

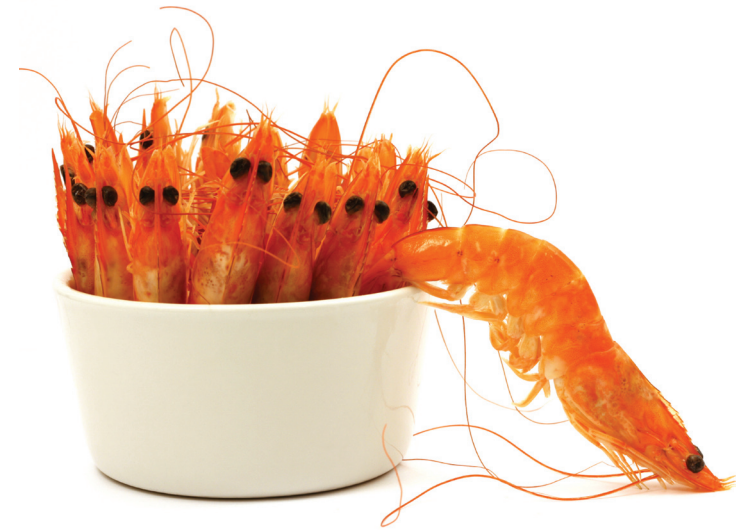
Fear the new DIMP rule? Let Us Help You *SHRIMP* *Program Helps Utilities*

On December 4, 2009, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) released the long-awaited Distribution Integrity Management Programs (DIMP) rule. This rule is expected to have a major impact on gas distribution operators with perhaps the most significant impact since the federal government first started regulating pipeline safety in the early 1970s. The new federal pipeline safety regulations require that **ALL** utilities must have written plans no later than August 2, 2011.

If this task seems daunting let us help you.

With support from PHMSA, state pipeline safety regulators, and gas operators, the [APGA Security and Integrity Foundation \(SIF\)](#) designed SHRIMP to help your utility have access to the necessary tools to help you write your utility's DIMP plan. The APGA Security and Integrity Foundation (SIF) is now offering its Simple, Handy, Risk-based Integrity Management Plan (SHRIMP) for utilities to create written Distribution Integrity Management Programs (DIMP) plans with greater ease and less confusion.

Get **ahead**
of the **pack** with...



SHRIMP

Simple, Handy, Risk-based Integrity Management Plan

An online tool for operators to create a written
Distribution Integrity Management Plan.



What is “SHRIMP?”

SHRIMP is the *Simple, Handy, Risk-based Integrity Management Plan*. SHRIMP is an online tool that gas utility operators can use to create a written Distribution Integrity Management Plan.

SHRIMP includes:

- A template for a written DIMP plan, which is then filled out with user-specific information;
- Preloaded PHMSA Distribution Annual Report data. The program already knows about the user’s materials of construction and leaks repaired by cause. Users can edit this data or enter from scratch if not found;
- A Q & A threat assessment process to assess each of the eight threats required by the DIMP rule; information to help the user subdivide the system, and recommendations on Additional/Accelerated Actions to address one or more threats;
- A mathematical risk ranking model;
- Optional user revised risk rankings with a justification for each change. The explanation is incorporated into the final written DIMP plan;
- Fast updates when regulation changes;
- A menu of Additional/Accelerated Actions (AA Actions) options for each threat. The user can enter his/her own AA Actions to address a threat not listed;
- A menu of possible performance measures the user may choose to evaluate the effectiveness of the DIMP program in controlling each identified threat.

To learn more go to www.apgasif.org

Is SHRIMP a Model Plan?

After you have answered all of the questions, SHRIMP produces a complete, written DIMP plan customized for the specific needs of your utility. It is much more than a model plan. SHRIMP is similar to Turbo-Tax®, which asks questions about a user’s finances and creates an income tax return ready to sign and submit. SHRIMP asks questions about the user’s distribution infrastructure and creates a written DIMP plan ready to implement.

Not just for small operators

The only thing small about SHRIMP is its cost. For utilities with 1,000 or fewer customers SHRIMP costs \$95. For larger utilities, the cost is minimal and the proceeds are used to provide technical support, updates, and enhancements to SHRIMP.

SHRIMP is not “DIMP-LITE”

The SIF and PHMSA have taken care to ensure that the DIMP plans developed by SHRIMP fully address all the requirements of the rule – the same high standard that applies to all utilities from the very largest to the smallest.

SHRIMP is a complete DIMP compliance program, meeting all the requirements of the DIMP rule. If you have the data SHRIMP can help you organize it. While intended for small utilities, SHRIMP is being used by many utilities regardless of size.

Guided By Industry and Government Experts

SHRIMP was developed through a cooperative agreement with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and guided by an advisory group composed of industry, state and federal pipeline safety experts. Heath and Associates, Viadata and APGA staff provide technical support and Technical Toolboxes developed the software for SHRIMP.

A Low-Cost Alternative

Cost of SHRIMP Plan

SHRIMP is an affordable tool. Cost is based on each systems’ number of services. The pricing tier below for SHRIMP is effective starting April 1, 2011.

System size (# of services)	Cost
1-1,000	\$95
1,001-5,000	\$495
5,001-20,000	\$995
20,001 - 35,000	\$1,995
35,001 - 50,000	\$2,995
50,001 - 75,000	\$3,995
Over 75,000	\$5,000

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