



SC & NC Pipeline Safety Seminar 2025

Columbia, SC

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New Location

The ORS moved to a new location:

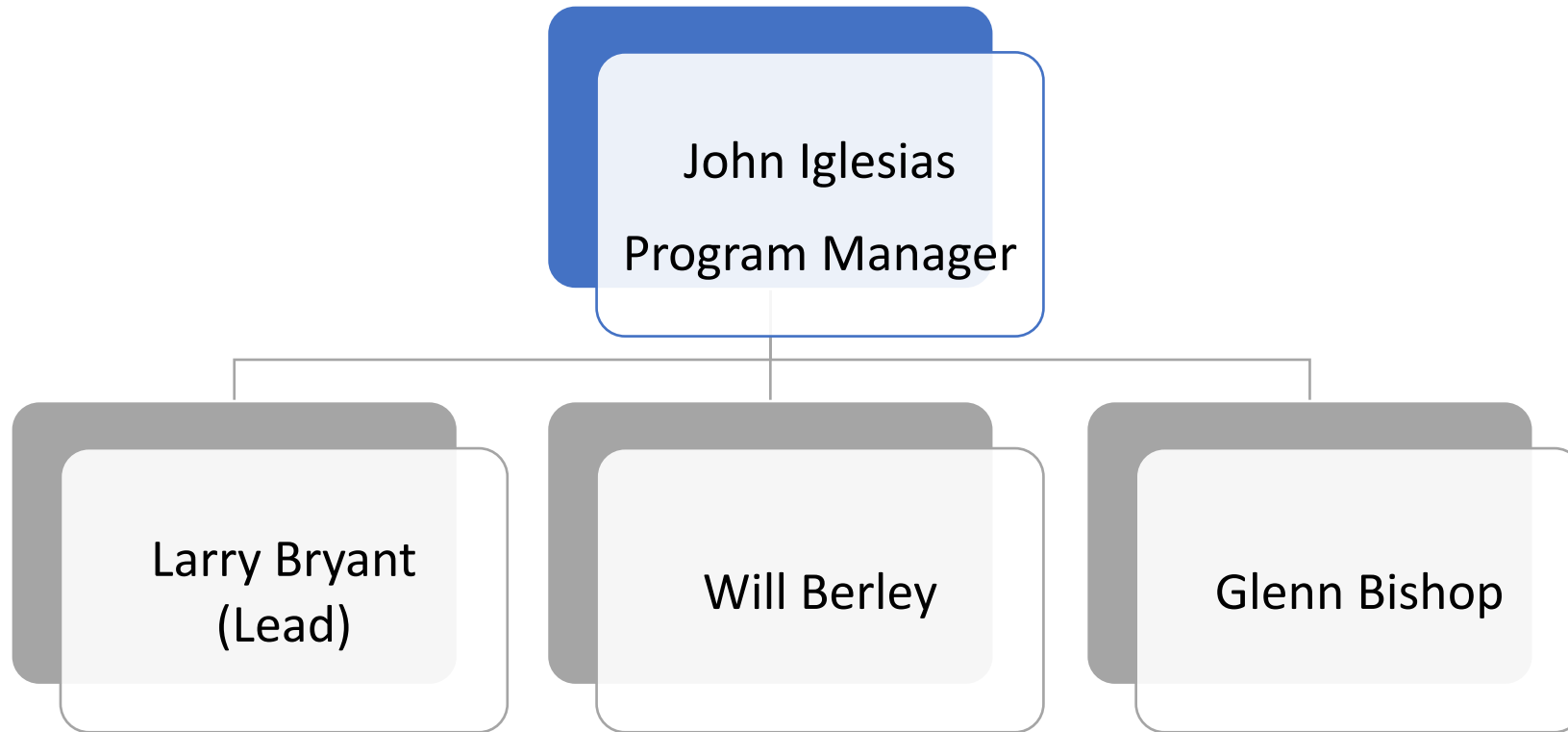
1901 Main Street

Suite 1500

Columbia, SC 29201



Staffing



Accomplishments in 2024

We completed required inspections

- Transmission Comprehensives
- Standard Compliance (ROW, LNG Facilities, Propane/Air Plants, Critical Valves, Corrosion Control, MM)
- New Construction
- Overall score on our PHMSA audit was a 98.
- The State of SC had zero NRC reportable incidents.
- Continue to provide leaks and damages data to SC 811
- Legislation passed aligning civil penalties to same level as DOT/PHMSA.

Compliance Action in 2024

The ORS found one Non-Compliance issue on two different operators relating to procedures on their Drug and Alcohol Plan. The ORS issued Non-Compliance Letters to each operator, per our procedures, and both matters were corrected without the use of fining.

SC Infrastructure 2024

Private Operators – 2

- LNG – 2
- Compressor Station – 1

Municipalities – 9

- Peak Shaving Plants – 1

Natural Gas Authorities – 6

- Compressor station – 1

Landfill Gas Operators – 5

Master Meters – 5

Small Intrastate Operators – 3

Pipeline Miles:

Intrastate Transmission – 812

Landfill Gas – 37

Distribution – 42,964

- # of Services – 975,913

2025

Inspection goals

- 287 compliance activity days
- 72 construction activity days

Inspection focus:

- Distribution comprehensives
- Construction
- Records, complete and verifiable
- Introduction of Damage Prevention Activity Inspection

2026 Inspections

Transmission Comprehensives

Control Room Management

Construction

OQ

Damage Prevention Activity

SC Regulations

103-412.2.7 New Construction.

- All gas systems subject to pipeline safety regulation shall notify the commission and the ORS of any construction projects meeting either of the criteria below:
 - A. Projects resulting in a cost of \$500,000 or more, whether steel, plastic, or other materials are installed or;
 - B. Projects involving 25,000 feet of piping or more, whether steel, plastic, or other material(s) are utilized.

SC Regulations (cont'd)

103-415. Incidents.

- A. Each gas system shall, as soon as possible, report to the ORS each incident occurring wherein there exist either: (a) serious injury or death of any person; (b) property damage in excess of \$5,000, in the gas system's commercially reasonable estimation, including the gas system's cost of lost gas exiting the gas system's lines to a customer's meter and the expense to make repairs to its facilities or property; or (c) an event that is significant in the judgment of the gas system. B. Each gas system shall establish and follow procedures for analyzing, reporting and minimizing the possibilities of any future incidents.

103-414. Interruption of Service.

- Loss of service to 50 or more customers.

SC Regulations (cont'd)

103-465. Inactive Service Lines.

- 1. Service Lines. Each gas system shall conduct a study at intervals not exceeding twenty-four months to determine the number of inactive service lines in their system and shall take necessary steps to meet the following:
 - a. Inactive service lines for which there is no definite plan for future use or reasonable possibility for future use or are found to be in unsafe condition shall be physically disconnected from the gas supply at the main, purged and the open pipe ends shall be sealed.

SC Regulations (cont'd)

- 103-493. Leakage.
 - 1. General. Any notice to the gas system of a leak or odor or notification of damage to gas facilities reported by any source shall constitute the need for immediate action by the gas system. In the event that the response time exceeded one (1) hour, the reason should be included in the report to the ORS as well as the grade level of the leak and other pertinent information.

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