

Brad France

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Expertise Mr. France has 40 years of experience in pipeline operation and construction. He is an experienced supervisor with extensive background in pipeline systems and their construction, operations, maintenance, and regulatory compliance. Mr. France has performed the roles of Chief Inspector, Construction Superintendent, and Project Manager on pipeline projects in North America and around the world. Mr. France has extensive domestic and international experience including inside the Arctic Circle, Russia, Syria, and Venezuela. Mr. France has worked on-shore, off-shore, buried lines projects and above-ground projects in all phases of construction, commissioning and operation.

Education *Associates Degree, Eastern Wyoming College, Torrington, Wyoming* 1975

Professional Experience

- Construction Specialist, Vanderpool Pipeline Engineers Inc.** 2013 - Present

 - Hydrotest Inspector: Responsible for the supervision and documentation associated with hydrotests. Ran the calculations during the hydro and certified or rejected the hydro test. If the test was certifiable, responsible for completing a hydrotest folder containing all client and DOT requirements.
 - Assistant Construction Manager: Responsible for the supervision and documentation associated with the construction of 11 miles of 4 inch, 8 inch, and 12 inch pipelines. Supervised a chief inspector and 6 inspectors. Completed 18 directional drill locations.
- Project Manager, Pro Pipe Services, North Dakota** 2012 – 2013

 - Responsible for the overall construction of 18 miles of 10 inch pipeline from ROW clearing thru final cleanup. Held daily meetings with Client’s management staff. Responsible for time line, quality control, survey and X-Ray. Client provided the as built documentation.
- Lead Chief Inspector, Devon Energy, Texas** 2011 – 2012

 - Responsible for running the field inspection of Hydrostatic Testing jurisdictional lines in North Texas. This included the construction and fabrication needed to complete hydrotests including calculating the hydro pressures and evaluating the test results and all related paperwork. Managed 2 Chief inspectors, 16 inspectors and 2 office personal.
- Hydro & Welding Inspector, Florida Natural Gas, Florida** 2010 – 2011

 - Responsible for inspecting and signing-off on the hydrotests conducted by the contractor. Inspected all welds made by the crew as they prepared to hydrotest the 36 inch line. Attended daily tailgate meetings and prepared paperwork and hydrostatic test reports.
- Construction Superintendent, South M, Trinidad** 2010 – 2010

 - Responsible for running the field construction of a 36 inch onshore gas pipeline from ROW clearing thru final cleanup. Held daily meetings with client’s management staff. Responsible for schedule, quality control, and as-built documentation.
- Contract Inspector, Nexen Marketing, North Dakota** 2010 – 2010

 - Responsible for overseeing the construction of a pump station, overseeing the contractor, scheduling X-Ray, testing welders, QA/QC, and as-built documentation.
- Superintendent, Pro Pipe Services, North Dakota** 2009 – 2010

 - Responsible for running a crew building a temporary pump and receiver stations for Nexen. Responsible for the construction, schedule, quality, budget, and all as-built documentation, along with being the main contact for the client.
- Contract Pipeline Inspector, ConocoPhillips, various locations** 2009 – 2009

 - Responsible for completing annual pipe-to-soil inspections, installing anodes and reference cells in pump stations.

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- Contract Pipeline Chief Inspector, Kinder Morgan, Louisiana** 2008 – 2009
- Responsible for preconstruction routing/planning and then overseeing the construction of 46 miles of 42 inch LNG line. Prepared daily reports and monitored, reviewed, and coordinated construction work with the general contractor. Filled in for the Resident Construction Manager during his absence.
- Contract Pipeline Superintendent, Chevron/Phillips, Qatar** 2007 – 2008
- Responsible for preconstruction routing/planning and then overseeing the construction of a 130 km 14 inch Ethylene pipeline across Qatar. Prepared daily and weekly reports and monitored, reviewed and coordinated work with the general contractor from India.
- Contract Pipeline Superintendent, VECO Alaska, Russia** 2006 – 2007
- Responsible for overseeing the construction of a 543 km 32 inch pipeline in Russia's Arctic Circle region. Five Russian contractors were building the line. Worked first winter construction season. First rotation on Spread 5 and the next two rotations on Spread 1.
- Contract Chief Inspector, Tesoro, North Dakota** 2006 – 2006
- Responsible for inspecting and supervising other inspectors. The majority of the work was on anomalies on mainline piping and purging and abandoning old lines.
- Construction Superintendent, ConocoPhillips, Montana** 2002 – 2006
- Responsible for staffing, supervision, and training of the Rockies Region contract construction inspectors. Worked with engineering staff on routing, planning, costs, time lines, crew sizes, and determined the best method of construction for the projects.
- Project Inspector, Conoco Pipeline, Montana** 2001 – 2002
- Responsible for inspecting and supervising inspectors on pipeline projects in the Western Division. Projects included Smart tool runs, new tank construction, new sump installations, mainline road bores, and mainline hydro tests.
- Chief Inspector, Conoco Inc, Syria** 2000 - 2001
- Responsible for supervising Expat and National inspectors to ensure construction work was performed to Conoco standards. The project consisted of 245 km of 18 inch gas pipeline and installation of 9 mainline block valves. The inspection team consisted of 10 inspectors. Prepared daily and weekly reports and monitored, reviewed and coordinated construction work with the Syrian contractor.
- Area Supervisor, Conoco Pipeline, Montana and Texas** 1985 – 2000
- Responsible for operations and maintenance of Pipelines and Terminals. Responsible for developing and implementing yearly operating, capital, and maintenance budgets.
- Foreman, Conoco Pipeline, Wisconsin and Colorado** 1980 – 1985
- Responsible for operations and maintenance of Conoco holdings in the area. Responsible for maintaining the budgets and supervising gaugers and operators.
- Control Center Operator, Conoco Pipeline, (Three Locations)** 1976 – 1980
- Responsible for controlling remotely operated pipelines. Responsible for line control, product loss, batch tracking, and the remote switching of crude oil and product pipelines.
- District Relief and Field Gauger, Continental Pipeline, Wyoming** 1975 – 1976
- Responsible for relieving gaugers, mechanics, technicians, operations coordinators, analysts, and deliverymen when they were on vacation.
- Temporary Inspection Assignments, Conoco Inc**
- Chief Inspector, VEHOP Pipeline, Venezuela 1997 – 1998
 - Senior Inspector, Ardalin Pipe Line Project, Russia 1992 – 1994
 - Inspector, Joliet Pipeline, Offshore, Gulf of Mexico 1989
 - Inspector, Southlake Terminal, Texas 1985
 - Inspector, Milne Point Project, Alaska 1985
 - Chief Inspector, DuPont Cycle Hexane Project, Texas 1982
 - Inspector, Matagorda Bay Project, Texas 1982

Licensing, Certifications and Specialized Training

- Certified Welding Inspector, American Welding Society No. 92050231 from May 1992 to May 2010. (Expired)