



## PIPA Comm Team Meeting Notes

March 13, 2013

### Participants

(see participants list below)

### Meeting Agenda / Objectives / Discussion Topics

#### 1. PIPA Webinars

- a. NACo to co-sponsored national PIPA webinar April 26, 2013 (tentative) – national county planners – county planning associations
- b. State specific pipa webinars
  - **05/01/2013** [Land Planning Near Transmission Pipelines in Pennsylvania](#) (Mtg #86)
  - **04/24/2013** [Land Planning Near Transmission Pipelines in Ohio](#) (Mtg #88)
  - **04/09/2013** [Land Planning Near Transmission Pipelines in Texas](#) (Mtg #87)

#### 2. Hazard mitigation plan update – Julie

- a. Primers for Hazard Mitigation Managers and Pipeline Operators- review and approval plan (PIPA Team & represented organizations, VDEM, NEMA, FEMA)
- b. Next steps
  - i. Work with a partner on incorporating pipelines into local hazard mitigation plan
  - ii. Contact FEMA regarding including pipelines in their hazard mitigation planning material
  - iii. Promote Primers to State Hazard Mitigation Officers (SHMO)

#### 3. Open Discussion

### Discussion Notes

1. New team member Larry Springer is replacing Terri Larson on the PIPA Comm. Team – both from Enbridge. Larry will be representing API.
2. Request for team member to represent AOPL and to distribute primers was sent to Andy Black, AOPL.
3. Webinars – online registration is open. Will be sending an invite to operators using the NPMS contact for each state.
4. Terri Larson's request –
  - a. Chuck – opportunities to seek ways to keep public awareness but also damage prevention with encroachments to engage with those property owners. Encroachment manager – reduces damage to pipelines. Will send to Terri
  - b. Susan provided to Terri about emergency responders and included PIPA in their PA material. Given opportunity to increase awareness. Encroachment piece is critical. Has sent to Terri and will have a Spectra person on the panel.
5. Andrew Kohout, FERC – Update on FERC's initiative to look at applicability of PIPA RPs for new pipeline construction. FERC is will be reviewing the PIPA RPS to first identify practices that they already perform in-house as part of the permitting process. They are still a few months out from starting this project as they are currently swamped with LNG export projects. Rebecca – what form do they anticipate it will take? White paper but that is still to be determined.

6. Hazard mitigation primers for review – the documents are on the PIPA team web site to download. Encourage everyone to go through the FEMA online *Introduction to Hazard Mitigation* course. <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is393alst.asp>

*Overview of Pipeline Hazard Mitigation for Operators* - This document was created to assist pipeline operators involved with state and local hazard mitigation planning. The goal is to provide pipeline operators with an understanding of the hazard mitigation planning process so they can support state and local governments in their efforts to develop, and implement mitigation strategies from pipeline hazards.

- Foreword – explains how we came to hook up with hazard mitigation planning.
- Purpose – of this document – to provide background for pipeline operators and to explain why state and local government involvement is critical – can't achieve zero incidents without their participation.
- Background – FEMA's hazard mitigation planning
  - Roles and responsibilities (each state has a hazard mitigation officer and a state emergency manager – generally appointed)
  - FEMA requires natural hazards but provides guidance/encouragement to include manmade. FEMA now requires manmade for the state THIRA plan – THIRA is a capability assessment tool.
- Integrating Pipelines into Hazard Mitigation Plans – what will take place during the process
  - Identify and describe the hazard. Pipelines as manmade hazards, natural hazards are a risk to pipelines, pipelines are critical infrastructure.
  - Vulnerability assessment – understanding of potential types of damage and scope
  - Capability assessment – what can a jurisdiction do and what are they currently doing to mitigate risk? Do they have the resources to do those things?
  - Strategies – map, education, excavation damage prevention, land planning, emergency response – see table
- Benefits of hazard mitigation planning for pipeline operators.

*Overview of Pipelines and Hazard Mitigation for Emergency Managers* – The goal of this document is to provide emergency managers, planners, and others involved with developing hazard mitigation plans with the knowledge and understanding of how pipelines operate, the common products that may be transported through transmission and distribution pipeline systems, the potential impacts (risks) of pipeline incidents, and mitigative strategies they can implement to reduce these risks.

***Discussion:***

Concern was expressed that the tone of the paper may be alarming. That it may make the public feel that they do not need pipelines in their neighborhood. The document does not talk about the low

probability of pipeline incidents. This paper may be a tool for terrorists. Must balance the need for security with the information need to develop the hazard mitigation plans and the THIRA.

To address concerns, the team might consider limiting distribution to emergency management. It may be prudent to request a person from NEMA, FEMA and TSA in the review of this document.

There is a downside of constraining information from the public as well.

The team agreed to extend the review period until May 1.

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