

# Guidance for achieving successful In-Line-Inspection

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## Foreword

This guide on achieving successful In-Line-Inspection (ILI) is an update of the document “Guidance on achieving ILI First Run Success” of December 2012. It can be used by Clients and Contractors and is written to facilitate ILI run success.

The objective of In-line-Inspection (ILI) is to obtain data on the pipeline condition as part of the baseline and/or revalidation process. It is highlighted that this guidance document is written to improve first run success rate of ILI works and is not designed to provide an introduction or fundamentals for completing in-line inspections or appropriate tool selection.

For details of the ILI questionnaire, recommended check lists and best practices referred to in this document, please visit the “Documents” page on the POF website ([www.pipelineoperators.org](http://www.pipelineoperators.org)).

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# 1 Introduction

The objective of In-line Inspection (ILI) is to obtain data on pipeline condition as part of the integrity management process. Getting ILI right is important to minimise inspection cost and verify pipeline integrity. A failed run usually results in a re-run which generates extra cost such as increased production loss, additional mobilisation or tool adjustment. Health, safety and environment aspects can also be affected as well as reputation. For offshore operations where support vessels are involved, the cost induced by a re-run can be considerable.

Achieving ILI run success requires close collaboration between the Client and Contractor teams, where adequate planning and preparation are important factors. Pipeline data and definition of expected anomalies must be up to date. Operating conditions passed on to the Contractor must apply for the inspection run, as the selection and set-up of the ILI tool is based on this information.

The POF specifications recommend criteria and conditions for a successful ILI run as well as actions in case of failed ILI run. This document uses the same criteria to define ILI run success.

## Definition ILI run success

Criteria for successful ILI run <i>Ref: Chapter 7.1 of “Specifications and requirements for in-line inspection of pipelines - Version 2016”</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous loss of data less or equal to 0.5 % of pipeline length</li> <li>• Discontinuous loss of data less or equal to 3% of pipeline length</li> <li>• Continuous loss of data from less than 4 adjacent sensors or 25 mm circumference, whichever is smallest.</li> </ul>
Conditions
The criteria apply to each section of the pipeline i.e. each diameter, wall thickness and pipe manufacturing process. The tool speed shall be within the limit for specified feature detection capability. Example of data loss is when report of internal and external features is expected but only one of the two feature locations can be reported.

When data loss exceeds one of the criteria above, Client and Contractor shall discuss possible causes of failure. It can be several reasons or combination of reasons, e.g. rough pipeline surface, scale or wax on pipe wall, defective sensors or tool exceeding speed limit. The client can accept an ILI run that fails to comply to the criteria if e.g. contractual agreement states otherwise or the ILI run provided satisfactory data for the pipeline sections of interest. When a failed run cannot be accepted, a re-run should be performed as specified in the contract.

Checklists to support achievement of ILI run success are attached in Appendix A.

## **2 Definitions and abbreviations**

### **2.1 Definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the definitions in “POF specifications and requirements for in-line inspection of pipelines – Version 2016” apply.

### **2.2 Abbreviations**

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviations apply:

AGM	Above Ground Marker
ART	Acoustic Resonance Technology
ATEX	Atmosphères Explosibles
CFD	Computational Fluid Dynamics
ERF	Estimated Repair factor
HSSE	Health, Safety, Security and Environment
ILI	In-Line Inspection
MEG	Mono-Ethylene Glycol
MFL	Magnetic Flux Leakage
NORM	Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material
ROV	Remotely Operated Vehicle
UT	Ultrasonic Testing

### 3 ILI Preparation

#### 3.1 General

ILI projects require a significant level of preparation including:

- Definition of objectives
- ILI tool selection
- Tool qualification, if required, e.g. for emerging inspection technologies
- Pipeline information gathering
- Site visit & stakeholder engagement
- Risk assessment

Through the preparation process the Client, working with the Contractor, should confirm that the selected ILI tool will be able to meet the initial objectives and requirements. Final confirmation of ILI tool selection should take place after the information gathering, site visit & stakeholder engagement and risk assessment have been completed.

Prior to an in-line inspection the following should be in place:

- The Client to communicate the objectives of the ILI to the Contractor
- Tool selection to be proposed by Contractor and discussed and agreed between Client and Contractor
- Contractor to confirm that tool selection is appropriate given the goals and objectives of the ILI.

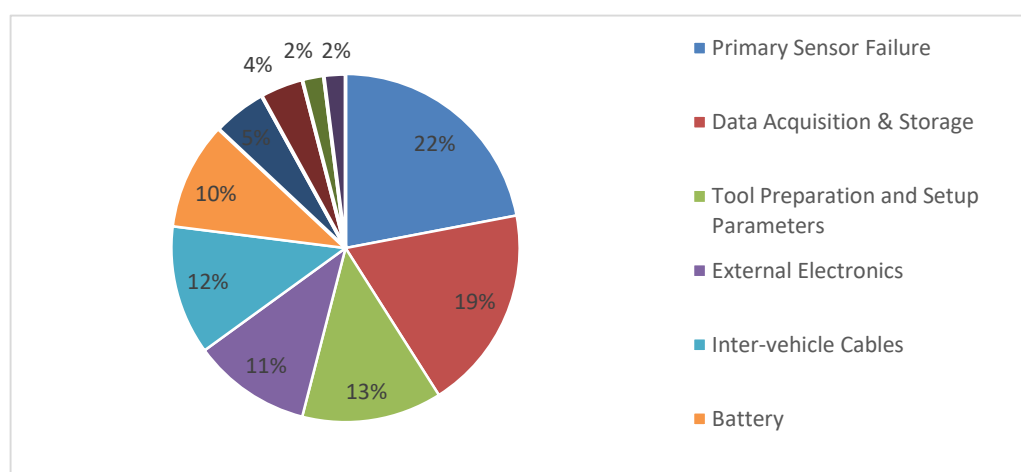
#### 3.2 Causes of failed ILI runs

Experience from operators and ILI companies shows that historically around 50% of failed ILI runs are caused by failures of the ILI tool itself and 50% by operational issues outside the Contractor's control.

##### 3.2.1 ILI Tool Failures

Figure 1 illustrates a breakdown of the main causes of ILI tool failures.

Failed runs from trap to trap are a small percentage of overall failed runs. A majority of ILI run failure cases involve failure of some hardware components, resulting in an incomplete inspection coverage of the pipeline wall and might be intermittent through the pipeline length.

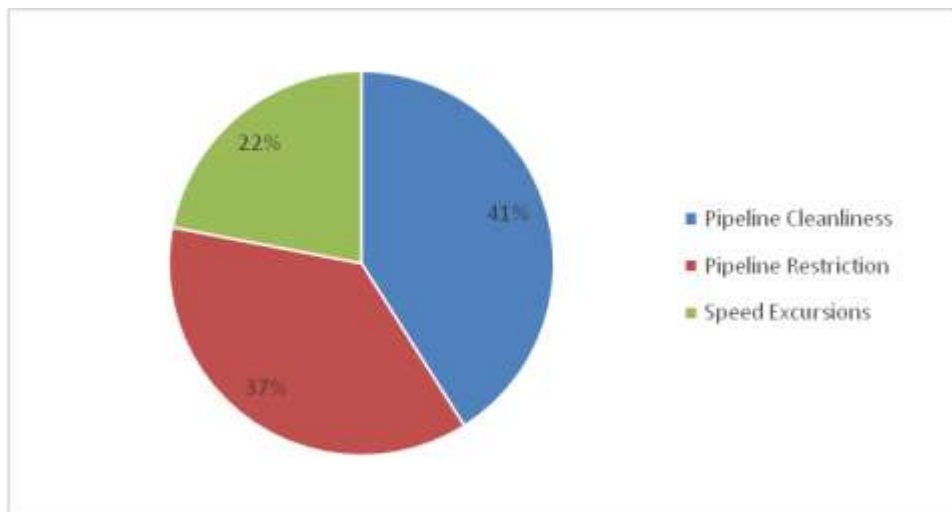


**Figure 1 - Causes of ILI Tool Failure**



### 3.2.2 Operational Issues

Figure 2 illustrates a breakdown of the main causes of operator-related ILI run failures.



**Figure 2 - Operational Causes of Failed ILI Runs**

As with ILI tool issues, the objective of accurate and complete data collection is not achieved, and may not be trap to trap, but intermittent or localized to certain lengths of the pipeline segment.

### 3.3 Inspection objectives & tool selection

The inspection process adds value when the inspection objectives are clearly set and aligned with the threat assessment with a clear understanding of the critical features that may potentially be present in the pipeline.

The Client should clearly define the objectives of an ILI before tool selection can take place. A key aspect in this process is a proper identification of pipeline threats and anticipated degradation mechanisms. The expected type, size, location and orientation of anomalies are important inputs to tool selection. In many cases tool selection requires a deeper understanding and details of specific tools which can best be obtained in a discussion between Client and Contractor. Factors that may influence tool performance, such as level of cleanliness and pipeline operating conditions need to be considered as well.

Some of the variables to consider include:

- Pipeline operating history
- Pipeline threats and objective of the inspection run. (i.e. what are the pipeline deterioration mechanisms to be potentially observed and defect types resulting from these processes?)
- Critical feature detection, sizing and the level of assurance is needed
- Pipeline operating conditions: product composition, flow conditions, pressure, temperature.
- Ability to clean the pipeline to the required level for good inspection performance.
- Physical properties of the pipeline: wall thickness, range of internal diameters, bend restrictions, length of pig traps, diameter etc.
- Presence of internal flow coating
- Experiences from previous pigging and in-line inspections
- Contractor performance: HSSE performance; inspection solutions offered; tool availability and performance; reporting times; run success rates.

Inspection tools can often be optimised to the inspection requirements by using special modification kits. In advance of an inspection campaign it is often worthwhile asking different ILI companies for the

best suited solution (which might save costs while performing the inspection or when following up on the inspection results at a later stage).

Much of the preparatory information is collated in the “ILI Pipeline Questionnaire” which is available as a separate document on the POF website ([www.pipelineoperators.org](http://www.pipelineoperators.org)).

### **3.4 Pipeline information gathering**

ILI preparation requires a multitude of information gathering activities. Operators should adopt a cross-discipline attitude to defining fully the inspection “environment”. Input from key discipline functions will be necessary so that an accurate picture of the risks to operations/production is built prior to engagement with ILI Contractor. Based on the pipeline questionnaire, an early technical review starts the process of matching the inspection objectives and requirements with the tool attributes and inspection capabilities for a range of technologies that could be deployed.

The discussion should address the physical limitations of the ILI tool types and their inspection performance for the anticipated operating conditions. Understanding the technical limitations for inspection and the key parameters that drive both probability and accuracy of detection are important aspects that should be considered at an early stage.

It may be possible that the operating conditions in the pipeline can be optimised to maximise tool performance through adjustments to the flow rates or frequency of sampling. For heavy wall pipelines, when using MFL principles, understanding the relationship between achieved magnetization and the tool velocity is critical. Checks should be made to ensure that the tool selected can inspect the targeted wall thickness for a given tool velocity. For other technologies, similar restrictions may exist depending on what accuracy is required. UT tools may require a cleaning run and ART tools require a minimum operating pressure.

Information required for successful project execution will include at a minimum: pipeline design data, pipeline operating parameters, and product composition. Physical line constraints to be considered include both bore restrictions and pig trap lengths which are more critical where either combination tools or higher-level accuracy tools are required. A detailed feature list or bore map should be created for the pipeline and provided to the Contractor. Appendix B contains an example feature list.

For pipelines that have not been subject to ILI before or for known challenging pipelines, a detailed piggability review is recommended to identify problem areas and actions to be taken to minimise risks related to damaged, stalled or stuck ILI tools.

Key information gathering subjects include:

Information required by Client

- ILI tool specifications
- Defect detection capabilities
- Sizing accuracy
- Tool class history
- Bore & bend passing capabilities
- Tool length and weight
- Speed thresholds
- Maximum wall thickness
- Technology availability

- ILI tool schedule availability

#### Information required by Contractor

- Objective of Inspection (e.g. Defect types, etc.)
- Technology requirements
- Pipeline design conditions
- Operating conditions
- Product composition
- Pipeline condition (Cleanliness)
- Trap dimensions
- Facilities and procedures to load and recover the tool
- Proposed ILI Schedule
- Logistic issues associated with controlled items e.g. isotopes, inertial navigation systems

#### Other requirements

- Above Ground Marker (AGM) information established
- Alignment sheets / As-built drawings
- Past ILI reports as applicable
- Other historical data
- Roles & responsibilities (key personnel)
- Site restrictions (hazardous areas etc.)
- ATEX requirements
- Hazardous substances (e.g. Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM), Mercury, Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) etc.) and arrangements for cleaning

Other criteria may also be considered, but for the purpose of this document the above referenced items are key components of communication between Client and Contractor.

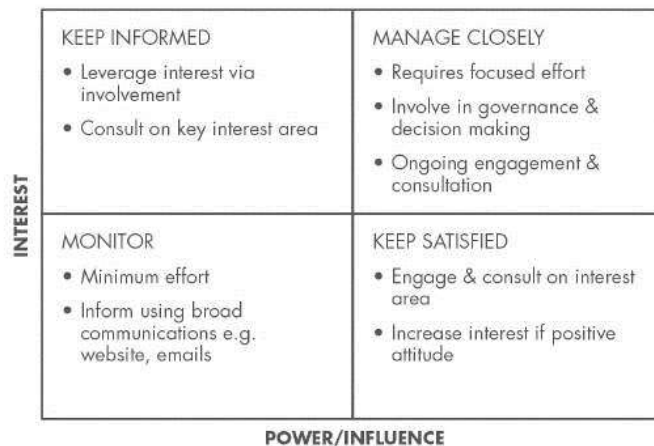
Some inspections may require specialist tool modifications or changes to operating practices and procedures. Early discussion with the Contractor and information transfer is recommended to ensure that these can be accommodated within the inspection programme.

### **3.5 Site visits and stakeholder engagement**

Project site visits and early stakeholder engagement are critical components of pipeline information gathering and provide an opportunity to identify operating limitations, potential risks to consider during the planning phase, or if minor modifications are required to accommodate the selected ILI technology. Stakeholders are defined as all parties involved in the ILI project including those providing third party services (e.g. tracking, cleaning or subsequent field measurement) and those impacted by the inspection activities (e.g. downstream facilities).

The site visit and stakeholder engagement promotes buy-in from all personnel involved in planning and conducting the ILI project. Identifying all prospective stakeholders allows for a more thorough assessment of risk management actions required due to schedule, resource, or commercial concerns.

Properly documenting the site visit and stakeholder engagement can assist with identification of risks and the planning of a more comprehensive project scope. The Site Visit and Stakeholder Engagement Checklists (part of Appendix A) are a resource that can be utilised for this purpose. A simple Stakeholder mapping exercise can help identify the key Stakeholders and will assist teams in establishing the appropriate interfaces, see Figure 3 for an example.



**Figure 3: Example Stakeholder map**

The following items should be addressed during site visits and Stakeholder engagement:

- Confirmation of information to assess the effort to perform the inspection.
- Collection of information to establish the detailed inspection procedures and action plans.
- Collection of information to assess required (3rd party) support; e.g. lifting, pumping facilities, rigging, etc.
- Confirmation that site facilities are suitable for execution of the works using the selected ILI tool. This includes a readiness check of pig traps, integrity of its isolation valves and associated facilities such as cranes.
- Identification of key personnel and establishment of communications.
- HSSE audits and contingency / mitigation plans.
- Identification of local communication lines, logistics and crew accommodation.
- Specific final inspection reporting requirements.

### 3.6 Risk assessment

Successful ILI requires effective management of risks. These need to be clearly identified at an early stage in the ILI process.

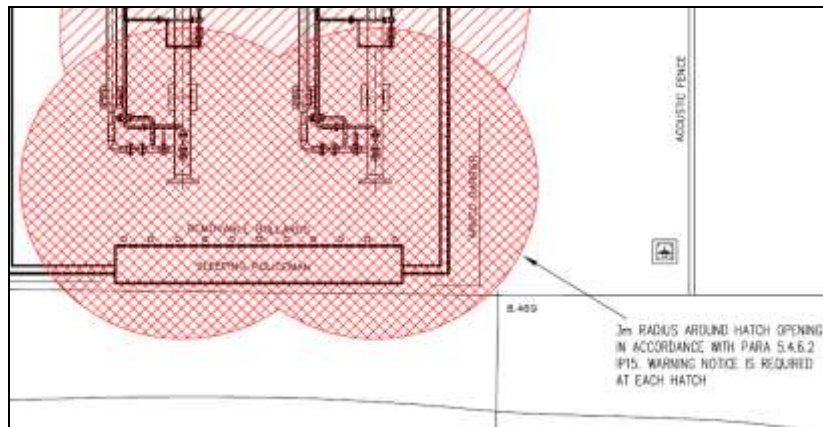
By conducting risk assessments the key factors can be evaluated for their impact and probability of occurrence (or likelihood). The risk factors are generally assessed against the impact to safety, the environment and the operations including lost production.

Risk assessments associated with personal safety are well established. Further risk assessments on wider process safety issues require increased attention addressing the impact the ILI tool run can have on operation of the pipeline, including: process upset conditions due to the transfer of pipeline debris; changes in flow conditions and pressure changes due to ILI operations (with the potential of increasing line pressures) and the implications of a stalled or stuck ILI tool.

Environmental considerations generally consider the effects of cleaning operations, disposal of materials and decontamination of tools and equipment.

Business considerations include the impact on production of a stalled or stuck tool. Failure to recover a complete ILI tool with all of the parts may also have implications in pipelines which are regularly pigged to control liquid inventories.

The information gathering and site visit phases of the ILI preparation facilitate the identification of risk factors which should be considered during project planning, including risks based on pipeline construction, operating conditions and location (e.g. a pipeline located onshore may incorporate less risk than that of a pipeline offshore). The information obtained during the information gathering steps must be measured against the project scope to effectively anticipate potential risks that could threaten the success of the project.



**Figure 4: Typical hazardous area drawing**

A risk assessment checklist (part of Appendix A) is a good way to document and evaluate the findings. When assessing potential risks associated with ILI projects, the Client should incorporate the following contributing factors into their business risk assessment strategy:

- Potential risk criteria for consideration: Available historical data (data related to the pipeline design & construction process, information received from any previous cleaning runs and historic pipeline inspections, history of known pipeline defects etc.)
- Existing pipeline conditions indicated by gauge plate information including pipeline valves and fittings
- Valve operability and leakage rates
- Pipeline geographic location
- Pipeline access at launch / receipt and along pipeline length for marking and tracking
- Pipeline operating conditions and product composition, including effect of launching medium on downstream systems
- Subsea operations e.g. diver/ROV access
- Recovery options in case of a stalled or stuck pig
- Weather (wind, wave & current) conditions for subsea and offshore operations
- Seasonal complications (human factors, access and environmental issues)

The risk assessment should take into consideration the following common causes of failed ILI runs:

- Speed and pressure related issues (too high and too low)
- Pipeline related damage
- Bend configurations (bend radius and back to back bends)
- Wall thickness changes
- Line debris/paraffin/pyrophoric dust
- Pipeline bore restrictions or openings (i.e. valves)
- Availability of product (e.g. tank volume to maintain flow)
- Tool component failure
- Separation of multi-module ILI tools

- Wrong inspection technology selection
- Operational Failures
- Pipeline valve operations & isolation difficulties
- Launch cassette sealing difficulties
- Loose components in the pipeline (e.g. previous ILI tool parts, bolts, welding rods, tee bars)
- Incorrect pigging procedures or not following procedures.

Pigging on paper exercises with key stakeholders and go/no go pre-requisites have proven useful for more complex ILI activities.

## 4 Pipeline cleaning and verification

### 4.1 Introduction

The quality of inspection results is not only dependent on the quality of the inspection methodology used, but also on the operational conditions of the pipeline during the inspection. A critical parameter to the success of an inspection is the cleanliness of the internal surface of the pipeline to be investigated. Ineffective cleaning can also have consequences for the normal operation of the pipeline, including reduced flow-rates and reduced efficiency of corrosion inhibitors with accelerated degradation of the pipeline condition. Presence of debris or liquid slugs in gas lines can cause tool damage or poor data quality.

The consequences of ineffective cleaning are even higher, when the cleaning regime is not specially geared in preparation of inspecting the pipeline using ILI tools, see an example of a damaged tool in Figure 5. In such cases it can lead to:

- incomplete and/or degraded inspection data
- damage to the inspection tool,
- worst case, a lodged inspection tool



**Figure 5: Damaged tool due to excessive debris**

The ability to clean the pipeline adequately should be taken account of as part of ILI technology selection. For difficult to clean applications, technology that requires less cleaning should be considered.

The pipeline Operator shall decide on cleaning responsibilities; it can be performed by the Operator, the ILI supplier or a specialist third party cleaning contractor. The selected ILI supplier can be consulted for advice in this matter. In some cases extensive cleaning is required and in other cases only limited, final cleaning/gauging is sufficient:

- The best case: the pipeline operator has a well-established cleaning strategy in place and cleaning runs have been performed regularly. In this case only final cleaning/gauging runs by the ILI supplier is necessary prior to ILI.



- The worst case: there is no cleaning strategy or it is not efficient and an intensive cleaning phase is necessary prior to ILI. A dedicated, jointly agreed cleaning program needs to be established where some parts can be executed by the operator and other part by the ILI supplier, depending on experience of the operator and practicalities of the execution.

Planning of cleaning should include handling of waste products such as sand, scale and wax, with specific attention to the handling of hazardous waste (e.g. NORM, mercury, benzenes and pyrophoric dust) and the effect that debris can have on downstream facilities and operations.

It is recommended that early proving of the pipeline bore is carried out during the pipe cleaning phase. Ideally the tool should contain multiple gauge plates and mimic the profile of the proposed ILI tools. This will allow an early assessment to be made of the suitability of the ILI tool to pass through the pipeline. It will also allow time to mobilise a calliper tool if a more detailed assessment is required. Completing this early in the process will help to minimise cost, should either ILI tool or pipeline modification be required.

It should be noted that the use of gauge plates will not detect overbore sections of pipe. These have caused ILI tools to get stuck or damaged. Use of a dedicated calliper tool is recommended for lines where there is uncertainty of the pipe bore or the gauge / profile tool indicates a bore restriction.

#### **4.2 Preparation of cleaning campaign before inspection**

Time should be taken to conduct a kick-off meeting or site visit together with the inspection contractor. The meeting should be scheduled shortly after the contract has been awarded and well in advance of the inspection campaign. If the pipeline operator does not have a well-established cleaning strategy, the preparations for cleaning should start well in advance of the planned inspection date. In this way there will be sufficient time to:

- gather all historical cleaning and operational information
- define a progressive cleaning program if required
- execute the program
- monitor the effectiveness of the cleaning and adjust if necessary
- analyse the cleanliness of the pipeline

Between the initial cleaning programme and inspection runs the pipeline will need to be maintained with regular pigging.

The effort for cleaning may depend on:

- the type of product transported within the pipeline
- the frequency and type of cleaning runs previously completed
- the inspection technology to be used and the proposed setup of the ILI tool

Different types and amount of debris is usually observed in pipelines depending on their service. The following table gives a rough indication for the pipelines commonly used in the oil & gas industry:



Service	Type of debris	Typical amount of debris
Refined Products	Corrosion product	Little.
Crude oil	Hard and soft paraffin (wax), asphaltenes, sand, hard scale, corrosion product.	Potentially large depending on product composition, temperature and crude velocity.
Multiphase	Hard scale, sand, wax, corrosion product.	Potentially large depending on product composition.
Injection water	Hard scale, sand, corrosion product.	Potentially large depending on product composition.
Dry gas	Corrosion product, compressor oil, black powder.	Usually little if pipeline is regularly cleaned and not affected by black powder.

**Table 1: Typical pipeline debris**

In pipelines that have never been pigged before, construction related debris such as bricks, poles, tools and welding rods may also be expected.

Routine pigging, as part of the pipeline operations and management, can generate useful information on the condition of the pipeline and its contents that can be used when planning an ILI programme. Information about the frequency, type of cleaning tools and analysis of material in pig traps should be used as input when setting up the cleaning program (also refer to section 4.3).

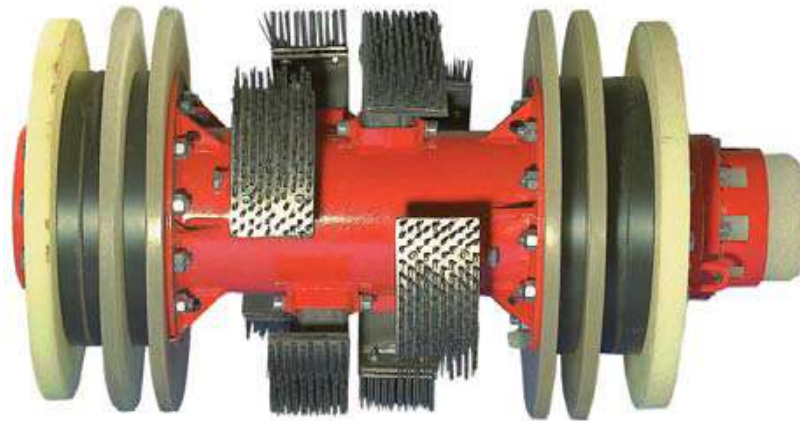
To reduce the risk of a failed run, the cleaning programme objective should be to remove all debris from the pipe wall, independent from the inspection technology to be used. However, due to operational reasons the pipeline may contain some inspection tool residual deposits which can limit the number of suitable inspection techniques. This is particularly the case with waxy crude pipelines where due to the wax appearance temperatures, the line will normally have deposits. In these cases, a combination of chemicals and mechanical cleaning may be required.

Debris mapping tools (instrumented pigs) have become available to actually map the amount (and thickness) of debris on the internal surface of the pipe. These tools can help optimise cleaning results and ensure adequate cleaning prior to running an inline inspection tool.

### **4.3 Cleaning procedures**

The cleaning procedure determines the sequence and type of cleaning tools to be run. A relatively simple brush tool is depicted in Figure 6.

Usually "progressive cleaning techniques" are used for pipeline cleaning, which implies that the aggressiveness of the cleaning tools gradually increases as the cleaning activities are progressing. For certain applications, it is useful to start with chemicals, e.g. introducing a wax dissolver in a gel pill followed by flushing has proven to be useful in waxy pipelines. Thereafter, the safest way to continue a progressive cleaning program is by running gel or foam pigs.



**Figure 6 – Typical bi-directional brush cleaning tool**

The success of a cleaning program is heavily dependent on the experience and knowledge of the pipeline operating conditions.

Each cleaning program is uniquely defined for its objective, the pipeline and the given operating conditions. Therefore a great variety of cleaning procedures and cleaning tools exist. Combining mechanical cleaning with the use of chemicals can significantly reduce the time and number of runs required.

#### **4.4 Assessment of cleaning results**

During a cleaning program the cleanliness of the pipeline should be assessed continuously to identify the moment in which the objective has been achieved.

Various assessment types can be distinguished:

- Visual assessment of all cleaning pigs and retrieved deposits immediately after the run. If possible, the debris should be recovered shortly after the cleaning tool reaches the receiving trap and flushing of the trap shall be minimized.
- Monitoring of relevant pipeline operating conditions such as pressure, flow, etc.
- A pipeline data logging unit can be used in order to identify trends, such as the movement of any soft wax deposits in the pipeline. These can be identified by measuring the differential pressure of the tool, while it is travelling through the pipeline. A logger can be installed on standard cleaning pigs and does not require any additional runs just for monitoring.
- Debris mapping tools which are basically a more advanced version of a cleaning pig with data logger. These tools are typically offered by companies that specialise in helping pipeline operators clean pipelines in preparation for an ILI run. They have sensors to measure debris thickness and may even include some inspection capability to confirm the ability to capture data.
- Non-intrusive methods such as acoustic pulsing, radio-isotope diagnostics, or even digital radiography (CT scans) for subsea pipelines can be used to assess/measure level of debris in a pipeline.

All above assessment results should be assessed jointly by the Client and Contractor during the cleaning process.

Regardless of contract requirements the final decision on whether the pipeline is ready for the ILI inspection run should be made jointly by the Client and Contractor.



**Figure 7: Debris build up within trap as a result of cleaning**

## **5 ILI Tool Preparation**

### **5.1 Introduction**

A number of failures have been caused by inappropriate tool preparation and set up and can be avoided through the use of simple check lists as discussed in Section 3. These usually manifest themselves through loss of data through loose connections although more significant failures have occurred where component parts have been substituted.

### **5.2 Use of new tools and components**

The introduction of new tools will remain a feature of the ILI sector. Driven by competition between Contractors and requests from Clients to inspect ever more challenging pipelines, their introduction poses a dilemma as this introduces a level of uncertainty, particularly as Contractors report a higher level of incidence associated with new tools or components.

Contractors who extensively test tools before their introduction generally have lower failure rates. How rigorous the testing programme may be, there will inevitably be times where new components are introduced and used. This should never be done without consultation between the Contractor and Client and the risks should be discussed and included in the risk assessment.

### **5.3 Pipeline environment**

Even when tools have been tested and their design proven over a period of time, new applications will be found to challenge and test the tool. It is important therefore that each supplier maintains records of the lines inspected. Failures may occur either due to an environment at the limit of operational experience, such as operations in dry environments and higher pressures or they may be the result of fatigue. Each failure should be recorded and used to build the envelope of suitable operating conditions.

As with new tools or components, wherever the use of the tool is proposed in an environment that is at the edge or beyond of current proven operating conditions, this should be recognised and discussed between the Contractor and Client and the risks included in the risk assessment. The Client needs to consider the normal operating conditions and also any abnormal transient conditions that could be generated.

### **5.4 Tool set up**

Tool design can play a part, particularly where tool designs change between models. Whenever new tools are introduced, their design should consider field operatives and consistency of operation with earlier models. Failures have occurred simply due to the change of orientation of an on/off switch.

Training and knowledge of field technicians is crucial if these failures are to be avoided. This should not only include the use of check lists but also a good understanding of tool operation. Failures reported in this category include lack of knowledge of battery histories.

## **6 Field operations**

### **6.1 Introduction**

The operational objectives are to ensure that the ILI tool is configured and run within defined limits to acquire usable data without incident. To achieve this, effective coordination and communication is needed between Client and Contractor. The knowledge of operations about the flow, off-takes, debris, wall thickness, bends, etc. is essential information for the Contractor.

### **6.2 Onsite Preparation**

The onsite preparation phase generally covers the period from ILI tool mobilisation to site, final and preparatory checks prior to launch. During this phase general issues and documentation should be reviewed to confirm that all procedures are in place; the pipeline is ready and that the tool has been appropriately prepared and is set up to meet the inspection requirements.

Typical documents reviewed during this phase include:

- Pre-mobilisation documentation (Pipeline questionnaire, feature list, site visit and Stakeholder meetings and risk assessments)
- Method statement with pigging program, operating procedures, risk assessment, drawings, principle pipeline characteristics, roles and responsibilities, contingencies.
- Communication procedures: clearly identifying who is responsible and who should be aware or notified
- Site safety meetings: specific to each location where work will be carried out including compliance with ATEX requirements.

To ensure that the pipeline has been prepared and the ILI tool has been set up appropriately, the Contractor will use and will make reference to a number of check lists. Significant failures have occurred where recognised steps have not been followed. Although the check lists may differ slightly with each Contractor and for each ILI tool, the basic contents are similar:

- Pre Job Meetings to confirm objectives, scope of work, operating procedures, safety, risk assessments
- Setup and Calibration Checklist to confirm that the tool is properly configured
- Mobilization Checklist to make sure that all required support equipment is onsite
- Pipeline Operations Checklist to ensure medium pressure and flow are adequate to ensure stable run conditions and ability to launch and receive the tool
- Site Safety Meeting onsite with Client and Contractors to reconfirm the work, operating procedures, safety, risk assessments and communications
- Location of Above Ground Markers to support the accuracy of geographic surveys
- Operational Training if applicable.
- Provision for pre-mobilisation quality check/tool inspection onsite in case of critical runs

Location accuracy of features is essential for the field verification success, for instance for features location in dense urban areas. It is directly linked to Above Ground Markers (AGM) implantation.

AGM implantation shall be anticipated and is generally established with ILI supplier as part of the preparation of ILI operation. AGM spacing depends on:

- Technology used: simple AGM or mapping require different AGM spacing to reach the claimed location accuracy of features

- Pipeline profile: for instance, AGM spacing is shorter in areas where the pipeline profile is disturbed
- Pipeline environment: in order to locate accurately features for field verification in critical area, it is a good practise to increase the number of AGM

### **6.3 Final cleaning, profile or gauge plate run**

Whilst early proving of the pipeline bore is recommended as an early activity in the process, the final step should be verification that the line is clean and ready for this ILI tool. This should normally be completed in the presence of the Contractor.

A key step in all inspection runs is the final profile or gauge plate run. This should be completed no more than one week prior to running the ILI tool. The gauge or profile tool is used to verify that the line does not have any obstructions that could cause the ILI tool to get stuck. (e.g. a changed valve position or corrosion monitoring point). As such the profile or gauge tool should be sized to mimic the ILI tool. Examples of features identified by running gauge plate tools are depicted in Figure 8. Figure 9 is a photo of a damaged UT sensor carrier.



**Figure 8: Damaged Gauge Plates**

All operational changes between running the profile and gauging tool need to be discussed by Client and Contractor and any risks need to be recognised and acted on accordingly.

The Contractor should have a clear set of procedures for setting up the gauge/ profile tool consistent with the ILI tool being run. The procedures should include clear guidance on interpreting damage to the plates. Should any doubts arise during the cleaning and proving process, a calliper tool should be run to establish if more than a single incidence has caused damage to the gauging plate, speed effects or pipeline geometry. Should a profile / gauge tool be damaged, a calliper tool will be required to locate the restriction.





**Figure 9: Damaged UT tool sensor carrier due to bore restriction**

If pipeline gauging is not carried out, the reasons to justify this (including risk assessment) should be clearly documented. If pipeline gauging is carried out, the details of the gauging tool, analysis of the tool on receipt and confirmation that the inspection run can proceed, should be documented. This documentation should be approved by both Client and Contractor.

#### **6.4 Launch, ILI run and receipt**

After the pre-job meeting, responsibilities and duties for all personnel involved should be clear. At this point, the main responsibility for the interactive process of operating the pipeline belongs to the Client. The Contractor's ILI crews are available to assist as appropriate and as requested.

In general responsibilities are shared as follows, notwithstanding any contractual or project specific agreements made in between Client and Contractor:

- The Contractor is responsible for ensuring tool is fit for purpose prior to launch; handling of the ILI tool into and out of the pig traps.
- The Client is responsible for safety on the site and all operating conditions in the pipeline; pressurising the pig traps and running the ILI tool; de-pressurising pig traps on receipt and providing assistance with cleaning the ILI tools. Where the tool is contaminated due to the pipeline contents (e.g. NORMs) the Client is responsible for providing specialist cleaning services. Advised is a pre-NORM measurement before loading the tool in the launcher.





**Figure 10: Preparing for ILI launch**

ILI tool tracking and monitoring can be with both parties and needs to be mutually agreed. Failure of tracking devices can lead to failed inspection runs. Nevertheless the Contractor should provide the required training prior to start of the tracking.

The condition of the ILI tool should be recorded on receipt and following cleaning to verify that the tool is undamaged and that all components of the ILI tool have been received. If there is any doubt at the receiver site on the part of either the Client or the Contractor that communication is initiated with supervisors or other stakeholders as appropriate.

After the ILI tool is received, safely extracted from the receiver and cleaned, the Contractor is responsible for downloading the data and getting that data where it needs to be to begin the analysis process. This may take minutes or hours according to the length and diameter of the pipeline and the complexity or density of the data. Specific checks include whether the ILI tool speed has remained within inspection limits and the completeness of data recovery. Some data loss may be acceptable if this is not in a critical section of the pipeline where any data loss would defeat the inspection objectives.

Although the Contractor's ILI supervisor may be capable of deeming the run successful, some ILI companies require that the data be reviewed by a Senior Analyst. This may seem an extra step but remember that the entire purpose of the pig run is to provide suitable data for suitable answers. The time involved in this step can be minimized with good planning. For instance, data upload may prove to be slow if carried out from an offshore platform or support vessel.

Documents that help to ensure that this part of the project is successful include:

- Field Data Check
- ILI Run Acceptance Form
- Short Field run report

It is generally advisable that the data is reviewed and approved according to the agreed criteria. If data irregularities are discovered, clear communication between Client and Contractor is required to determine next steps prior to releasing the ILI crew. A little extra time can pay dividends here: after the tool and crew have been released, the complexity and cost of a rerun increase dramatically.

## 6.5 Pig tracking

Following the ILI tool during the run is crucial for run success. Current information about speed, passage, position can be used to adjust the process settings during the run if necessary. Pig tracking is also required to confirm that the ILI tool has left the launch site and arrived at the receipt site before valves are operated to isolate the pig launcher/receiver.

Pig tracking can be performed using a variety of methods, including:

- Geophone
- AGM's
- Handheld pig detectors
- Intelligent pig tracking system
- Pressure measurement

## 6.6 Subsea launch/receipt

For subsea pig launch and receipt operations the same principles apply as for onshore operations, but the added complexity of ROV and /or diver intervention creates interfaces which are required to be managed proactively to reduce the risk of operational delays. Vessel day rates introduce costs which are significantly higher than onshore pipeline intervention costs and because of this and delays to the inspection schedule often becomes a key cost driver. The subsea interface also introduces other risks and additional Stakeholders which may have an impact on successful execution of the inspection.

The risk of hydrates and potential for environmental incidents through lack of control during pig launch/receipt is increased subsea and requires special focus. As such, the focus for subsea ILI is more on subsea equipment handling, pig trap connection and flushing and valve operations than the pig launch/receipt or running the tool itself. Subsea receipt usually uses the same medium to get the ILI tool in to the receiver as used for propelling the ILI tool through the pipeline. Subsea launching may require to be set up with a different medium compared to the medium in the pipeline, e.g. pushing the ILI tool into the pipeline using MEG or other medium. This requires flushing of the downline, to avoid hydrates in the launcher and valve from water ingress duration installation and sending the ILI tool in a well-thought out valve operation sequence which aims to allow for reversing the procedure at any time to get back to a safe state.

It is therefore highly recommended that for subsea pigging operations, project controls such as used for major project developments are used, with regular project risk management reviews, involvement of specialists where appropriate and monthly reporting to management. Planning for subsea to subsea pigging operations should ideally start around 2 years prior to the offshore operation with issue of a project execution strategy document and a high-level execution plan endorsed by all stakeholders.

The main responsibility for the interactive process of operating the pipeline and controlling flows during pig launch and receipt lies with the Client. Detailed step-by-step procedures will have been developed in close cooperation with the offshore intervention and pumping contractors as well as equipment suppliers. It may be worth conducting an onshore pumping test to verify that pig launch is feasible using the approved procedures, especially for a first inspection of a pipeline. This will enable pumping equipment to be fully tested before use offshore, temporary hardware (spools etc.) to be verified to be compatible with proposed pig design and the pressure profile/envelope to be established prior to introducing mechanical tools into the pipeline for the first time. Focus during subsea pig launch and receipt needs to be on rigorous compliance with agreed procedures and controlled Management of Change processes where procedures need to be changed.

In general responsibilities are shared as follows, notwithstanding any contractual or project specific

agreements made in between Client and Contractor:

- Invariably, subsea intervention on systems requiring cleaning/inspection will drive regulatory permits & approvals. These should be submitted by the Pipeline Operator in a timely manner. Experience in this area has proved that the usual formal approval process can be longer than anticipated. The authority applications should provide clarity on the main areas of risk through a step by step review of planned activities, their associated risks and proposed mitigations to reduce these risks to acceptable levels.
- The Contractor is responsible to ensure that the ILI tool is fit for purpose prior to mobilisation and that it has been properly mounted in the subsea launcher prior to vessel mobilisation. The reliability of MFL Inspection Tools can be reduced in the presence of sea water and this can increase the probability of run failure when using for inspection in a subsea environment. The Operator should make clear all operational constraints when defining the scope of work to be performed by the ILI Vendor to enable a full appraisal of tool requirements and recommendations for a fit for purpose inspection vehicle.
- The ILI tool bypass rate should be stated by the Contractor based on the operational conditions to be used. Launching/receiving conditions and pipeline conditions should be considered separately. In this respect it is important to recognise that it must be possible to deliver the launch medium at a faster rate than the bypass rate across the pig. This often implies having to use a liquid for pig launch.
- The Client is responsible for safety on the site and all operating conditions in the pipeline; flushing and pressurising the pig traps to acceptable levels using glycol, nitrogen or the flow medium, running the ILI tool by controlling pressures and flow rates, controlling subsea release of gas where necessary and de-pressurising pig traps after receipt. Where the ILI tool is contaminated due to the pipeline contents (e.g. NORM) the Client is responsible for providing specialist cleaning services on the vessel and onshore site prior to transportation to the Contractor's workshop.

Pig tracking and monitoring can be done using non-intrusive pig locators on the pig trap and by external electromagnetic or radioactive trackers on subsea piping. Failure of tracking devices can lead to failed inspection runs and very high costs related to locating the pig to verify that it has been launched and not stuck in a main line valve. The use of pig tracking shall be part of the overall risk evaluation.

Subsea pig receipt is a complex operation. When release of gas is necessary it should be modelled using plume and dispersion modelling CFD tools such that the support vessel is always up-wind and up-current of the location where a gas plume is expected to surface. It is highly recommended to partially open the subsea choke valve on the pig receiver around 1 minute before the ILI tool arrives at the bypass line, so that the pig does not stop at the tee and continues to move at a controlled and pre-determined speed into the receiver. A stalled pig in a tee or the main receiver isolation valve can create problems. It is therefore useful to use two pig trackers around 100m upstream of the pig trap, thus allowing time for the subsea choke to be opened prior to ILI tool arrival at the bypass line tee.

The condition of the ILI tool should be recorded on receipt and following cleaning to verify that the tool is undamaged and that all components of the ILI tool have been received. If there is any doubt at the receiver site on the part of either the Operator, the offshore intervention contractor or the ILI provider that the pig has completely entered the receiver, this should be communicated to the Client onshore support team.

Guidance for design and operation of subsea pig trap systems should be obtained from a reputable pipeline/subsea facilities contractor who has experience with design and/or operation of subsea pigging systems. Additionally, the Pipeline Research Council International (PRCI) has published guidelines for subsea pig trap design and operations based on input from PRCI membership companies. These guidelines can be purchased via PRCI's website, [www.prci.org](http://www.prci.org).

## **7 Field verification**

### **7.1 Introduction**

Pipeline operators often perform additional measurements of several indications identified by an ILI tool. The process which is followed in the field to achieve this is important as inappropriate inspection techniques in the field can invalidate an otherwise valid report.

Field verification of reported features has two important aspects as this helps confirm:

- The reported features confirming the condition of the line to Client and generating data for a more detailed defect assessment in order to support any actions that may be taken.
- The specified tool performance for acceptance/rejection of ILI run or for use on other lines where dig verification is not possible.

Detailed guidance is provided in two POF documents that can be found on the POF website ([www.pipelineoperators.org](http://www.pipelineoperators.org)):

- “Guidance on Field Verification for In-Line Inspection”
- “Verification of In-Line Inspection Tool Performance Specification”

Hence, this section is not meant to give exhaustive details on field verification but to give some highlights of the main parameters making field verification successful.

The main steps for field verifications are:

- Features selection
- Procedures preparation
- Operation:
  - Features location and excavation
  - Features sizing
- Data analysis: ILI measurements vs. field verification measurements

### **7.2 Features selection**

Features selection is also an important parameter. The first reflex would be to focus only on the most critical features. This is necessary but it is not sufficient to achieve field verification objectives.

A good practise for features selection should be, as minimum but not limited to:

- The most critical features in depth, length, width and/or ERF
- Features close to the minimum detection threshold of the ILI tool
- Features located in the most representative areas of the pipeline. For example, if there is an evidence of corrosion mechanism on the pipeline in a specific area, even not critical, some features on this area should be verified

### **7.3 Procedures preparation**

As for all inspection operations, the preparation phase is key factor.

It is important to have a consistent and reliable data set in which to work. In order to achieve consistency, it is necessary to set standards and protocols that must be followed, and to train and certify field personnel to gather the data with the required accuracy and competency so that the results can be relied upon. The techniques and equipment used must be tested and certified in calibration. The calibration and device tolerances must be taken into account when evaluating the

results.

Procedures, technical or organisational, have to be developed in earlier stage.

Contractors should be contacted prior to dig verifications either to have the possibilities to attend or to recheck the proposed location and give additional advice e.g. other corrosion that could exist in the same joint.

#### **7.4 Operation**

Field personnel assigned to dig verification need to be certified competency with the equipment being used to measure the required defects reported.

Significant problems have occurred where reported feature sizes are incorrectly measured in the field. This has an impact not only on the verification of the reported features but also on determining the tool performance.

ILI suppliers will usually support field verification work as this helps support verification of tool performance. It is important to check that qualifications of field technicians comply with acceptable and recognised standards.

Results to be recorded on agreed “Official table” formats for consistency. Example of an “official table” is shown in the “Guidance on Field Verification for In-Line Inspection” (available on POF website: [www.pipelineoperators.org](http://www.pipelineoperators.org)).

#### **7.5 Data analysis**

A Unity plot can clearly and graphically display the performance of any inspection results against actual field measurements, and should be produced for every pipeline inspection, which has a field verification program.

Further guidance can be found in the POF document “Verification of In-Line Inspection Tool Performance Specification”.

## 8 Lessons learnt

Performing an ILI run on a pipeline can be a straight forward exercise when the operating conditions and pipeline design are just right for the tool that is being used. That is in the ideal world. For this reason it is imperative to have the most detailed information about the line design, including bends, barred tees, valves and wall thickness, as well as the operating conditions of the pipeline, including the cleanliness of the line, composition of the propelling liquid and the conditions under which the tool is being run (e.g. temperature, pressure, pressure differential). It may also be useful to review the speed from previous runs to identify any locations where tools persistently tend to stop.

Unfortunately, not all of this information is always available from the Client. In many cases data has either not been recorded or has been lost. It is therefore recommended that the run experience report supplied by the Contractor is registered in the pipeline integrity management system for each pipeline such that it can be easily retrieved when the next inspection is being planned.

In order to maximize the run success rate and ease of execution of the inspection run it is important to be able to capture pertinent information and develop a methodology of record keeping of the data on the line. The steps followed to execute the project and any lessons learned can make subsequent projects run smoother. Information on a particular line may also be of value for other pipelines operating with similar conditions. Records should, where possible, include photographs.

Typical pipeline and operating data that should be retained follows the steps required for run success:

### Project preparation

- Pipeline operating history
- Pipeline questionnaire and any updates
- Previous inspection data including calliper runs

### Pipeline cleaning and preparation

- Records of the cleaning programme; quantities and debris analysis
- Cleaning tool details (disc type, cup type etc.) and specifications
- Subsequent cleaning and pigging runs
- Results of gauge plate inspections
- AGM placement

### Pipeline inspection

- Procedures and special operating requirements
- Operating records including pressure traces
- Line conditions and valve arrangements
- Comments on the effectiveness of the cleaning programme

### Dig Verifications

- ILI inspection reports
- Feature verifications
- Actions taken

Most of the information should be held by the Client but data will also be held by the Contractor. Where inspection was not successful, records should be retained of the failure investigation and any steps taken to rectify the problems.

A feedback form that can be used for an ILI contract is available on the POF website ([www.pipelineoperators.org](http://www.pipelineoperators.org)).

Each failed ILI run should be thoroughly investigated as the root cause initially reported from the field may not be the critical factor. Investigations should look at common causes across a number of runs as component fatigue may be a factor to consider.

Mechanical failures associated with tool hardware are generally more significant as they can lead to a tool becoming stuck or severely damaged. Equally important for disclosure and discussion between the Client and the Contractor are the changes that may be made to data processing algorithms particularly where improvements have occurred since a previous inspection if a comparison of results will occur.

In all cases it is important that the results of Contractor failure investigations are clearly understood and communicated to the Client.

## 9 Summary

Understanding the impact and causes of failed ILI runs are key steps in the process of improving run success rates. In some cases, particularly where there are high operating costs associated with the inspection runs, as may be found with subsea operations. A discussion on the anticipated run success rates may result in changes to the inspection programme support requirements and the need for a standby inspection tool.

This guidance document has drawn together some of the key points developed from best practices used across the industry. Run success however, can only really be declared when field data verifies the inspection report. It is one of several performance metrics that can be used to help improve the performance of ILI operations.

Successful ILI requires good communication between all parties from the initiation of an ILI project and selection of the tool to field execution, analysis and field verification.

Whilst check lists, competency and experience clearly play a significant part, the common factor in most failed runs is a break down in the communication process between Client and Contractor.

Building on the operational data gathered from earlier inspection runs and the pipeline questionnaire use of the best practices in this guidance document should help improve run success rates. It cannot be used however, as a substitute for open discussion in the preparation for each inspection project.

Improvements in ILI run success will be driven through improved feedback and investigation of failed runs. This requires changes to reporting processes which will improve over time. Without feedback and a willingness to improve processes, it is not possible to fully realise the potential value anticipated with improved run success rates.

Continued dialogue and use of best practices will continue to help improve the ILI run success rate and will help reduce operational risks for Operators. Regular review of the metrics and root causes is recommended.



## Appendix A - ILI Check Lists

For latest version of these Check lists refer to the POF Website ([www.pipelineoperators.org](http://www.pipelineoperators.org)).

Note: Although quite extensive, the contents included in this document are provided only as examples. They are not intended for adoption without review and customizing for all circumstances. Operators or other users choosing to adopt a similar form should base it on their own organization, structure responsibilities and permitting procedures.

### A.1 Project Initiation: Project approval

Key points to address	Comments
Pipeline risk assessment completed	
Objectives / reason for inspection documented	
Critical features and sizes documented	
Pipeline questionnaire completed	
Data from operational cleaning and pigging runs collated and assessed.	
Tool selection basis completed (may need preliminary input from suppliers)	
Decision support package completed and approvals in place	
Project Team in place; roles and responsibilities agreed	
Tentative planning defined	
Pipeline ready for inspection. If not, agreed plan in place to prepare line.	
Supplier(s) contacted	
Work order issued	
Operator's world-wide ILI coordinator to be notified (if applicable)	
Any other point(s)	

**A.2 Project initiation: Stakeholder engagement**

Key points to address	Comments
Confirmation of Scope & Expectations	
Reminder of personnel competence/certification requirements	
Role and responsibilities: review of project responsibility matrix	
Safety & training requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process safety overview</li> <li>• Safety reviews</li> <li>• Site inductions and training</li> <li>• Control of work and permitting</li> </ul>	
Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key personnel and points of contact</li> <li>• Correspondence</li> <li>• Stakeholders</li> </ul>	
Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tentative programme , time of year and climatic conditions</li> <li>• Key milestones</li> <li>• Tool availability / non-availability</li> <li>• Optimum timing with respect to production profiles and required tool speed</li> </ul>	
Review pipeline questionnaire	
Facilities / Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required by Supplier</li> <li>• Provided by Operator</li> </ul>	
Transport logistics	
3rd party support requirements	
Site visit	
Pipeline preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review programme</li> <li>• Gauge plate/ profile tool acceptance criteria agreed</li> </ul>	
Previous pigging / inspection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of speed profile</li> <li>• Review of cleaning records</li> <li>• Review of launch/receipt procedures</li> </ul>	
Any other point(s)	

**A.3 Project initiation: Risk assessment**

Key points to address	Comments
Review processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HAZID / HAZOP</li> <li>• Site assessments</li> <li>• Tool box discussions</li> </ul>	
Organisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roles and responsibilities</li> <li>• Decision process</li> <li>• Control of work and permitting</li> <li>• Organisational competency</li> <li>• 3rd party interface management</li> </ul>	
Process safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating conditions for pigging</li> <li>• Pipeline contents / cleanliness</li> <li>• Hazardous areas confirmed</li> <li>• ATEX requirements</li> <li>• Impact on upstream and downstream</li> <li>• Condition of pig traps and facilities</li> <li>• Temporary facilities</li> <li>• Simultaneous operations</li> </ul>	
Pig selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pig suitability for expected anomaly types</li> <li>• Need for use of a speed control device</li> </ul>	
Operating procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documented procedures</li> <li>• Communications</li> <li>• Pig trap operation, isolation and purging</li> <li>• Pig launch procedure</li> <li>• Running pigs &amp; tracking</li> <li>• Pig receipt procedure</li> <li>• Downloading data</li> </ul>	
Handling materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of chemicals</li> <li>• Handling and disposal of waste (NORM, Hg, benzenes)</li> <li>• Cleaning pigs and equipment after use</li> </ul>	
Logistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Access to sites</li> <li>• Handling pigs and equipment</li> </ul>	
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule / Inspection Windows / Delays</li> <li>• Weather conditions</li> <li>• Lessons learned</li> </ul>	

**A.4 Project initiation: Site visit**

<b>Key points to address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Safety induction & site over view	
Organisation responsibilities	
Hazardous areas confirmed	
ATEX requirements confirmed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gas group</li> <li>• Temperature rating</li> </ul>	
Control of Work	
Transport arrangements	
Access and pig lifting / handling	
Pig trap dimensions	
Operating procedures	
Review progress with pipeline preparation	
Tool & equipment cleaning facilities and associated procedures	
Workshop facilities (base & worksites)	
Any other points	

**A.5 Operations: Preparation and cleaning**

Key points to address	Comments
Cleaning plan and procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target level of cleaning agreed with Supplier</li> <li>• Cleaning procedure agreed, including type of pigs and sequence</li> <li>• Key decision points established</li> <li>• Roles and responsibilities agreed</li> <li>• Operating procedures agreed and in place</li> <li>• Communications in place and tested</li> <li>• MOC procedure for cleaning process in place</li> </ul>	
Pig selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ATEX certification reviewed and accepted</li> <li>• Pigs inspected before use</li> <li>• Gauge / profile tool acceptance established</li> </ul>	
Use of chemicals, gels or nitrogen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary facilities in place</li> <li>• Material Data Sheets (MDS) in place</li> <li>• Water sources agreed</li> <li>• Disposal process agreed</li> </ul>	
Pig Traps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modifications in place</li> <li>• Trap connections in place</li> <li>• Temporary tanks and vessels in place</li> <li>• Pig trap isolation, drain &amp; vent valves confirmed to be leak tight</li> <li>• Spare pig trap door seals available</li> </ul>	
Operating conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max pig speed agreed</li> <li>• Pressure differentials measured</li> <li>• Max and min line pressure controlled</li> </ul>	
Pig tracking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pressure and flow measurement</li> <li>• Tracking crews</li> <li>• Transmitters/magnets/isotopes on pigs</li> </ul>	
Contingency plans in place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stuck or stalled tool</li> <li>• Loss of communications</li> </ul>	
Product and debris handling procedures in place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sampling, testing and disposal</li> <li>• NORM, benzene or mercury handling</li> <li>• Disposal of cleaning pigs</li> </ul>	
Pigging records: procedure in place	
Review of cleaning progress with Contractor	
Gauge and calliper results reviewed with Contractor.	

**A.6 Operations: Mobilisation of ILI tool**

<b>Key points to address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Cleaning programme running to plan	
Pipe bore confirmed by calliper or gauge pig and results reviewed with Contractor	
ILI supplier confirmed cleaning programme	
Pre project documentation completed and agreed	
Safety reviews completed	
Training review (safety trainings) completed	
Site transport, access, handling and workshops agreed	
Operations procedures agreed	
Pipeline operating conditions verified	
Time window confirmed with Operators	
ILI mobilisation notification to supplier	
Any other point(s)	

**A.7 Operations: ILI tool run – Pre launch**

Key points to address	Comments
ILI Tool preparation	
ATEX compliance certification verified	
Final cleaning run confirmed as acceptable by both Operator and Supplier	
Operating procedures confirmed	
Communications confirmed	
Local site logistics and permits in place	
Emergency response systems in place	
Pipeline operating conditions confirmed	
Tool tracking in place	
Profile Tool run completed and received in an acceptable condition confirmed by both Operator and Supplier	
Valve positions confirmed	
Final ILI tool checks	
ILI tool launched	
Any other point(s)	

**A.8 Operations: ILI tool run and receipt**

Key points to address	Comments
Communications maintained between Operator and Supplier	
Tool progress tracked	
Tool received and checked for damage	
Tool cleaned and checked free of contamination	
Data downloaded	
Data transferred to Supplier's analysis department for quality check	
Data quality checked and run conditions confirmed as acceptable	
Completion Report issued and accepted by Operator	
Tool and ILI crew demobilise	
Any other point(s)	



**A.9 Data Analysis and Reporting**

<b>Key points to address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Reporting requirements confirmed	
Initial report issued on significant features	
Preliminary Report issued (if required)	
Data quality parameters verified. Not covered areas identified.	
Final report issued	
Presentation of findings (if required)	
Field verification	
Post run analysis of field investigations	
Any other point(s)	

## A.10 Performance Feedback

Key points to address	Comments
Feedback form completed for successful run	
Performance reviewed with Supplier	
Procedural improvements captured	
Preparation and ILI run documentation captured	
Lessons learnt prepared and shared	
first run success failures investigated	
Analysis of failed runs updated	
Follow up discussions with Supplier	

## Appendix B - Pipeline Feature List

ROUTEMAP NR. N-569-12- KR-	Length Routemap  (m)	Accumulated Length Routemaps  (m)	AGM	TYPE OF FEATURE or REFERENCE	Stationing Feat./ Ref. (From start routemap) (m)	Accumulated Stationing Start Pipeline  (m)	Clock Pos.  hrs:min	Distance between Tee's  (m)	REMARKS/SPECIALS Detaildrawings of crossings and constructions
	13.0			<b>MOBILE LAUNCHER Temporary installation</b>  Flange API 18" WT = 11,13 Weldolet DN50 Pig Switch 10D Bend 30° Tee 18"x6"x 18" Weldolet 2" Pig Switch 3D Bend 15° 3D Bend 15° WTC 7,72 x 6,43			09:00  00:00  00:00		S-114 Hoogvliet A-690-S-114  A-517-LM-079-1
001	310.6			API 18" WT = 11,13 Steel Casing (Begin 11,9m) Steel Casing (end) 10D Bend 80° 40D Bend 9,5° 40D Bend 9,5° Steel Casing (Begin 25,24m) Steel Casing (end) 10D Bend 15° 10D Bend 15° 10D Bend 11°	3,5 15,9 18,5  39,5 64,7 66,9 72,3	16.5 28.9 31.5  52.5 77.7 79.9 85.3			A-537-XW-001-1 (VE) A-537-XW-001-2
		13.0							
		323.6							

002	282.3			API 18" WT = 11,13 WTC 14,,27 x 11,13 API 18" WT = 14,27	258,3	581.9			
		605.9							
003	285.2			API 18" WT = 14,27 WTC 19,05 x 14,27 API 18" WT = 19,05 15D Bend 45° 15D Bend 45° Sheet Piling Sheet Piling WTC 19,05 x 14,27 API 18" WT = 14,27 40D Bend 5° 40D Bend 5° WTC 14,27 x 11,13	61.0 74.8 95.1 98.2 99.2  109,7 143.0 176.3 285.2	666.9 680.7 701.0 704.1 705.1  715.6 748.9 782.2 891.1			A-537-LP-003-1 A-537-XD-003-1 (VE)
		891.1							