

DOT Pipeline Safety Forum

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Panel 3: What More Can We Do?

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Safety is a Top Priority

- Liquid pipeline operators have every incentive to invest in safety:
 - To protect members of the public, their employees, and contractors.
 - To protect the environment.
 - To avoid potentially costly repairs, cleanup, litigation, and fines.
 - To adequately accommodate customers.
 - To protect the pipelines' reputation.

Pipeline Safety Is The Right Thing To Do, and Simply Good Business.

Liquid Pipelines Go the Extra Mile

- The industry does more assessments than are required by law.
 - According to a representative survey, 90% of all DOT-regulated miles are assessed.
 - 44% subject to IMP.
 - 83% of non-HCA mileage assessed and repaired.
 - All lines being properly operated and maintained.
 - Running multiple tools to detect more anomalies

More To Do on Regulatory Proposals

- Mandatory “immediate repairs” for all onshore pipelines,
- Leak detection capability evaluations on all regulated non-gathering lines,
- Regularly update HCA determinations with new census data and other information

More To Do on Technology

- The industry and vendors need to further expand the abilities of technology
- Operators should continue dialogue with tool vendors to improve products and services
 - Better and new tools
 - Improved data integration
- Operators, all technology vendors and PHMSA should invest more in R&D.
 - On their own (privately)
 - Through PRCI
 - Through joint government/industry projects

More To Do On Knowledge Sharing and Training

- More effective knowledge sharing across industry
- Partner with PHMSA on open knowledge sharing with industry
- More timely dissemination of investigation findings – PHMSA and NTSB
- Commitment to expand on data collection and analysis
- Enhance training in multiple areas

More To Do on Public Awareness

- The industry and PHMSA needs to improve public awareness of pipelines, reduce damage prevention and improve emergency response.
 - Ideas to alert land owners could include informing property purchasers of right-of-way issues at closing.
 - Improved outreach to first responders.
 - Improve effectiveness of communications and pursue alternative delivery methods
- The liquid industry has committed to promoting PIPA.

More To Do on Inter-Agency Coordination

- The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) should ensure continuation of a simplified, compensatory rate structure
- Nationwide Corps of Engineers Permit for Pipeline Repairs
- Revise MOUs to eliminate conflicting or overlapping jurisdiction (e.g., EPA, BOEMRE and CG)

Executive Commitment

AOPL and API Commitment at the Executive
Level To Advance Pipeline Safety
Performance