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The Midstream Contract World Defined in Four Parts

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Differences Between Pipeline "Transport" Systems and "Gathering" Systems



Pipeline Transport System v. Gathering System

- The pipeline systems that "transport" oil and gas and the pipeline systems that "gather" oil and gas have distinct functions and meanings within the industry.
- Though, the terms describing these two independent systems often mistakenly are used interchangeably.
- "Gathering" is a midstream function in the natural gas industry.
- In the traditional sense, "gathering" is the collection of natural gas from the wellhead in the producing field and movement of the natural gas along lines to a processing plant or treatment plant to remove impurities or to some other central point where the treated or processed gas, which is now considered "pipeline quality natural gas," is compressed and delivered into a single line where transportation/transmission begins along a transport pipeline system.

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