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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system for identifying and positioning pipelines that accurately and unequivocally marks a section of pipeline and tubular goods located anywhere for subsequent identification. The pipeline positioning system comprises a permanent, passive, non-obtrusive, and systematic placement of marker coupons upon pipe diameters for uniquely identifying a pipeline or specific location therein. Identification and location codes incorporated into the markers may be readily detected by inspection methods known in the art. Codes may be applied to new tubes or pipelines during manufacturing, during pipeline laying operations, or during maintenance being rendered by the pipeline owner or operator.

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