mitigation systems for pipeline utility companies. An AC mitigation system will be designed and installed to mitigate the steady state induced AC on the pipeline and deal with any fault currents should they occur. Typically lightning arrestors along with decoupling devices are employed on the pipeline to protect against electrical surges.

#### Effects on the Pipeline Resulting from a Direct Ground Fault Current by a nearby 345 kV Electric Transmission Line

As previously stated, it is not uncommon for natural gas pipelines to share ROWs with electric transmission and other utilities. Since pipelines and electric transmission lines often share ROWs, there is a need to ground the pipeline to dissipate potential electrical interference. In these situations, AC voltages are transmitted to the pipeline by conductive or inductive interference. Magnetic induction acts along the pipeline or pipeline segment that is approximately parallel to the powerline and can cause significant pipeline potentials even at relatively large separation distances.

Consideration must be given to safety of personnel and the public who may come into contact with aboveground portions of the pipeline such as valves and test stations. These exposed structures can be a potential shock hazard when touched while the soil is at a significantly different potential. Typically grounding mats are installed at above ground pipeline facilities adjacent to powerlines to mitigate this potential.

As stated above, NEXUS will consult with an engineer that specializes in developing AC mitigation systems for pipeline utility companies. Typically zinc ribbon is used to mitigate AC voltages to industry acceptable levels. The control method consists of one or more bare zinc conductors buried parallel to and near the pipeline and connected to it at regular intervals through decoupling devices. The zinc ribbon used in this way is very effective in mitigating excessive pipeline potentials due to both inductive and conductive interference.

### **11.4.15 Other Protection Measures**

#### **11.4.15.1 Surveys**

NEXUS will employ an array of patrol methods to conduct comprehensive and effective patrols, again as required by federal law. Aerial, driving, or foot patrols will be used to physically inspect the pipeline facilities. Aerial flyovers will occur weekly, weather permitting. NEXUS will have line field service crews that perform the ground based patrols and facility inspections. When performing patrols, technicians will observe surface conditions on and adjacent to the pipeline ROW for indications of leaks, construction activity, and other factors affecting safety and operation. Conditions identified during patrols will be entered into NEXUS’ work management system and remedial actions taken. Preventative maintenance checks shall be performed on the pipeline at a set frequency and shall be compliant with Part 192 safety regulations.

NEXUS will become a member of the “811 Call Before You Dig” and related pre-excavation notification organizations in Ohio and Michigan, as required by law. Through “811 Call Before You Dig” contractors provide notification to a central agency of proposed excavation that in turn notifies NEXUS of the excavation locations. If NEXUS’ facilities are located in the area of proposed contractor activity, they will be marked in the field and a representative will be present during excavation to ensure that the facility is not compromised.

#### 11.4.15.2 Equipment

NEXUS' pipeline system includes many equipment features that are designed to increase the overall safety of the system and protect the public from a potential failure of the system due to accidents or natural catastrophes.

Cathodic protection systems will be installed at various points along the pipeline to mitigate corrosion of the pipeline facilities. The cathodic protection system impresses a low voltage current to the pipeline to off-set natural soil and groundwater corrosion potential. The functional capability of cathodic protection systems are inspected frequently to ensure proper operating conditions for corrosion mitigation.

NEXUS' pipeline will be built to meet or exceed the USDOT safety standards. Since the pipeline is buried a minimum of three feet underground, it is relatively immune from direct lightning strikes. Specific site conditions, including earthquakes, are considered in the design of the pipeline. The magnitude of earthquakes in the Midwest is relatively low and the ground vibration would not pose a problem for a modern welded-steel pipeline. Even under much higher ground vibrations, the main risk to pipelines would be a slip fault (e.g., San Andreas in California) that displaces laterally during the earthquake. The proposed pipeline route does not cross areas prone to slip faults. Slip faults are described in Resource Report 6, Geologic Resources.

NEXUS' proposed Project pipeline will be equipped with remote control shutoff valves as required by the USDOT regulations. This allows the shutoff valves to be operated remotely by NEXUS' Gas Control Center in the event of an emergency, usually evidenced by a sudden loss of pressure on the pipeline. Remotely closing the shutoff valve allows the section of pipeline to be isolated from the rest of the pipeline system.

Compressor Stations will be located on NEXUS property and will each be completely surrounded by a chain link fence with barbed wire, to maintain the safety of the facility and workers. Facilities will be powered from local electric utility companies and, in case of outage of commercial electric power, each station will switch over to standby gas generator systems.

A controlled access system and intrusion alarm network will be installed to restrict access to authorized personnel. The facilities will be monitored with video cameras located at strategic locations. The compressor buildings will be properly ventilated to minimize the potential of gas accumulating in enclosed areas and will be constructed of noncombustible material.

Compressor Stations will also be equipped with automatic emergency detection and shut down systems. For example, the stations will have hazardous gas and fire detection systems and an emergency shutdown system. These safety and emergency systems will be maintained and tested routinely to ensure they are operating properly. The emergency shut-down system will be designed to shut down and isolate elements of the compressor station in the event of gas detection or fire detection. The system will include sensors for detecting natural gas concentrations as well as sensors for detecting flames. The critical buildings and areas will be equipped with beacons and alarms as well as emergency and exit lights.

In addition, the compressor station equipment will be designed to shut down automatically if system operation deviates from its designed operating limits, which could cause a mechanical failure and pose risk to personnel and equipment or otherwise constitute a hazard. The compressor stations will be equipped with relief valves to protect the piping from over-pressurization. Fire protection, first aid, and safety equipment will be maintained at the compressor stations and NEXUS' emergency response personnel will be trained in proper equipment use and in first aid. The firefighting equipment that will be maintained on site will consist primarily of hand-held dry chemical fire extinguishers strategically located in the buildings.

Data acquisition systems will be installed at all metering and regulation (“M&R”) stations along the pipeline system. If system pressures fall outside a predetermined range, an alarm is activated alerting NEXUS’ Gas Control Center.

#### **11.4.15.3 Pipeline Markers**

PHMSA regulations at Part 192.707 also require pipeline operators to place pipeline markers at frequent intervals along the pipeline ROW, particularly at prominent points along the route, such as where a pipeline intersects a street, highway, railway, waterway, or other significant feature. Pipeline markers will be placed along the upland portion of the pipeline as required. At locations where the pipeline is under pavement, circular decals will be adhesively attached to the surface over the pipeline. In addition, approximately 12 inches below the natural grade, bright yellow ribbon, 24-inches in width, will be installed over the pipeline providing another set of warning of a natural gas pipeline and a toll free number to contact. Pipeline ROW markers can help prevent encroachment and excavation-related damage to pipelines. Since the pipeline ROW is much wider than the pipeline itself, and a pipeline can be located anywhere within the ROW, state laws require excavators to call their state “Call Before you Dig” center well in advance of digging to locate underground utilities, to ensure it is safe for the contractor to dig in that location.

#### **11.4.15.4 Operations and Maintenance**

Part 192 prescribes the minimum standards for operating and maintaining pipeline facilities, including the establishment of a written plan governing these activities. NEXUS will develop an Operations & Maintenance Manual for the facility during the construction phase and this Operations & Maintenance Manual will be in effect prior to initial filling of the pipeline system with natural gas.

NEXUS will have field services crews to perform Part 192 required operations, maintenance and inspection tasks along the entire length of the pipeline. All personnel will have the proper training and qualifications as required by Part 192.

#### **11.4.15.5 Corrosion Control**

Design of the corrosion control systems is incorporated into the overall construction of the Project pipeline. See Section 1.7 of Resource Report 1, for a description of the external corrosion control measures that will be implemented during construction of the pipeline. The pipeline will also have cathodic protection and will be closely monitored and maintained in compliance with Part 192 Subpart I and National Association of Corrosion Engineers International (“NACE”) standard practice SP 0169. The pipeline will be built with high-strength carbon steel with an epoxy coating. The epoxy coating is a corrosive resistant nonconductive resin that forms a protective coating around the pipe. Pipe sections, or joints, are welded together forming a continuous pipeline. Each of the welded joints are also covered with the epoxy coating which forms a continuous coating of the entire pipeline. Together, the combination of cathodic protection and coating system provide excellent corrosion control. A continuous direct current will then be applied to the entire length of the pipeline to manage the potential corrosive nature of the soils and interference potential of nearby underground facilities. The corrosion control system will also include anodes strategically placed within the easements to manage and harmlessly disperse stray currents.

Once the pipeline has been built, extensive ongoing corrosion control measures will be implemented to monitor and maintain the pipeline integrity, as defined in USDOT regulations and NEXUS’ corrosion control operating procedures. In addition to the other measures, NEXUS will also inspect the pipeline using devices known in the industry as “smart pigs” for the purpose of Integrity Assessments. As described earlier, these devices run inside the pipe and provide indications of internal and external metal loss, deformation, anomalies, ovalities (or areas where the pipeline is not circular), dent detection; valve, fitting and casing locations; pipe repairs; casing ovalities; and external metal objects in the vicinity of the pipeline.

The external corrosion control system for pipeline segments located in wetlands or in areas with a shallow water table will be the same as the remainder of the pipeline. The pipeline will have a corrosion coating and an impressed current cathodic protection system. After construction, the cathodic protection system will be adjusted to achieve a pipe-to-soil potential criterion for cathodic protection, as established by the National Association of Corrosion Engineers International and the appropriate sections of CFR Title 49 Part 192, along the entire pipeline. The monitoring of the cathodic protection system for the pipeline will include the wetland and shallow water table areas to ensure that the corrosion control system continues to satisfy the established criterion for cathodic protection.

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**TABLES**

TABLE 11.2-1

NEXUS Pipeline Class Location Analysis

State	Pipe Diameter (inches)	Milepost Begin <u>a/</u>	Milepost End <u>a/</u>	Length (miles) <u>b/</u>	Class <u>c/</u>
<u>Facility Name</u> County					
<b>Ohio</b>					
<u>New Mainline Pipeline</u>					
Columbiana	36	0.0	0.6	0.6	3
Columbiana	36	0.6	1.3	0.7	1
Columbiana	36	1.3	1.5	0.2	2
Columbiana	36	1.5	2.3	0.8	3
Columbiana	36	2.3	3.0	0.7	2
Columbiana	36	3.0	5.1	2.1	1
Columbiana	36	5.1	6.3	1.2	2
Columbiana	36	6.3	6.5	0.2	1
Columbiana	36	6.5	7.5	1.0	2
Columbiana	36	7.5	9.5	2.0	1
Columbiana	36	9.5	10.4	0.9	2
Columbiana	36	10.4	10.6	0.2	1
Columbiana	36	10.6	11.3	0.7	2
Columbiana	36	11.3	12.2	0.9	1
Stark	36	12.2	12.5	0.3	1
Stark	36	12.5	13.9	1.4	2
Stark	36	13.9	17.6	3.7	1
Stark	36	17.6	17.8	0.2	2
Stark	36	17.8	18.0	0.2	3
Stark	36	18.0	18.9	0.9	2
Stark	36	18.9	19.8	0.9	1
Stark	36	19.8	20.8	1.0	2
Stark	36	20.8	29.1	0.3	1
Stark	36	29.1	29.6	0.5	2
Stark	36	29.6	30.1	0.5	1
Stark	36	30.1	30.6	0.5	2
Stark	36	30.6	30.9	0.3	1
Stark	36	30.9	32.6	1.7	3
Summit	36	32.6	32.9	0.3	1
Summit	36	32.9	33.5	0.6	2
Summit	36	33.5	34.0	0.5	1
Summit	36	34.0	36.7	2.7	3
Summit	36	36.7	38.3	1.6	2

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State Facility Name County	Pipe Diameter (inches)	Milepost Begin <u>a/</u>	Milepost End <u>a/</u>	Length (miles) <u>b/</u>	Class <u>c/</u>
Summit	36	38.3	38.5	0.2	1
Summit	36	38.5	41.9	3.4	3
Summit	36	41.9	43.5	1.6	2
Summit	36	43.5	43.6	0.1	1
Summit	36	43.6	44.8	1.2	2
Summit	36	44.8	46.4	1.6	1
Summit	36	46.4	47.9	1.5	3
Wayne	36	47.9	48.2	0.3	3
Wayne	36	48.2	48.7	0.5	1
Wayne	36	48.7	49.1	0.4	2
Wayne	36	49.1	49.3	0.2	1
Wayne	36	49.3	49.8	0.5	2
Wayne	36	49.8	50.0	0.2	1
Wayne	36	50.0	51.5	1.5	3
Wayne	36	51.5	52.5	1.0	2
Wayne	36	52.5	53.0	0.5	1
Wayne	36	53.0	53.4	0.4	2
Wayne	36	53.4	53.7	0.3	1
Wayne	36	53.7	54.1	0.4	2
Medina	36	54.1	54.4	0.3	2
Medina	36	54.4	59.3	4.9	1
Medina	36	59.3	59.4	0.1	2
Medina	36	59.4	59.6	0.2	3
Medina	36	59.6	59.7	0.1	2
Medina	36	59.7	60.7	1.0	1
Medina	36	60.7	61.4	0.7	2
Medina	36	61.4	62.2	0.8	1
Medina	36	62.2	62.9	0.7	2
Medina	36	62.9	63.6	0.7	1
Medina	36	63.6	64.7	1.1	2
Medina	36	64.7	65.4	0.7	3
Medina	36	65.4	66.2	0.8	2
Medina	36	66.2	68.4	1.2	1
Medina	36	68.4	70.1	1.7	2
Medina	36	70.1	70.5	0.4	3

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Medina	36	70.5	71.1	0.6	2
Medina	36	71.1	72.5	1.4	1
Medina	36	72.5	72.6	0.1	2
Medina	36	72.6	72.7	0.1	3
Medina	36	72.7	73.2	0.5	2
Medina	36	73.2	73.4	0.2	3
Medina	36	73.4	73.4	<0.1	2
Medina	36	73.4	74.2	0.8	1
Medina	36	74.2	76.0	1.8	2
Medina	36	76.0	77.0	1.0	1
Lorain	36	77.0	84.4	7.4	1
Lorain	36	84.4	84.8	0.1	2
Lorain	36	84.8	89.4	4.6	1
Lorain	36	89.4	89.9	0.5	3
Lorain	36	89.9	90.6	0.7	1
Lorain	36	90.6	91.6	1.0	3
Lorain	36	91.6	92.7	1.1	1
Lorain	36	92.7	93.3	0.6	2
Lorain	36	93.3	95.2	1.9	1
Lorain	36	95.2	96.4	1.2	2
Lorain	36	96.4	97.6	1.2	1
Lorain	36	97.6	97.8	0.2	2
Lorain	36	97.8	97.8	<0.1	3
Lorain	36	97.8	98.1	0.3	1
Erie	36	98.1	99.3	28.9	1
Erie	36	99.3	99.5	0.2	3
Erie	36	99.5	102.0	2.5	1
Erie	36	102.0	102.6	0.6	2
Erie	36	102.6	102.7	0.1	3
Erie	36	102.7	102.8	0.1	2
Erie	36	102.8	106.8	4.0	1
Erie	36	106.8	106.9	0.1	2
Erie	36	106.9	107.0	0.1	3
Erie	36	107.0	108.0	1.0	2
Erie	36	108.0	112.6	4.6	1

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State Facility Name County	Pipe Diameter (inches)	Milepost Begin <u>a/</u>	Milepost End <u>a/</u>	Length (miles) <u>b/</u>	Class <u>c/</u>
Erie	36	112.6	113.2	0.6	2
Erie	36	113.2	114.1	0.9	1
Erie	36	114.1	114.5	0.4	3
Erie	36	114.5	115.9	1.4	2
Erie	36	115.9	116.1	0.2	3
Erie	36	116.1	116.3	0.2	2
Erie	36	116.3	121.1	4.8	1
Erie	36	121.1	121.7	0.6	2
Erie	36	121.7	122.6	0.9	1
Erie	36	122.6	123.3	0.7	2
Erie	36	123.3	125.4	2.1	1
Erie	36	125.4	126.7	1.3	2
Erie	36	126.7	126.9	0.2	1
Sandusky	36	126.9	140.2	31.6	1
Sandusky	36	140.2	141.4	1.2	2
Sandusky	36	141.4	141.6	0.2	3
Sandusky	36	141.6	142.6	1.0	2
Sandusky	36	142.6	148.4	5.8	1
Sandusky	36	148.4	149.0	0.6	2
Sandusky	36	149.0	149.2	0.2	3
Sandusky	36	149.2	150.1	0.9	2
Sandusky	36	150.1	158.0	7.9	1
Sandusky	36	158.0	158.4	0.4	2
Wood	36	158.4	159.4	1.0	2
Wood	36	159.4	159.6	0.2	3
Wood	36	159.6	159.8	0.2	2
Wood	36	159.8	167.7	7.9	1
Wood	36	167.7	168.3	0.6	2
Wood	36	168.3	173.4	5.1	1
Wood	36	173.4	173.8	0.4	2
Wood	36	173.8	174.0	0.2	1
Wood	36	174.0	174.4	0.4	2
Wood	36	174.4	175.8	1.4	1
Lucas	36	175.8	176.1	0.3	1
Lucas	36	176.1	176.2	0.1	3

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<u>Facility Name</u> County					
Lucas	36	176.2	181.9	5.7	1
Lucas	36	181.9	183.8	1.9	2
Fulton	36	183.8	184.3	0.5	1
Wayne	36	184.3	184.5	0.2	1
Wayne	36	184.5	185.7	1.2	2
Wayne	36	185.7	186.3	0.6	3
Wayne	36	186.3	187.0	0.7	2
Wayne	36	187.0	187.7	0.7	1
Wayne	36	187.7	188.7	1.0	2
Wayne	36	188.7	196.8	8.1	1
Wayne	36	196.8	197.2	0.4	2
<b>Michigan</b>					
<u>New Mainline Pipeline</u>					
Lenawee	36	200.4	222.4	22.0	1
Monroe	36	224.4	231.1	6.7	1
Monroe	36	222.4	225.9	3.5	2
Monroe	36	225.9	226.8	0.9	1
Washtenaw		228.4	236.0	0.6	1
Washtenaw		236.0	236.3	0.3	2
Washtenaw		236.3	236.6	0.3	1
Washtenaw		236.6	237.5	0.9	2
Washtenaw		237.5	239.1	1.6	1
Washtenaw		239.1	239.6	0.5	2
Washtenaw		239.6	240.4	0.8	3
Washtenaw		240.4	240.6	0.2	1
Washtenaw		240.6	241.3	0.7	2
Washtenaw	36	241.3	246.7	5.4	3

a/ Approximate milepost along the proposed pipeline rounded to the nearest tenth mile.

b/ Crossing length of each pipeline class within each county.

c/ Class 1: Location with 10 or fewer buildings for human occupancy.

Class 2: Location with more than 10 but fewer than 46 buildings intended for human occupancy.

Class 3: Location with 46 or more buildings intended for human occupancy or where pipeline lies within 100 yards of any building, or small, well-defined outside area occupied by 20 or more people during normal use.

Class 4: Location where buildings with four or more stories aboveground are prevalent.

TABLE 11.2-2

**Incident Summary for Onshore Natural Gas Transmission Pipelines by Cause 1995-2014**

Reported Cause of Incident	Number of Incidents <i>a/</i>	Fatalities	Injuries
Corrosion	533	13	11
Excavation Damage	391	15	34
Human Error	62	0	12
Material Failure	300	8	59
Natural Force Damage	241	0	1
Other Outside Force Damage	138	0	14
Other Causes	511	6	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>184</b>

*a/* Includes all reported incidents

**Notes:**  
Source: U.S. Department of Transportation. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”). Internet site accessed on March 11, 2015: <http://phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/library/datastatistics/flagged-data-files>

TABLE 11.2-3

**Outside Force Incidents by Cause on Onshore Natural Gas Transmission Pipelines by Cause 1995-2014**

Cause	Percentage
Third Party Damage	15.0
Earth Movement	2.8
Heavy Rains/Floods	4.6
Other Outside Forces	0.6

**Notes:**  
Source: U.S. Department of Transportation. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”). Internet site accessed on March 11, 2015: <http://phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/library/datastatistics/flagged-data-files>

TABLE 11.2-4

**Natural Gas Transmission and Gathering Systems Fatalities and Injuries 1995-2014**

Year	Fatalities	Injuries
1995	2	7
1996	1	5
1997	1	5
1998	1	11
1999	2	8
2000	15	16
2001	2	5
2002	1	4
2003	1	8
2004	0	2
2005	0	5
2006	3	3
2007	2	7
2008	0	5
2009	0	11
2010	10	61
2011	0	1
2012	0	7
2013	0	2
2014	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>174</b>

**Notes:**  
Source: U.S. Department of Transportation. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. Internet site accessed on March 11, 2015: <https://hip.phmsa.dot.gov/analyticsSOAP/saw.dll?Portalpages>

TABLE 11.2-5

**Transportation Fatalities and Injuries in the U.S. by Mode in 2012**

Mode	Fatalities	Injuries
Highway	33,561	2,362,000
Railroad	557	7,6220
Waterborne	714	3,688
Air	447	276
Transit	82	7,584
Pipeline (All)	12	58
Gas Transmission Pipelines	9	54

**Notes:**  
Source: U.S. Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Research and Innovation Technology Administration. Pipeline data updated with 2012 statistics. Tables 2-1 and 2-2.  
[http://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/sites/rita.dot.gov.bts/files/publications/national\\_transportation\\_statistics/index.html](http://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/sites/rita.dot.gov.bts/files/publications/national_transportation_statistics/index.html)

TABLE 11.4-1

Location of High Consequence Areas along the NEXUS Project Pipeline Facilities

<b>State</b>			
<u>Facility Name</u>	<b>Milepost Begin <u>a/</u></b>	<b>Milepost End <u>a/</u></b>	<b>Length (miles) <u>b/</u></b>
County			
<b>Ohio</b>			
<u>Mainline</u>			
Columbiana	0.0	0.6	0.6
Columbiana	1.5	2.3	0.8
Stark	17.8	18.0	0.2
Summit	34.0	36.7	2.7
Summit	38.5	41.9	3.4
Summit	46.4	48.2	1.8
Wayne	50.0	51.5	1.5
Medina	59.4	59.6	0.2
Medina	64.7	65.4	0.7
Medina	70.1	70.5	0.4
Medina	72.6	72.7	0.1
Medina	73.2	73.4	0.2
Lorain	89.4	89.9	0.5
Lorain	90.6	91.6	1.0
Lorain	97.8	98.1	0.3
Erie	99.3	99.5	0.2
Erie	102.6	102.7	0.1
Erie	106.9	107	0.1
Erie	114.1	114.5	0.4
Erie	115.9	116.1	0.2
Sandusky	141.4	141.6	0.2
Sandusky	149.0	149.2	0.2
Wood	159.4	159.6	0.2
Wood	176.1	176.2	0.1
Fulton	185.7	186.3	0.8
<u>New TGP Interconnecting Pipeline</u>			
Columbiana	0.0	0.7	0.7
Carroll	0.7	0.9	0.2
Columbiana	0.9	1.2	0.3
<b>Ohio Subtotal</b>			<b>18.1</b>
<b>Michigan</b>			
<u>Mainline</u>			
Washtenaw	239.6	240.4	0.8
Washtenaw	241.3	246.7	5.4
<b>Michigan Subtotal</b>			<b>6.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>24.3</b>
<u>a/</u> Approximate milepost along the proposed pipeline rounded to the nearest tenth mile.			
<u>b/</u> Crossing length within county.			