

## How do you know?



# Inspections

Observation and report of work processes

# Audit

A formal review of errors or deficiencies

# Testing

Examination of a finished product for compliance



## **Quality Assurance**

- Inspections
- Audits

## **Quality Control**

Testing

### **Inspection Assistant Application**

#### What is meant by the P, R, and O suffixes on IA questions?

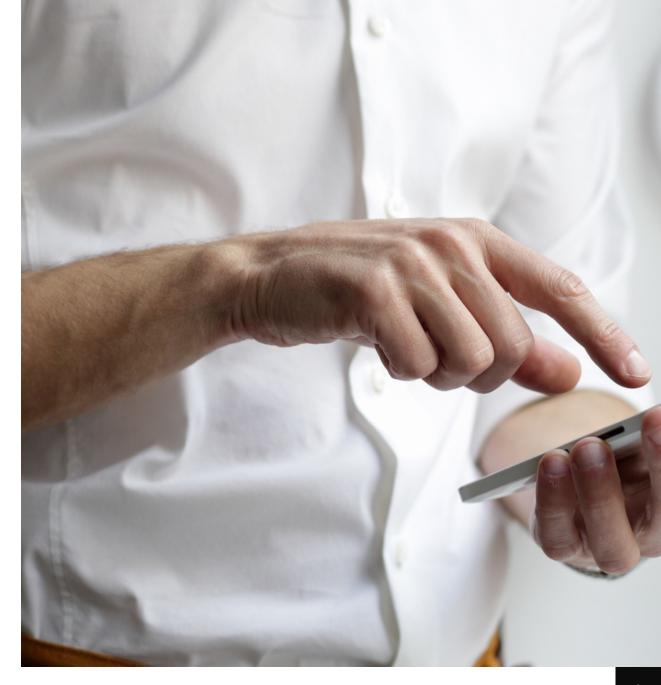
Procedure (P) - Questions that involve process-oriented reviews such as programmatic and/or procedural requirements.

Records (R) - Questions that specify the review of operator records, regardless of where the records may be maintained.

Observation (O) - Questions that involve the observation of operator personnel performing various tasks and/or observing various locations of the pipeline and associated facilities.

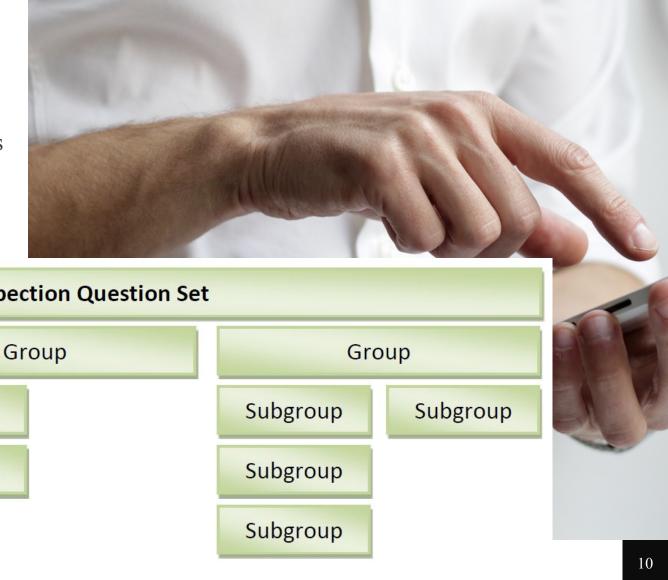
# IA is the PHMSA software application used during an Inspection to help

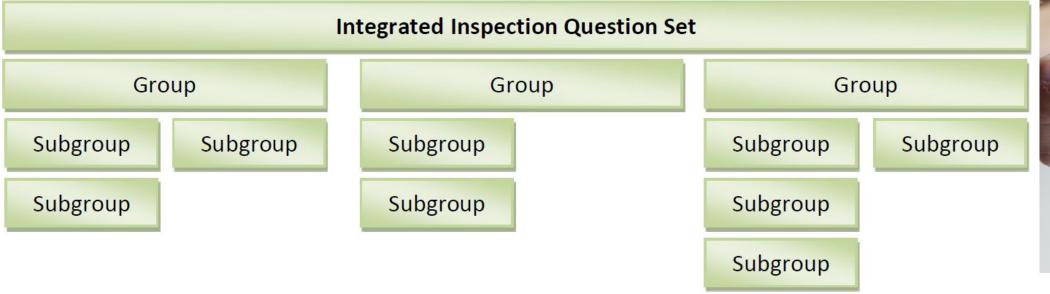
- collect new risk data,
- plan an inspection,
- document the results, and
- ensure the inspection process is followed.

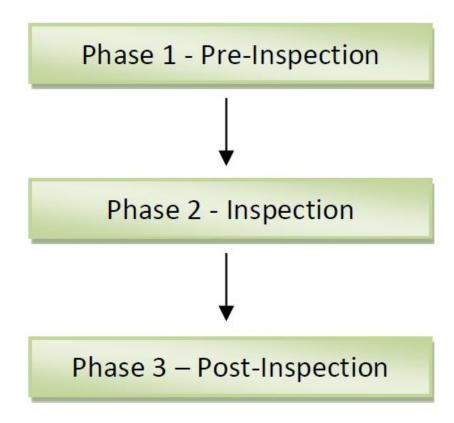


#### IA contains

- the inspection question Groups,
- features that enhance an inspection team's internal communications,
- data forms to help plan or document the inspection, and the retention of inspection information to minimize duplication of inspection effort between other inspectors and/or regions.
- IA can also be used for inspections that are not part of the inspection process.







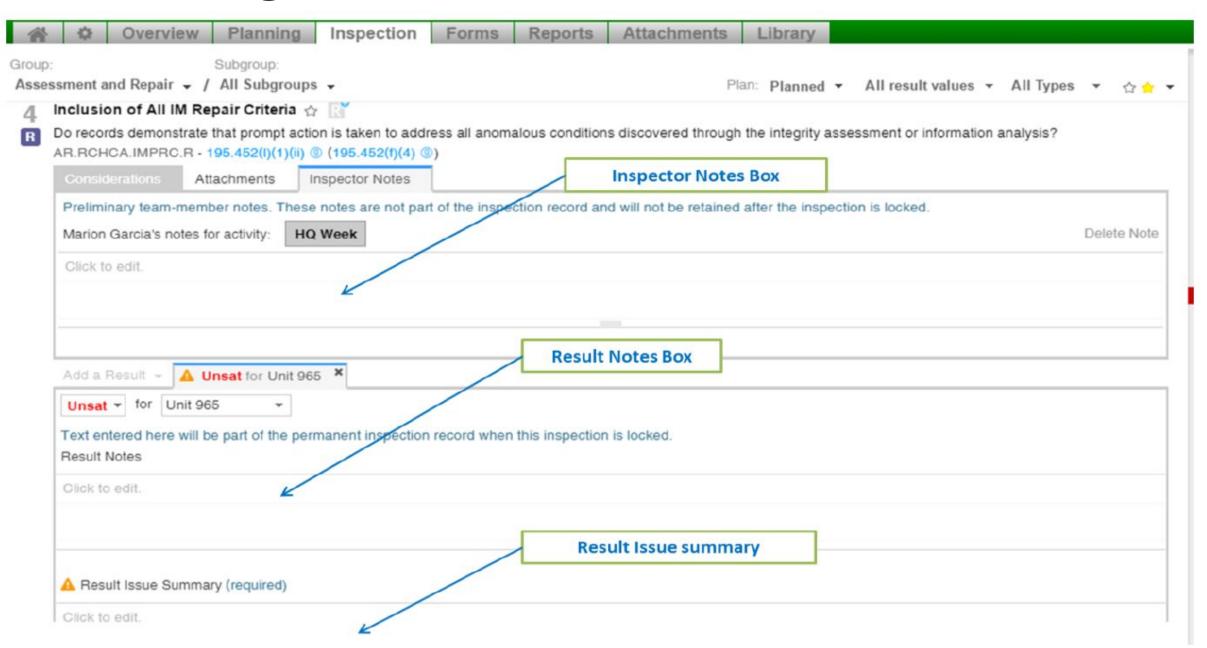
- Phase 1 Pre-Inspection: Collecting and analyzing pipeline system and operator data in order to design the scope of the system inspection.
- Phase 2 Inspection: Conducting inspection and recording of inspector's findings.
- Phase 3 Post-Inspection: Reviewing inspection results, completing post inspection documentation and requesting concurrence and approval of inspection findings. This also, includes potential recommendation of enforcement actions.



## **Question Structure**



## **Documenting Question Results in IA**



#### Result Values in IA

