



## 1.0 ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to describe how the INGAA Foundation and its Membership develops and disseminates basic safety and quality guidelines that support common natural gas pipeline construction and maintenance activities.
- 1.2 The safety and quality guidelines published by INGAA Foundation are not meant to supersede or replace regulatory requirements, nor are they intended to be all-inclusive of the applicable contractor/owner company quality-related protocols or regulatory requirements. Instead, the guidelines are intended to reflect industry-wide consensus and be supportive and complementary to the aforementioned sources.

## 2.0 PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

- 2.1 The INGAA Foundation Safety and Quality (S&Q) Committee has a history of interest in stimulating enhanced safety and quality performance throughout the industry. A primary mission of the S&Q Committee is to lead volunteer efforts of INGAA Foundation membership to develop comprehensive safety and quality guidelines for common construction and maintenance activities.
- 2.2 Mission Statement: To create industry consensus guidelines on pipeline construction safety and quality that both pipeline owning companies and pipeline construction companies can align with and adopt as their own.
- 2.3 The Scope of Work for each project should communicate safety and quality expectations, applicable guidelines and procedures, and/or specify how safety and performance quality will be managed throughout the project.

## 3.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### 3.1 INGAA Foundation Responsibilities

- 3.1.1 Final review and concurrence and/or endorsement of newly issued consensus guidelines.
- 3.1.2 Dissemination and/or publication of the guideline documents.
- 3.1.3 Maintain the library of published construction safety and/or quality consensus guidelines in a manner that is easily accessible to INGAA Members, with broader public access when deemed appropriate.
- 3.1.4 Coordinate periodic reviews and updates, as appropriate, of published guideline documents.
- 3.1.5 Support formation and activities of the Safety & Quality Committee, including but not limited to forwarding communication regarding INGAA Membership recommendations on topics for future Construction Safety and Quality Consensus Guidelines and collaboration with the S&Q Committee to prioritize the order of guideline development.



## 3.2 Safety & Quality Committee Responsibilities

- 3.2.1 Propose topics for development into consensus guidelines, considering requests from INGAA Membership, current events within the industry and opportunities to enhance safety and/or quality performance.
- 3.2.2 Lead efforts to develop a comprehensive collection of construction safety/quality consensus guidelines. This includes (as applicable and appropriate) drafting guidelines, distribution of review drafts for comment and addressing review comments.
- 3.2.3 Advising INGAA Foundation Members on current practices, recommending adjustments to common procedures and estimating probable effects if the adjustments are adopted.

## 3.3 INGAA Foundation Membership Responsibilities

- 3.3.1 Nominate new topics for future construction safety/quality consensus guidelines that will stimulate improvement in safety/quality performance of common pipeline construction activities.
- 3.3.2 Contribute topic-specific materials representing current practices and procedures.
- 3.3.3 Volunteer to participate with the S&Q Committee in the development of guidelines, on a topic-specific basis.
- 3.3.4 Review and comment on draft guideline documents.
- 3.3.5 Adopt the consensus guidelines by integrating the described practices and procedures into their company procedures and work plans, as applicable and appropriate.

## 4.0 BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

- 4.1 In 2009, INGAA sponsored a workshop to identify three major “construction safety intervention” strategies which would require industry-wide commitment to be successful. One of the strategies implemented following the workshop is to develop construction safety consensus guidelines.
- 4.2 In 2010, a workgroup of the Safety Committee designed a process to guide the development of consensus guidelines. Refer to “INGAA Construction Safety Consensus Guidance Development” (July 2011, final report) for additional information.
- 4.3 Since then, several Construction Safety and Quality Consensus Guideline documents have been developed with continued support of the Safety & Quality Committee and the volunteer efforts of other INGAA Foundation Members.

## 5.0 APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

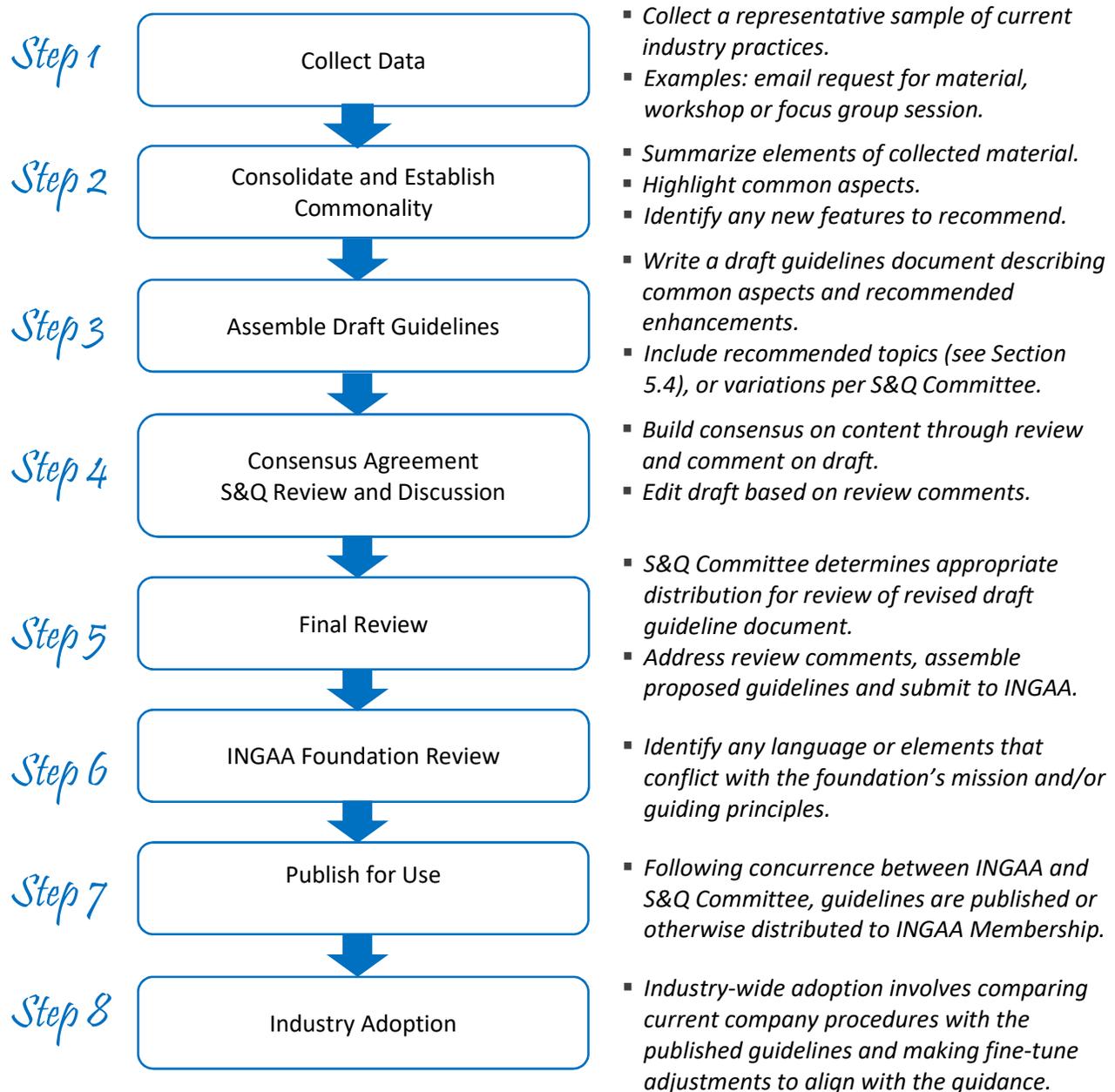
- 5.1 The safety and quality guidelines will be:
  - Reflective of industry consensus practices.
  - Guidance on relevant safety and/or quality topics that impact pipeline construction activities.
  - Published by INGAA (e.g., posted to INGAA website).



5.2 Contributors to the guideline development process and end user groups:

- INGAA Members.
- Pipeline Owner/Operators and Contractors.
- Health & Safety Professionals.
- Quality Professionals.
- Construction Personnel.

5.3 Overview of Consensus Guidelines Development Process





## 5.4 Contents of Consensus Guideline Documents

### 5.4.1 Topics recommended to include in construction safety consensus guidelines:

- **Activity Description** – Basic description of the scope, purpose, applicability and context regarding regulatory requirements.
- **Hazard Assessment** – Specific and limited to the topic in the guideline document.
- **Roles and Responsibilities** – Management (including all with Supervisory roles), Health & Safety personnel, Employees, Visitors (if applicable).
- **Equipment and Supplies** – Equipment or supplies that are specific to the scope of work or necessary to complete the activity described in the guidance document may be included if they present a specific condition or hazard to the employee(s) or environment.
- **Hazard Mitigation** – Subsections will vary for each topic/guideline document.
- **Training** – Specific and limited to the topic in the guideline document.
- **References** – Recommend adding a statement to acknowledge updates to the listed references (e.g., “Current versions of the references automatically supersede the references listed below.”).
- **History of Revision.**

### 5.4.2 Topics recommended to include in construction quality consensus guidelines:

- **Activity Description** – Basic description of the scope and context regarding regulatory or other requirements.
- **Purpose and Applicability** – Benefits and guidance on how and when to apply the concepts presented.
- **Roles and Responsibilities** – Management (including all with Supervisory roles), Quality (QA/QC) personnel, Employees, Visitors (if applicable).
- **Definitions and Acronyms** – Recommend excluding commonly used words or acronyms.
- **Approach and Methodology** – Subsections will vary for each topic/guideline document. Recommend including procedures, activities, measurements, equipment that contribute or impact quality.
- **Training** – Specific and limited to the topic in the guideline document.
- **References** – Recommend adding a statement to acknowledge updates to the listed references (e.g., “Current versions of the references automatically supersede the references listed below.”).
- **History of Revision.**

### 5.4.3 Reference other Construction Safety/Quality Consensus Guidelines, rather than repeating the overlapping information.



## 5.5 Document Control Procedures

5.5.1 As a general practice, each consensus guideline document is numbered for identification and labeling purposes.

5.5.2 A 3-field numbering system is used.

- The first field identifies the document as being part of the collection of consensus guidelines and differentiates between safety guidelines (i.e., CS- ) and quality guidelines (i.e., CQ- ).
- The second field is used to group guidelines into topic-related categories, for example:
  - G - General Guidelines
  - H - Industrial Hygiene Related Guidelines
  - S - Activity-Based Safety Guidelines
  - Q - Activity-Based Quality Guidelines
  - M - Materials-Related Quality Guidelines
  - R - Right-of-Way Guidelines
- The third field is a number.

5.5.3 Revision numbers are used to track changes or updates made to a document and to be sure that the most recent versions are available for use.

## 6.0 TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

6.1 Familiarity with the process and guidelines presented in this document is recommended for anyone participating in the development of Construction Safety or Quality Consensus Guidelines.

## 7.0 REFERENCES

Current versions of the references automatically supersede the references listed below.

### 7.1 INGAA Foundation

7.1.1 INGAA Construction Safety Consensus Guidance Development, Final Report, July 2011

7.1.2 Guidelines Available to Download: Pipeline Quality, Construction QA/QC, Construction Safety Guidelines. <http://www.ingaa.org/ConstructionSafetyGuidelines.aspx>

## 8.0 HISTORY OF REVISIONS

Number	Date	Description
0	May 2018	Initial publication of this INGAA Construction Safety and Quality Consensus Guidelines document.