

Technical Assistance Grant – Demonstration Grant - Final Report
Funding Opportunity Number: DTPH56-09-SN-0001

Award Number: *DTPH56-09-G-PHPT02*

Project Title: *PIPELINE SAFETY COMMUNITY AWARENESS WEBPAGES*

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Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

Develop interactive and informative webpage for our residents, property owners, contractors, and developers to educate and raise awareness of pipeline safety.

Expected Program Outputs

Enhanced community awareness of pipeline safety and proactive education of best practices as they relate to land use planning, damage prevention, vegetation and other hazards.

Results of Grant Activities

Outcome is measured by the access of the webpage. In a six month period since the page was finalized and promoted, 572 accesses to the webpage have been documented.

In addition, we have 59 subscribers to our email notification update system. This represents approximately one third of all property owners adjacent to a pipeline. Anytime an “Excavation Near A Pipeline Permit” is approved, it is posted to the website and email notification is sent to all subscribers. This allows the subscriber to review when, where and the extent of an excavation and determine if this excavation causes them any concern or specific interest. It raises awareness of activity taking place on/near pipelines and has reduced the number of inquiries to city hall regarding excavations. Those living near pipelines have become their own “watch dogs” of pipeline activity.

Description of Efforts to Disseminate Technical Findings (see Article V. Dissemination of Technical Findings of your grant agreement)

The purpose of the webpages was to enhance community awareness. There were not any “technical findings” for this Demonstration Grant.

We believe we have been successful in raising community awareness regarding pipeline safety and in particular feel that our notification process for excavation within 25 feet of a pipeline has been an important safeguard to those living near pipelines. We continue to promote community awareness and direct the community to these webpage resources through newsletter articles, direct mailings to those living on or near a pipeline and through community presentations.

Issues, Problems or Challenges

There are no issues, problems or challenges to report.

Final Financial Status Report

The City has not yet requested reimbursement for project costs and therefore has not yet prepared a final financial report. The final financial report will be sent as a separate attachment to the AA within the next 30 days.

Content by Title Detail:

St. Peters, Missouri: Pipeline & Excavation Notices

Jan 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2010

Pageviews

Graph by:



Jan 1 - June 30, 2010 -- 572 pageviews

June 1 - June 30, 2010 -- 92 pageviews

May 1 - May 31, 2010 -- 184 pageviews

Apr 1 - Apr 30, 2010 -- 41 pageviews

Mar 1 - Mar 31, 2010 -- 124 pageviews

Feb 1 - Feb 28, 2010 -- 44 pageviews

Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2010 -- 87 pageviews