

CONSULTING SERVICES

"RCP met and exceeded our expectations. Their consultants were always available to answer our questions, understood our project thoroughly, and were flexible enough to make any necessary adjustments. We're always looking for partners that provide quality service and fast response. We found one in RCP." - ExxonMobil

JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION

RCP has 20 years of experience in jurisdictional determination for complex upstream, midstream and downstream facilities. We have extensive knowledge of the applicable Federal and State regulations, as well as the Letters of Interpretation that may be applicable to each situation including FAQs, Advisory Bulletins and Preambles. We can offer clarification of governing regulations in the event of apparent overlapping jurisdiction and specific delineation of regulatory boundaries - pinpointing specific locations of jurisdictional separation.

ACQUISITION DUE DILIGENCE

RCP is a valuable resource when it comes to identifying issues important to the acquisition decision-making process (i.e. "deal-killers", significant compliance gaps, significant future regulatory liabilities/costs, etc.). RCP will evaluate the pipeline's operating and maintenance history, its environment, and other factors to identify any unusual risks or liabilities such as problems identified during previous in-line inspections, which have not been corrected.

AUDITS

RCP has a proven track-record helping clients identify gaps in their compliance programs and conducting mock audits in preparation for integrated federal and state inspections. RCP's approach to audits and assessments is typically either consultative or enforcement oriented depending upon the client's needs.

AGENCY RESPONSE SUPPORT

RCP provides post-inspection agency response support to help quickly correct any procedural deficiency and help develop improved implementation methods to address agency inspection closure notes or Notice of Amendment letters. If there are post-inspection responses or hearings required, RCP is experienced in guiding companies through the process and preparing effective response strategies to bring outstanding inspection deficiencies to closure.

EXPERT WITNESS

RCP's executives frequently serve as expert witnesses in pipeline litigation cases ranging from small property damage claims to large complex class action lawsuits. Additional types of litigation support include interpretation and detailed reports on regulatory compliance determinations, code compliance, general industry practices, engineering, safety, and risk analyses.

PIPELINE SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

RCP has the expertise and experience helping companies assess, develop and implement safety management systems. RCP helped lead the way in conducting industry research for the development and creation of API 1173 public awareness materials and best practices as well as planning, implementation and program effectiveness tools being used industry wide.

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