Pipeline Safety Session Descriptions

49 CFR 192 Updates
*Jay Prothro, Pipeline Hazardous Materials and Safety Administration*
This session will cover Pipeline Hazardous Materials and Safety Administration (PHMSA) gas regulatory updates, rulemaking and data updates, as well as Outreach and Engagement Division initiatives. The regulatory update will include a discussion of gas transmission and gas storage rules and proposed rules. Data updates will include a discussion of incident and accident and pipe materials data. Community Liaison and damage prevention activities will be covered in an Outreach and Engagement Division discussion.

49 CFR 195 Updates
*Jay Prothro, PHMSA*
This session will cover PHMSA hazardous liquids regulatory updates, rulemaking and data updates, as well as Outreach and Engagement Division initiatives. The regulatory update will include a discussion of hazardous liquids rules and proposed rules. Data updates will include a discussion of incident and accident and pipe materials data. The Outreach and Engagement Division discussion will include Community Liaison and damage prevention activities.

Pipeline Task Force, New Damage Prevention Initiatives and NGO Partnerships
*Ed Landgraf, Coastal and Marine Operators (CAMO) Pipeline Protection Initiative and Michael Gerhardt, Dredging Contractors of America.*
In this session, you will learn and give your feedback on innovative pipeline safety and damage prevention partnerships. CAMO is leveraging Agency, Environmental NGOs and stakeholder partnerships to reduce damages to underwater pipelines in rivers, lakes, bays and the gulf. Many of these examples will apply to on-land pipelines as well. We will also cover the new national Pipeline Task Force program.

Do I have a Regulated Pipeline?
*Stephanie Weidman*
This session will assist an operator in determining if a pipeline is regulated under state and federal regulations.

How to Prepare for an RRC audit
*Michael Parker*
This session will help you prepare for an RRC standard comprehensive safety evaluation. It will include key actions to best prepare your company for the audit process and provide insight into the thoughts of the inspector.
Meet and Ask Questions with RRC Managers and Team Leads
Regional Managers: Joey Bass, Jim Collins, Samuel Copeland, Alan Mann and Steven Rios
RRC Pipeline Safety Inspectors - Team Leads: Jose (Chevy) Cheverez, Brad Cox, William Dean, Brady Frantz, Blaine Jacobs, Isaac Monrreal, Nicholas Owojori, Michael Parker and Larry Snelson

Meet and Ask Questions with T-4 Permitting Group
Cory Gretlein, Ryan Hejl and Bruce Waterman

Navigating the Code: Gas Basics
Joey Bass
This session will provide a basic overview of the gas code and how to read and interpret the regulations.

Navigating the Code: Liquid Basics
Joey Bass
This session will provide a basic overview of the hazardous liquid code and how to read and interpret the code.

Navigating the Code: Operator Qualification
Joey Bass
This session will cover operator qualification (OQ) regulations, with drill downs on specific OQ regulations.

PHMSA Gas “Mega” Rule Update
Dewitt Burdeaux, TRC Solutions
What is the PHMSA “Gas” rule going to look like? PHMSA published their “wish list” Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in April 2016. With a change in Administrations and senior agency leaders, it appears as if the final outcome may look different.

PHMSA Updates
Paul Roberti, PHMSA
This session will discuss recent industry incident trends, the latest on PHMSA’s reauthorization as well as rulemaking updates.

Pipeline Integrity Risk Management
Kent Muhlbauer, WKM Consultancy
This presentation offers guidance to both regulators and those regulated on pipeline risk assessment and its use in risk management, both of which play key roles in integrity management programs. The 2019 PHMSA guidance documents on risk assessment will also be addressed.

Pipeline R&D to Improve Pipeline Safety: Facility Risk, New Technology and Industry Standards Updates
Mark Piazza, Colonial Pipeline
Pipeline research plays a critical role in ensuring the safe delivery and continuous supply of energy products to a wide range of end users. This session will describe recent research results and technology developments that have been completed by Pipeline Research Council International (PRCI*) and are being applied to improve pipeline safety. Examples of the practical application of the research results by pipeline operators to improve pipeline safety and
performance will be included. Finally, the session will describe the types of facility releases being recorded through state and federal spill reporting requirements, how companies apply risk modeling to address facility threats, and actions being taken by the pipeline industry to address facility releases.

Real Stories from PHMSA’s Accident Investigation Division
Brian Pierzina, PHMSA
This session will include discussions of recent pipeline failures and lessons learned that could be applicable to any pipeline operator. The PHMSA Accident Investigation Division (AID) performs telephonic follow-up investigations and 30-Day report reviews for the entire United States. The session will also cover observations the AID has made over the last two years related to these investigations to help operators avoid common pitfalls and potential compliance issues associated with incident and accident reporting. The session will also provide and discuss links to available resources that can support your pipeline safety program.

RRC Pipeline Safety Updates
Stephanie Weidman
This session will cover general updates in Pipeline Safety. Topics include an overview of Texas intrastate mileage and the new T-4 permit fee rule.

RRC Specialized Inspections
RRC Pipeline Safety Team Leads: Jose Cheverez, Brad Cox, William Dean, Brandy Frantz, Blaine Jacobs, Issac Monreal, Nicholas Owojori, Michael Parker and Larry Snelson
This session will provide information on preparing for various Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) specialized evaluations, also known as program evaluations. Plus, there will be discussion on forms used and common issues found for the following evaluation types: operation and maintenance plans; distribution integrity management plans; gas and liquid transmission integrity management plans; public awareness/damage prevention plans; drug and alcohol plans; operator qualification plans; and new construction evaluations. This session will also include a discussion on key actions to best prepare your company for the audit process and provide insight into what the inspector will be reviewing.

Seismic Assessment and Response: Promoting Public Safety Through Science and Technology
Colin Schoonover, ONE Gas
ONE Gas developed an innovative emergency management tool, effectively optimizing U.S.G.S. data for its seismic response. The tools help assess the potential for pipeline damage and to determine when and where to survey pipe. The process utilizes science and technology, elevating public safety and field operations efficiency, prioritizing the most at-risk facilities.

Submissions to the RRC Pursuant to the Texas Environmental, Health and Safety Audit Privilege Act
Natalie Dubiel
This presentation will provide an overview of the Texas Environmental, Health and Safety Audit Privilege Act (Audit Act). The presentation will include a discussion of the RRC’s adopted guidelines for submissions pursuant to the Audit Act and an overview of how to properly submit a notice of audit letter and a disclosure of violations letter to the RRC.
T-4 permits and Pipeline Online Permitting System (POPS)
Cory Gretlein, Ryan Hejl and Bruce Waterman
This course will outline procedures for filing a Form T-4 (Application for a pipeline Permit). Main topics for discussion will include an overview of the pipeline permit rule (16 Texas Administrative Code §3.70); pipeline fees; types of permit applications; and using the online pipeline permit application, including requirements for uploading attachments and which attachments are needed.