Response of Petro Pipelines to Longwall Subsidence

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INTRODUCTION



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- Subsidence Movements
- Subsidence Response
- Subsidence Damage
- Subsidence Damage Mitigation



LONGWALL MINING



MINING METHODS – LONGWALL MINING



SCHEMATIC OF LONGWALL MINING TECHNIQUE (MARK, 1990)



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SUBSIDENCE PROFILE OF A LONGWALL PANEL







CHARACTERISTICS ACROSS A SUBSIDENCE PROFILE

LONGWALL SUBSIDENCE







PIPELINE

DISTANCE ALONG THE PANEL



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DISTANCE ACROSS THE PANELS



Location	H _{max} /S _{max}	Reference
Illinois Basin	0.11-0.41	Lin, et al., 1996
		O'Rourke, T.D. and Turner S.M., 1979
		Peng, S.S. and Luo, Y., 1991
		Van Roosndall, D.J., et al., 1997
Wyoming	0.23-0.28	Inhouse files
U.S. Appalachian Field	0.3	Peng and Geng, 1982
Germany	0.35-0.45	Brauner, 1973
USSR	0.3-0.35	Brauner, 1973
France	0.4	Brauner, 1973
Great Britain	0.04-0.32	Breeds, 1976
	Averages: 0.22	all
		0.15 limestone classes
		0.24 others

MAXIMUM HORIZONTAL TO VERTICAL DISPLACEMENT RATIOS, $\rm H_{MAX}/S_{MAX}$ FROM LONGWALL MINING

SUBSIDENCE RESPONSE

SUBSIDENCE PROFILE ANALYSIS

4(SPW)²S"_{max} [MAXIMUM CURVATURE]

SUBSIDENCE INDUCED LONGITUDINAL PIPELINE STRESSES

RESIDUAL STRENGTH CONDITIONS ALONG PIPELINE

RATES OF HORIZONTAL MOVEMENT

Alert Level		Action
Moderate Stress	-	More frequent/close monitoring of survey/strain readings with modeling to better understand pipeline response and to identify magnitude(s) and location(s) of peak stress.
High Stress	-	For better accuracy monitoring based on modeled peak stress conditions. If necessary, perform effective decoupling. Lowering operating pressure to maintain stress level below acceptable limit at least until mitigation measures are in place, if needed.
Threshold	-	Based on modeled peak stress conditions. Where reduction to minimum operating pressure is inadequate, possible line shutdown until decoupling of pipeline, and lower pipe stress verified.

SUBSIDENCE DAMAGE

IMPLEMENTED APPROACHES: A FUNCTION OF RISK TOLERANCE

- SURFACE METHODS
- UNDERGROUND MEASURES

PIPELINE MITIGATION ALTERNATIVES – LONGWALL

ТҮРЕ	MEASURES
	 Leave protection block of trona.
	 Void fill behind longwall by grouting.
	 Reduce extraction height.
	 Reduce panel face and increase chain pillar support.
	 Leave room and pillar protection area.
	 Panel Orientation

PIPELINE MITIGATION ALTERNATIVES – LONGWALL

ΤΥΡΕ	MEASURES
	 Relocate pipe outside subsidence area.
	• Install temporary line above ground surface on ROW -
	segment and monitor permanent pipe - monitor in
SUDEACE	place pipe.
MOVE LINE	 Install temporary line above ground surface on ROW, install expansion joints or sleeves at predetermined intervals, and reconnect to permanent line - monitor pipe and reduce fluid pressure as needed.

PIPELINE MITIGATION ALTERNATIVES - LONGWALL

ТҮРЕ	MEASURES	
	 Uncover all or portions of the pipeline and monitor. 	
	Reduce internal pressure if necessary.	
PIPE DECOUPLING	 Install protective cover and backfill pipe - monitor 	
	pipe. Reduce internal pressure if necessary.	
	 Install "slip" interface around pipe - monitor pipe 	
	and reduce internal pressure if necessary.	
	 Uncover pipe in severe subsidence curvature areas. 	
	Support and control delection of pipe with cribbing/	
	airbags. Reduce internal pressure if necessary.	
	 Uncover pipe in severe subsidence curvature areas. 	
	Undercut subgrade where required to control	
	deflections. Monitor pipe. Reduce internal pressure if	
	necessary.	
	 Suspending pipe off twin steel beam across the trench 	
PIPE DEFLECTION CONTROL	via hanging rods which are bolted to a steel hoop	
	secured around the pipe. Rods are treaded to allow	
	vertical adjustment. Also use of bracing to prevent	
	lateral movement inside the trench. Monitor pipe.	
	Reduce internal pressure if necessary.	
	 Uncover pipe in severe curvature areas. Preset 	
	pipeline elevations prior to subsidence to control	
	resulting subsidence-induced bending. Monitor pipe.	
	Reduce internal pressure if necessary.	

PIPELINE MITIGATION ALTERNATIVES - LONGWALL

ТҮРЕ	MEASURES
	 Relocate pipe outside subsidence area.
FUTURE	 Install expansion/contraction sleeves or joints along
PIPELINE	pipeline - monitor pipe.
INSTALLATIONS	 Install protective cover/"slip" interface - monitor
	pipe.

SURFACE METHODS

- MORE ADVANCED ASPECTS DISCUSSED
- USE OF ADVANCED SUBSIDENCE ENGINEERING METHODOLOGY CAN BE OF BENEFIT
- WITH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM, THE BETTER THE HANDLING OF THE PROBLEM

QUESTIONS?

Thank You!

