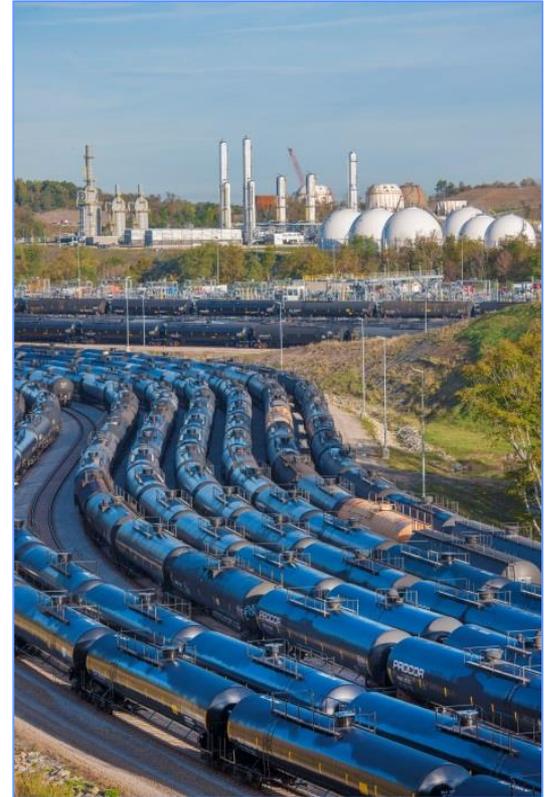




Methane Reductions in Pigging

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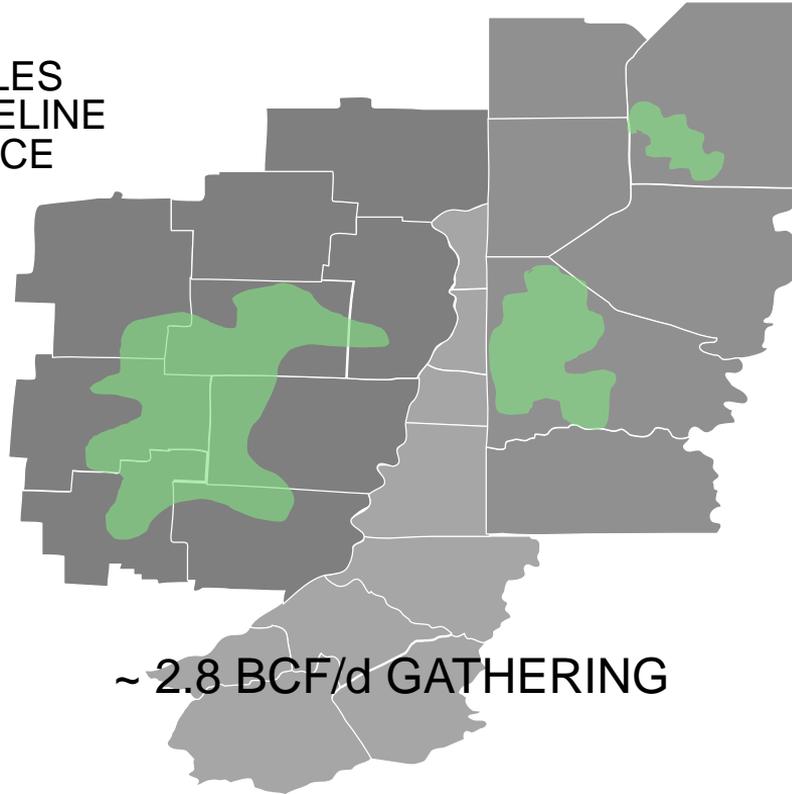
A WHOLLY-OWNED MPLX SUBSIDIARY



MARKWEST NORTHEAST RICH GAS GATHERING

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- MORE THAN 400 MILES OF GATHERING PIPELINE CONSTRUCTED SINCE 2011

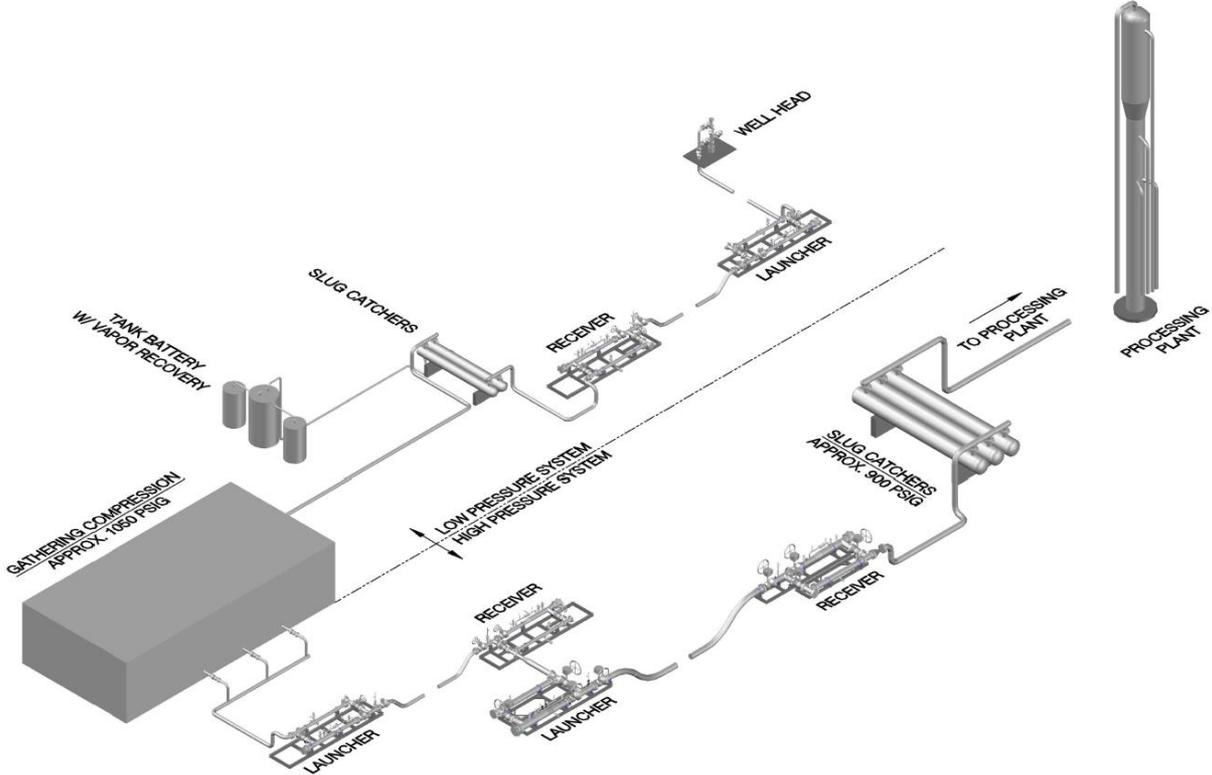


~ 2.8 BCF/d GATHERING

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- MORE THAN 500 MILES OF GATHERING PIPELINE CONSTRUCTED SINCE 2009

WELLHEAD TO PROCESSING PLANT

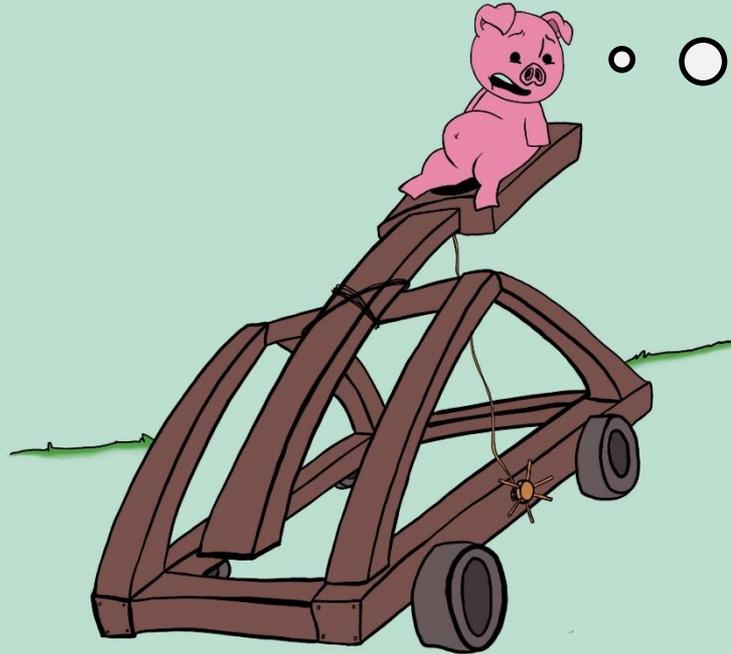


WHY PIG PIPELINES?

- Reduces pipeline pressure drop
- Sweeps valuable natural gas liquids into slug catcher and processing plant for processing and fractionation
- Prevents internal pipeline corrosion
- Prevents paraffin buildup in the pipeline



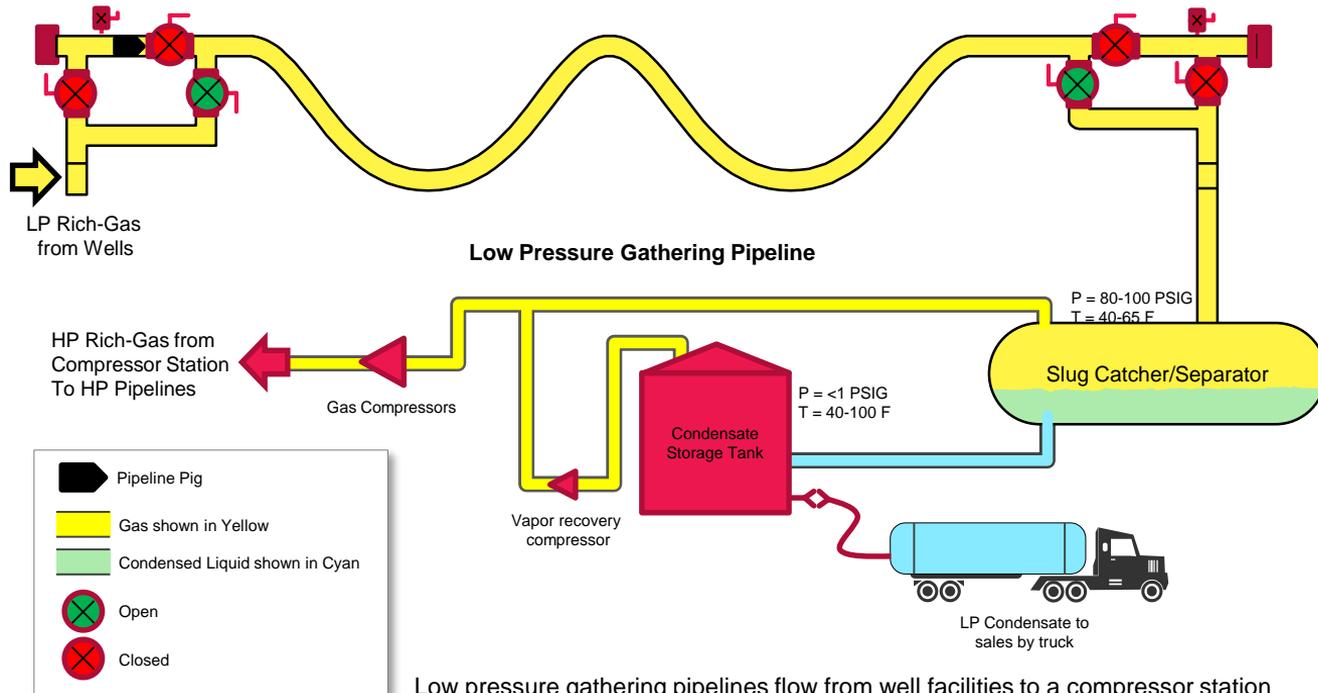
PIG LAUNCHER



DON'T
LAUNCH
ME - I'M A
SMART PIG

TYPICAL LOW PRESSURE PIGGING OPERATIONS

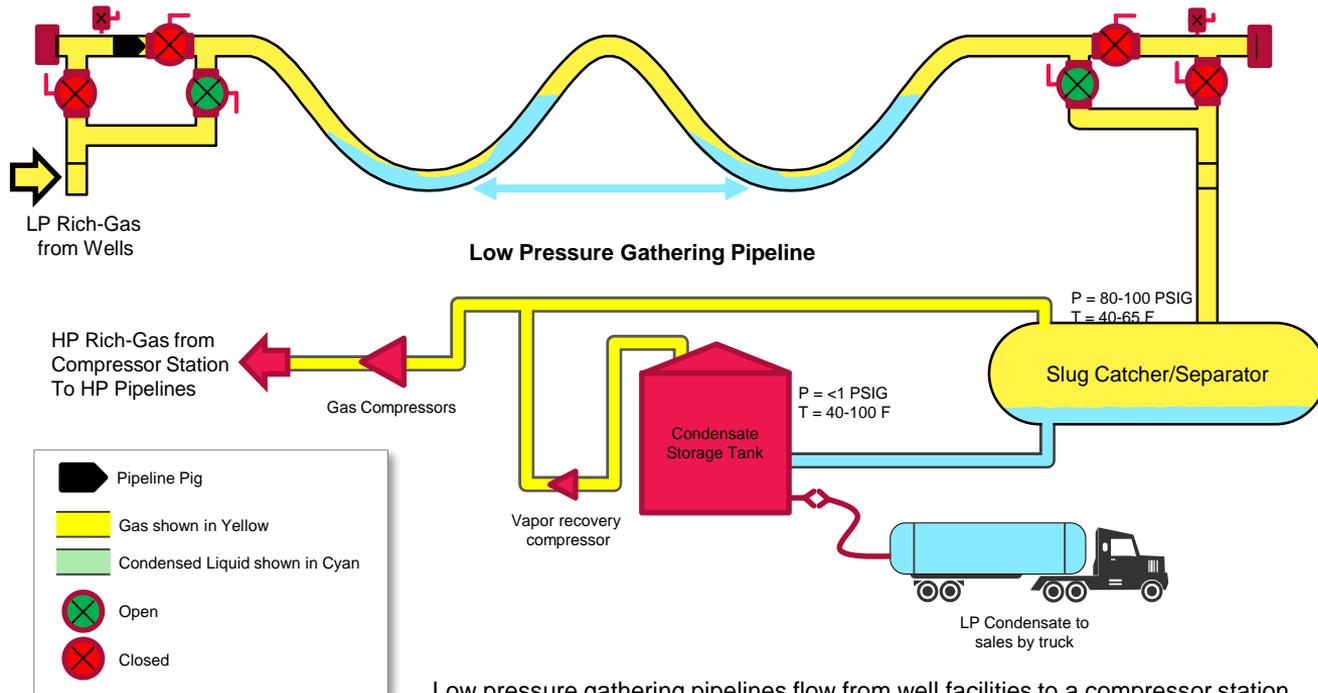
PIPELINE JUST PIGGED AND FLOWING GAS – NEW PIG READY TO LAUNCH



Low pressure gathering pipelines flow from well facilities to a compressor station

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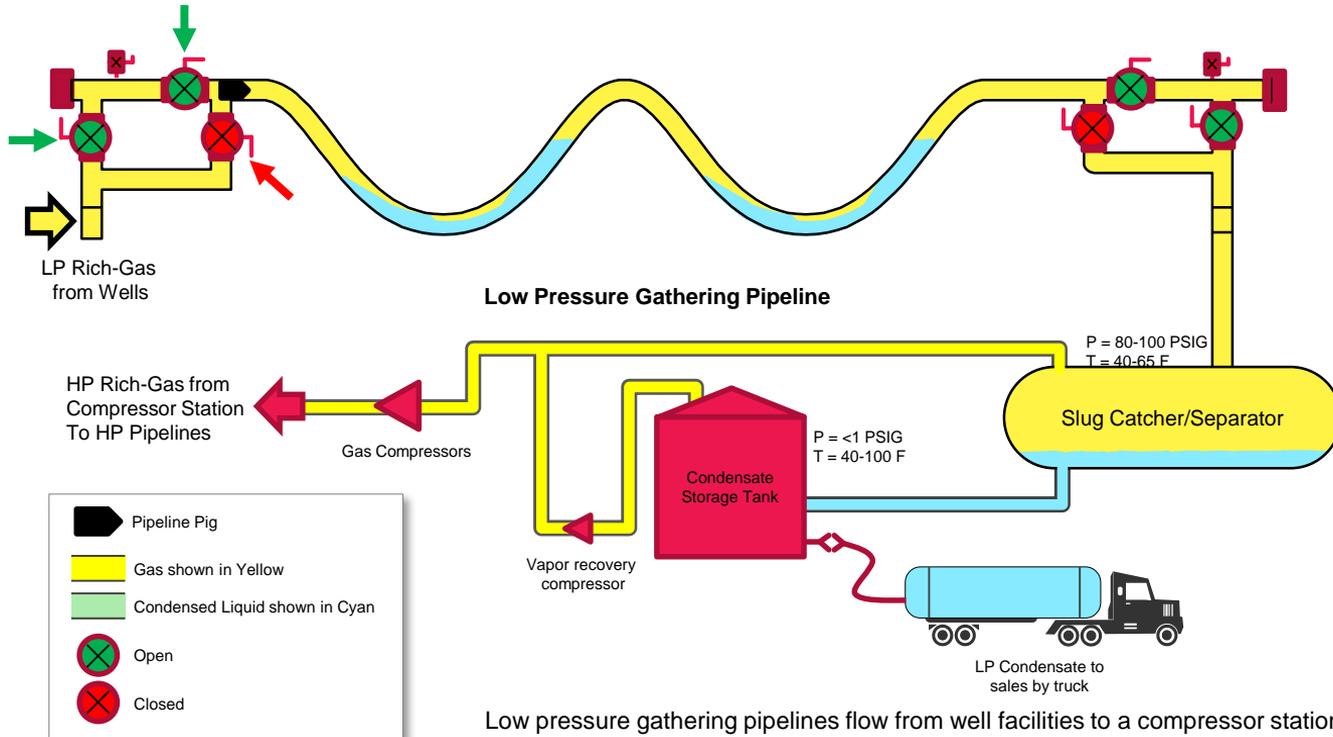
LINE ACCUMULATING CONDENSED LIQUIDS



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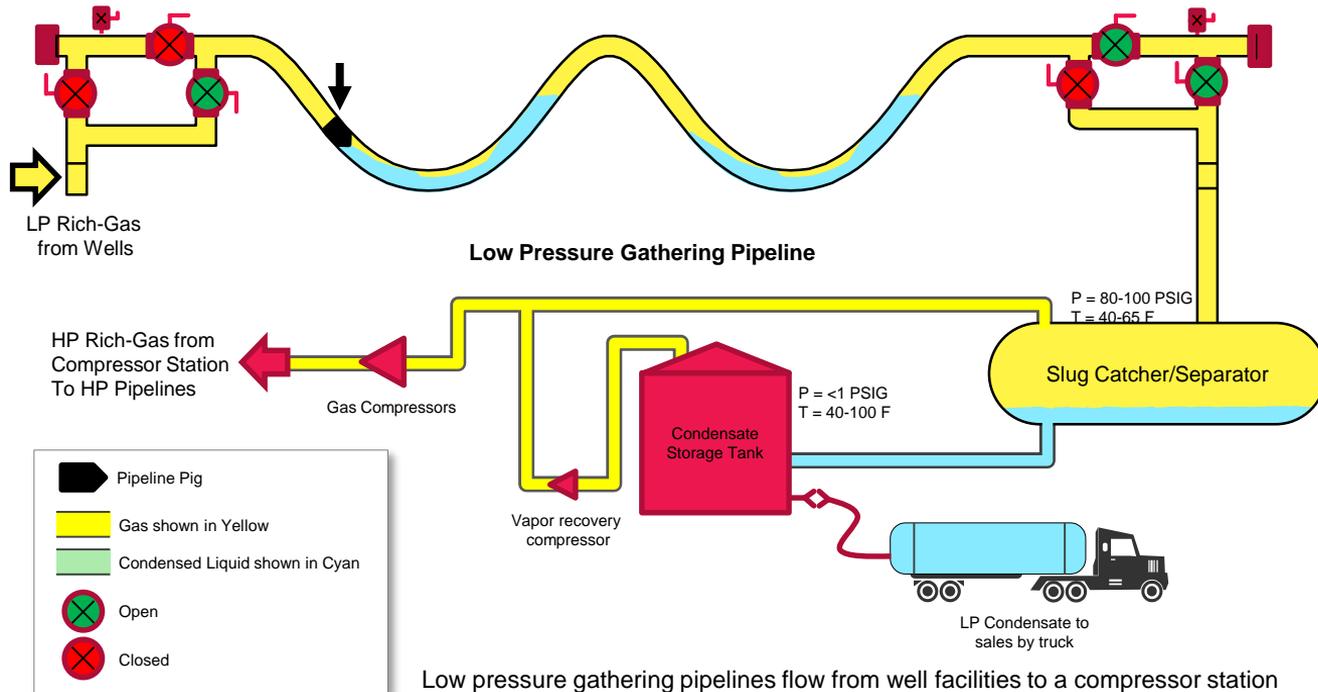
TIME TO PIG PIPELINE – OPEN LAUNCHER VALVES, CLOSE BYPASS



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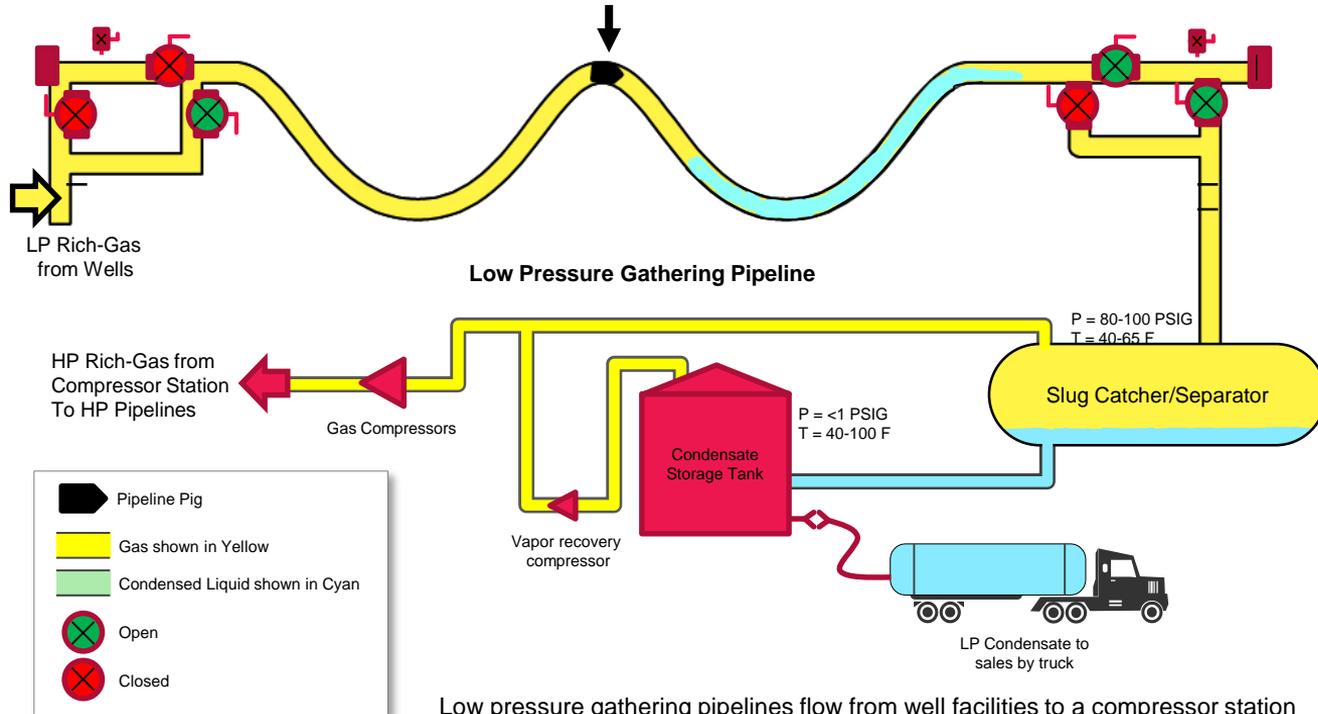
PIG REACHES FIRST LOW POINT BEGINS PUSHING LIQUIDS



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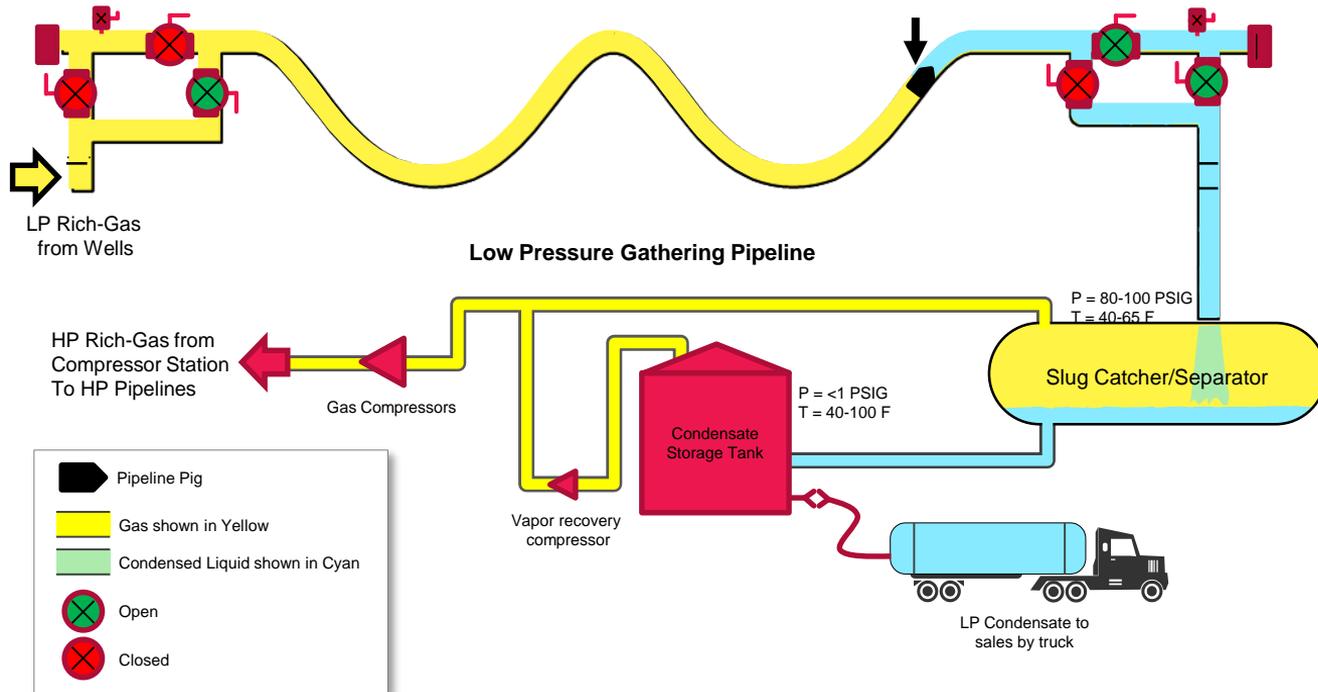
PIG PUSHES LIQUIDS TOWARDS RECEIVER



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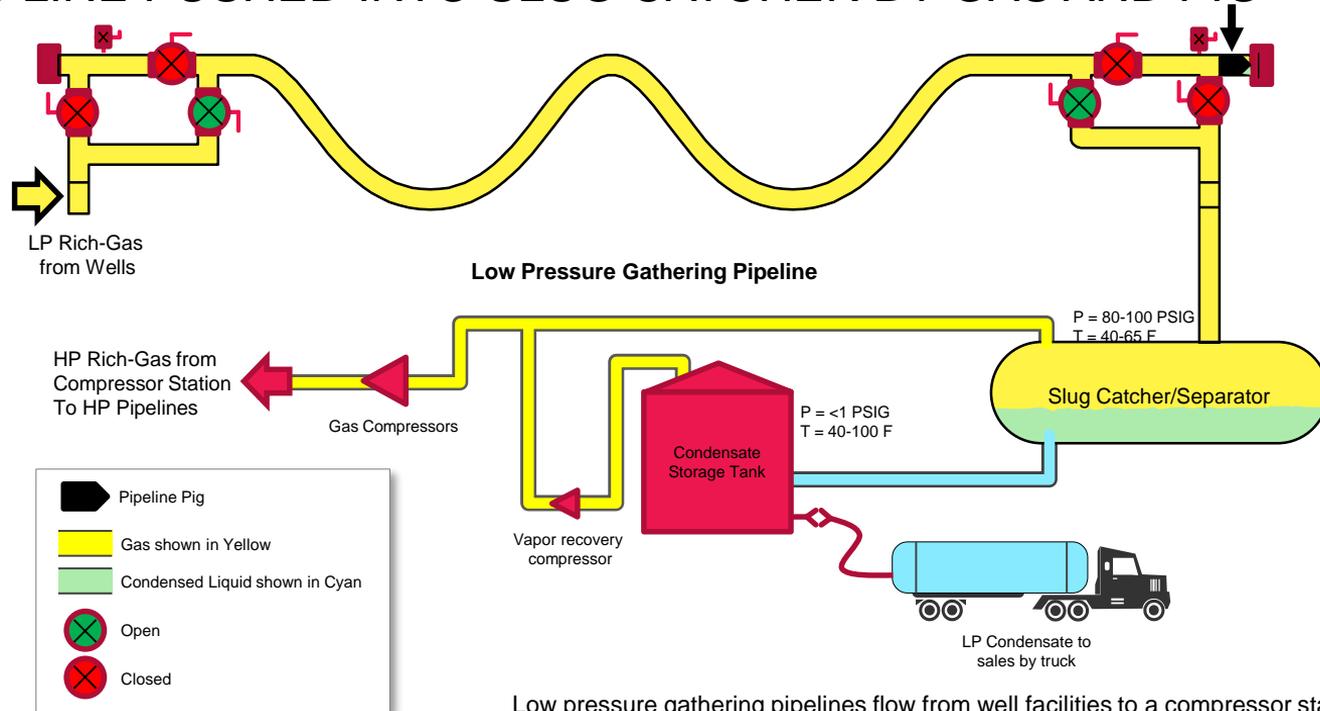
PIG PUSHES LIQUIDS THRU BYPASS AND RECEIVER AND INTO SLUG CATCHER



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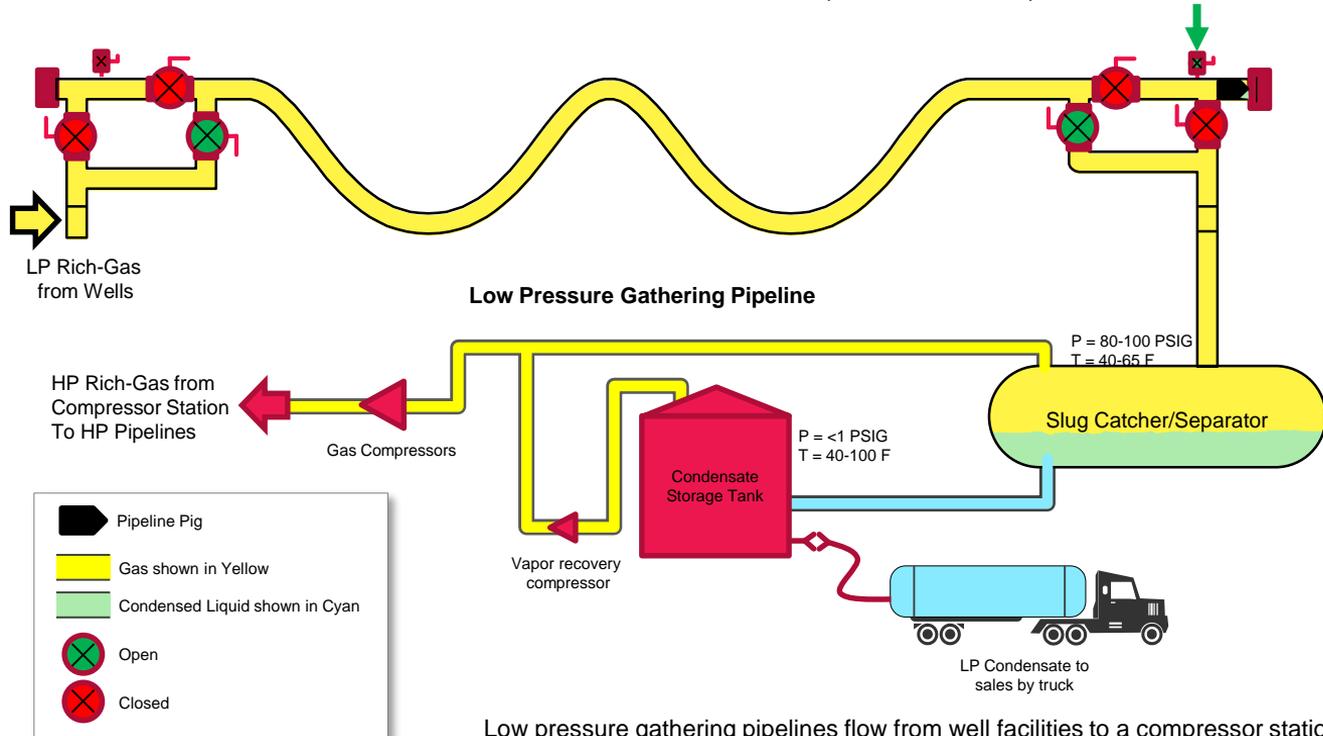
CLOSE BYPASS TO PUSH PIG INTO RECEIVER – REMAINING LIQUID IN BYPASS LINE PUSHED INTO SLUG CATCHER BY GAS AND PIG



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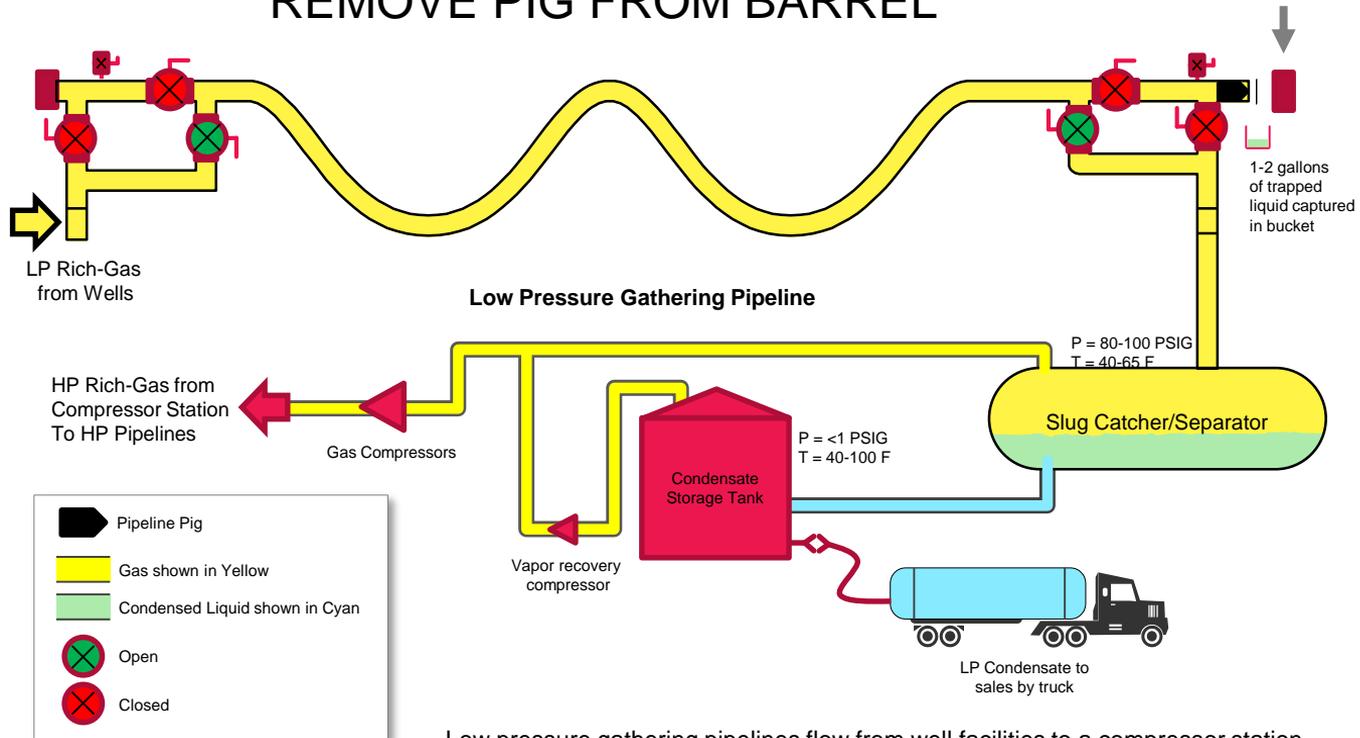
TIME TO REMOVE PIG FROM RECEIVER-BYPASS, ISOLATE, AND DEPRESSURIZE



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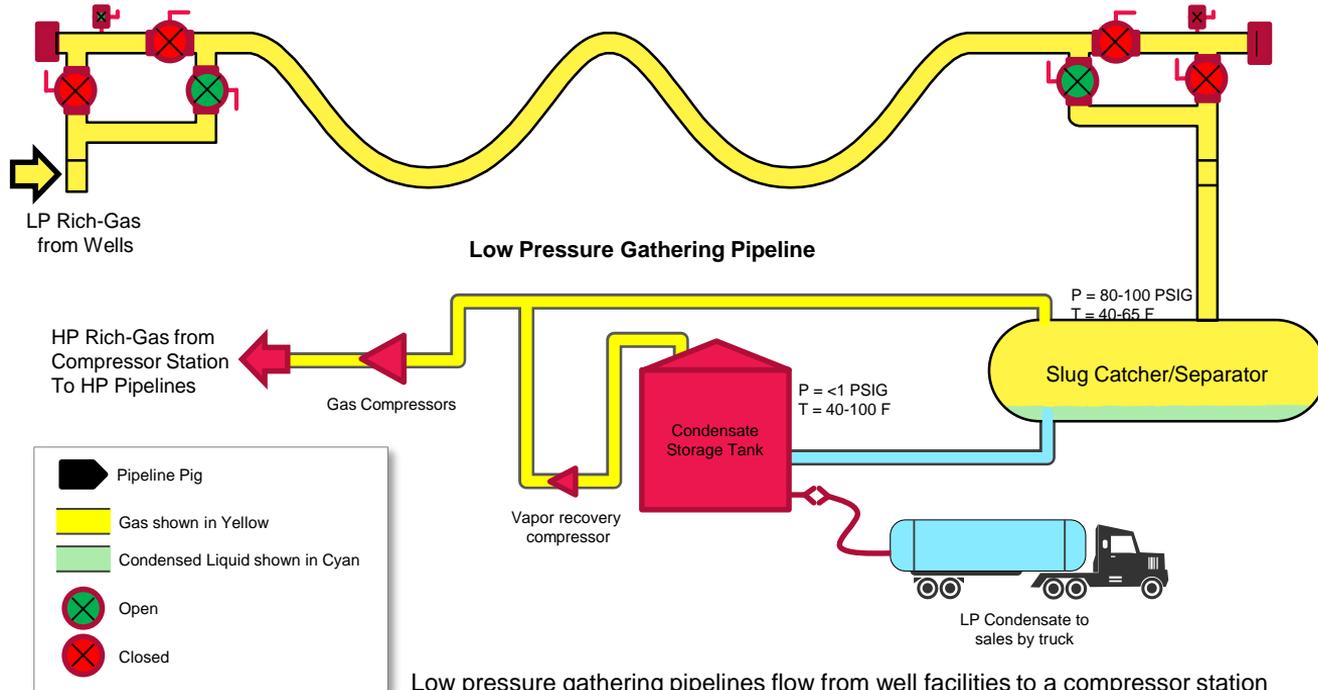
REMOVE PIG FROM BARREL



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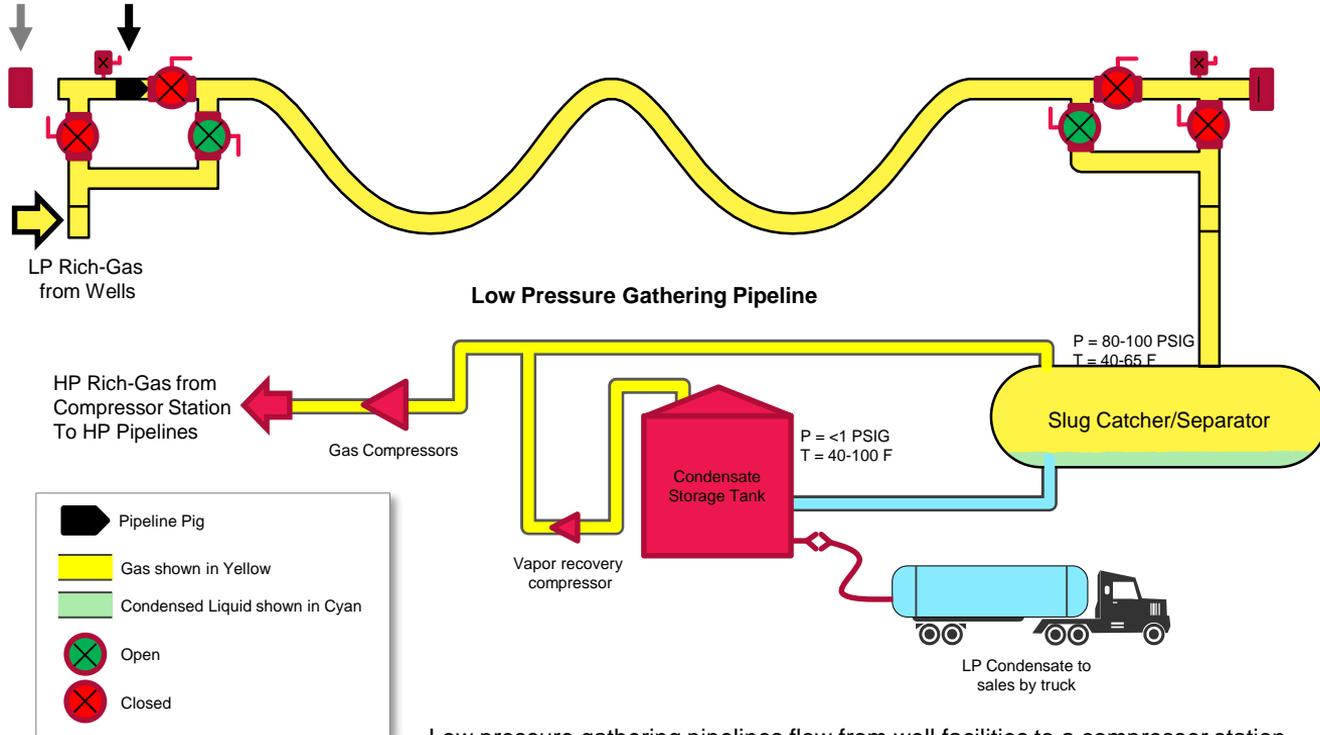
PREPARE LAUNCHER FOR NEXT CYCLE – BYPASS, ISOLATE, AND DEPRESSURIZE



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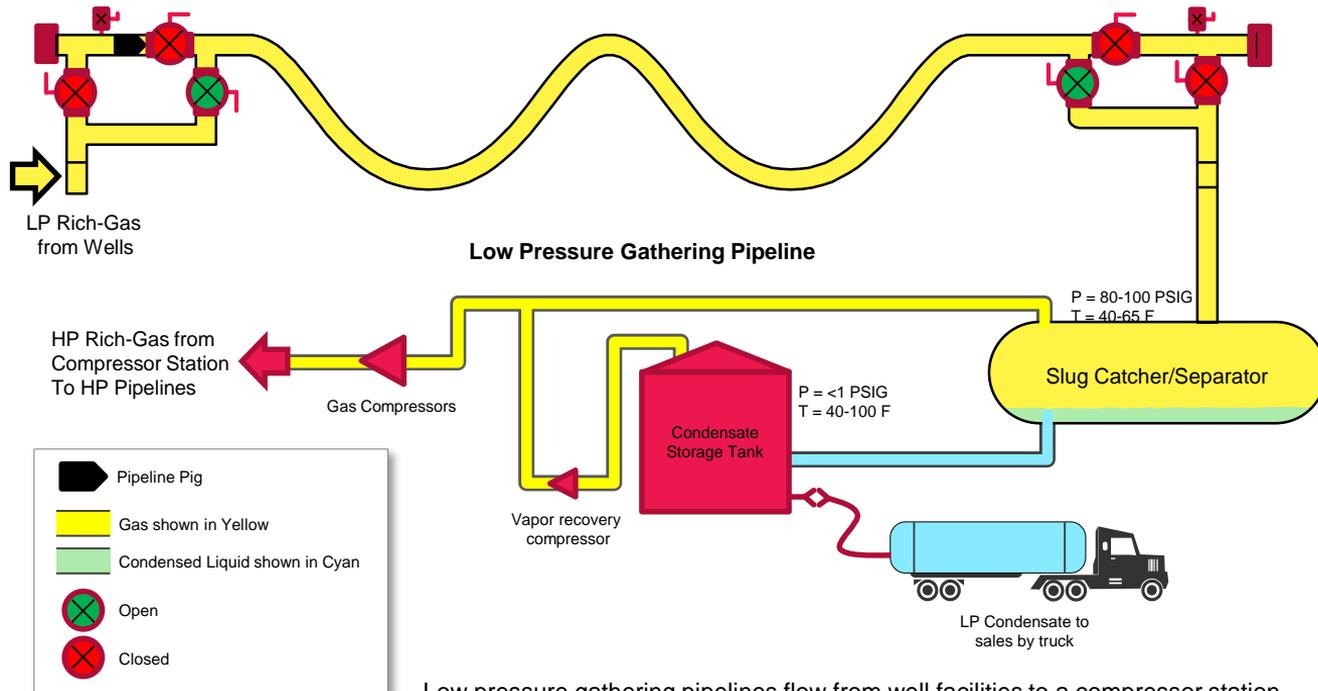
OPEN LAUNCHER AND INSTALL NEW PIG – SHUT VENTS



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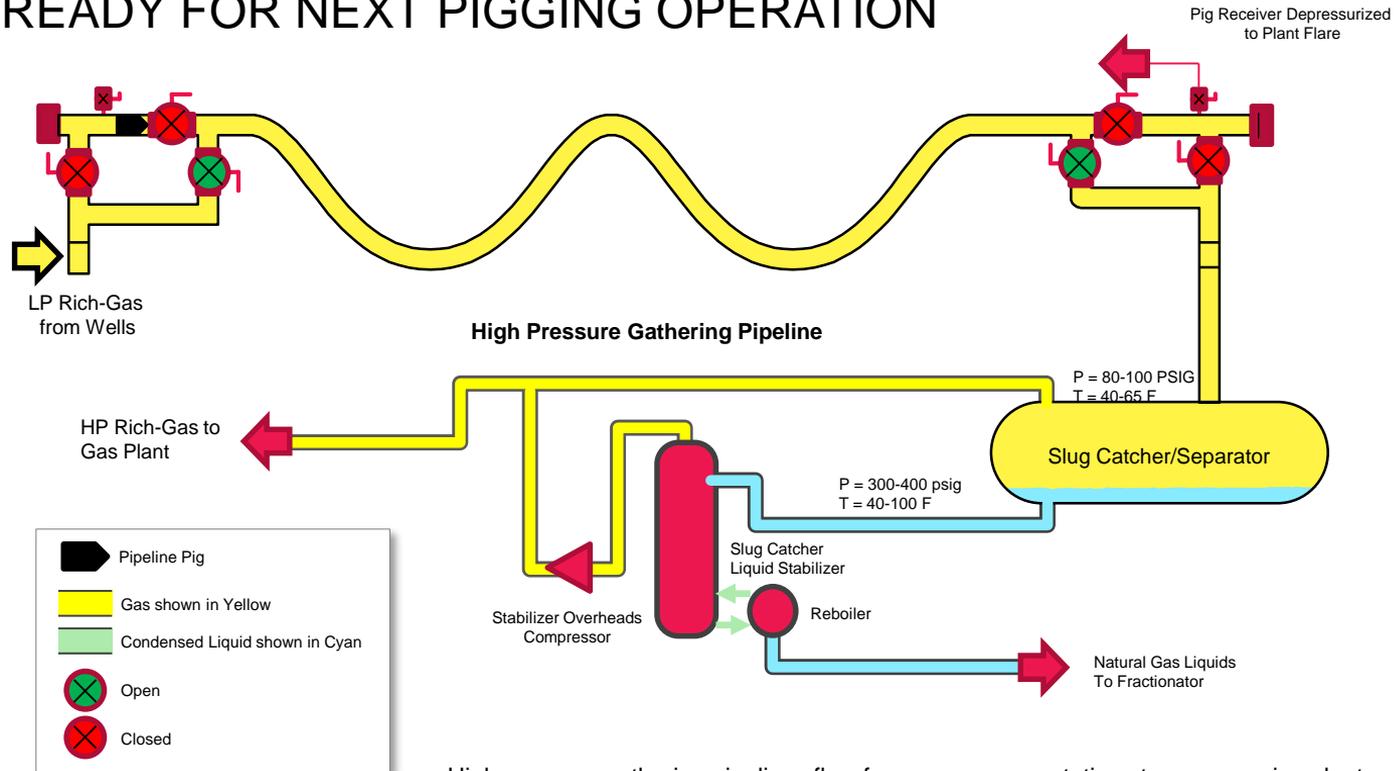
READY FOR NEXT PIGGING OPERATION



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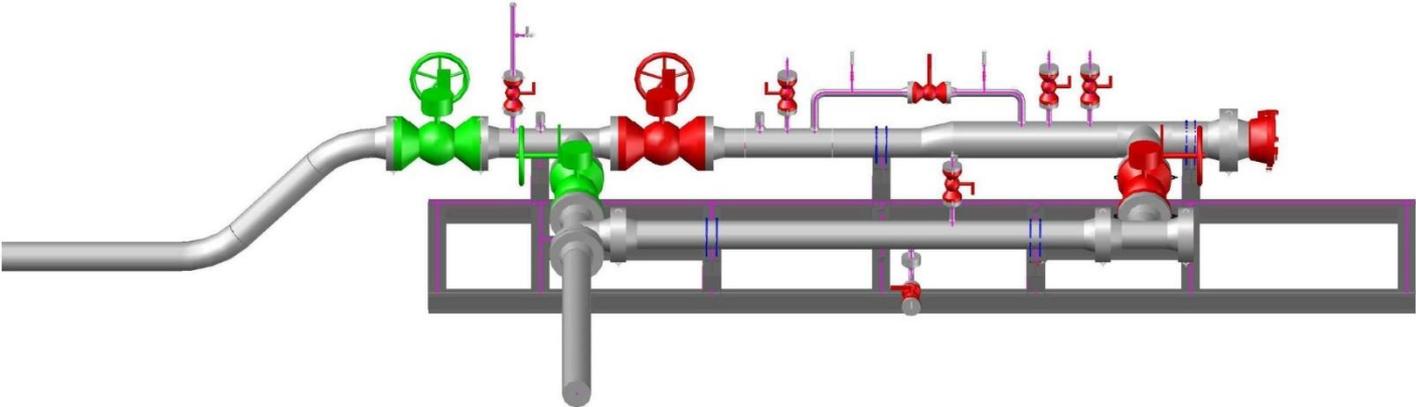
TYPICAL HIGH PRESSURE PIGGING OPERATIONS

READY FOR NEXT PIGGING OPERATION



High pressure gathering pipelines flow from compressor stations to a processing plant

PIGGING EMISSIONS CONTROLS



PIG LAUNCHER AND RECEIVER SITE



- Calculated using the Real Gas Law

$$m = \frac{PV M_w}{RTZ} \cdot \text{Wt}\%$$

P = pressure inside the pipe (psfa) pound per square foot actual

V = actual volume of pipe (ft³)

m = mass of material (lb)

M_w = molecular weight of the mixture (lb/lbmol)

R = universal gas constant (1545 psfa*ft³/lbmol* ° R)

T = temperature of mixture (°R)

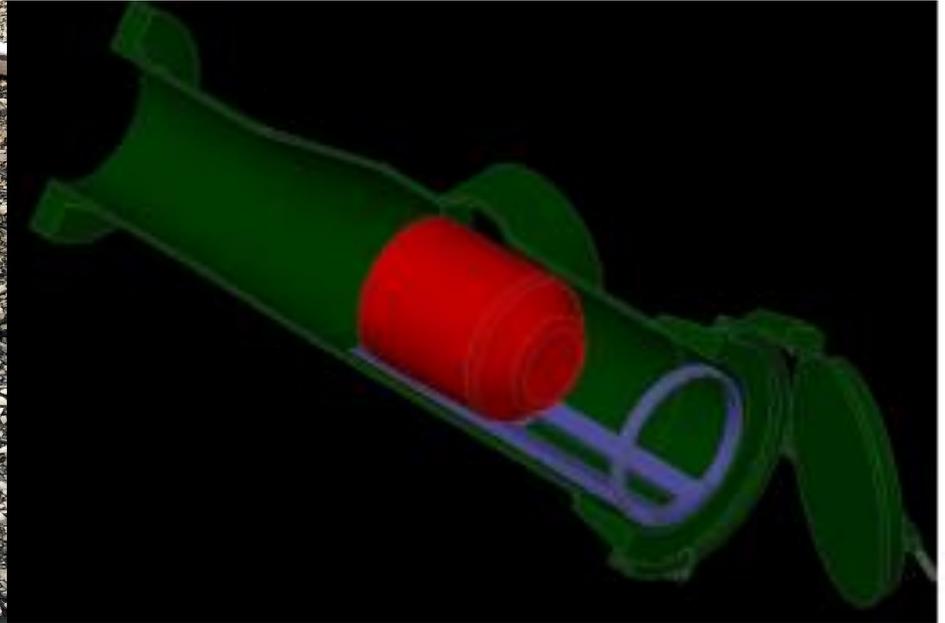
Z = compressibility factor (unitless)

Wt% = fractional weight percentage of constituent trying to calculate

HIGH PRESSURE TO LOW PRESSURE JUMPER LINE



PIG RAMP AWAITING INSTALLATION



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PIG RAMP INSTALLED



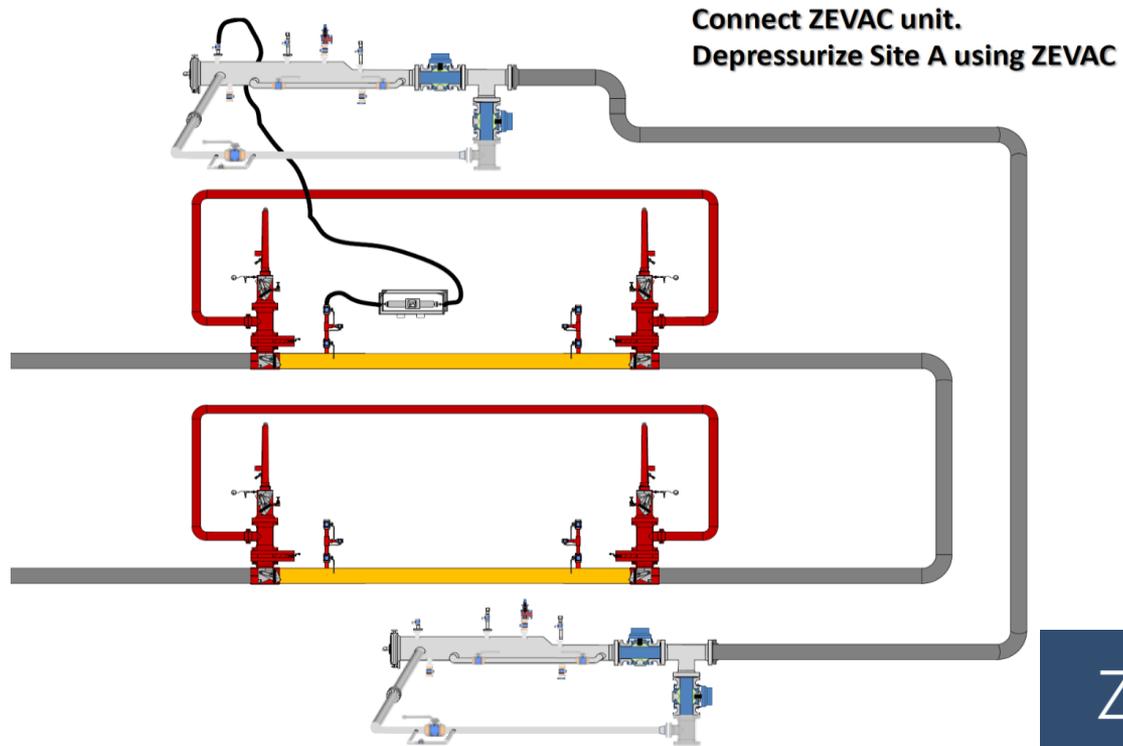
SHORT BARREL AND LIQUID CONTAINMENT



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MARKWEST HYDROCARBON EMISSION REDUCTIONS

- **0.02% of total volume** estimated emitted from launcher and receiver loading operations prior to enhancements
- **84.7% reduction in emissions** system wide post enhancement
- **0.003% of total volume** is emitted from pigging

BENEFITS OF ENHANCED PIPELINE PIGGING OPERATIONS

- Pig ramp designs are available royalty free
 - Affordable cost of fabrication
 - Ease of installation
 - Reduction liquids at launcher/receiver sites
- Short pig barrels reduce gas volume for potential release
- High/low jumpers prevent gas loss, thus increasing system efficiency
- Portable flares and Zevac reduce emissions