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Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA)

Task Team Process & Goals

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Expectations & Responsibilities

Task Team Members

- Not pursuing all recommendations from TRB SR 281
- Drop pre-conceived notions and Participate
- Representatives of invited organizations ultimately determine Consensus

• Task Team Chairs

- Establish plan for achieving Goals
- Provide Leadership and Direction
- Cycla Staff
 - Facilitate Discussion and encourage Participation
 - Document Decisions, Coordinate, and Communicate



Consensus Process

- Stakeholders in PIPA have diverse interests and motivations
- All stakeholders must be able to "live with" decisions, even if not exactly what they would prefer
- Process of developing consensus increases appreciation for legitimate needs of other stakeholders
- Consensus Process used in the 1999 Common Ground Study published by PHMSA



TRB SR 219, 1988

- Pipelines and Public Safety: Damage Prevention, Land Use, and Emergency Preparedness
- "Although more uniform public policies on land use near pipelines might be desirable, differences in local conditions argue against setting definitive standards for building setbacks from pipelines or limits on specific land uses near pipeline ROW"
- PIPA is not striving to create Definitive Standards



Protecting Communities Goals Guidelines & Best Practices

- Defining acceptable, and unacceptable, types of development adjacent to transmission ROW
- Using enhanced building codes for structures adjacent to transmission ROW
- Simple, risk-informed guidance based on attributes of both the Pipeline and the Community



Protecting Pipelines Goals Guidelines & Best Practices

- Setbacks from the edge of transmission pipeline ROW
- Incorporating the ROW space in new developments; residential, commercial, and industrial
- Defining acceptable land owner uses and activities on ROW
- Specification, acquisition, development, and maintenance of transmission ROW



Risk Communication Goals Guidelines & Best Practices

- Fostering early communication among local government planners, property developers, and pipeline operators
- Real estate disclosure of transmission pipeline ROW
- Communicating acceptable uses and activities on ROW to land owners
- Describe benefits of pipeline transportation and examine risk posed by pipelines at the National level
- Formulate PIPA risk communication plan and design format of final PIPA work product for all Task Teams.



PIPA Timeline

- Steering Committee envisions goals accomplished by January 2009
- Approval process by participating organizations may take additional time
- Task Team & Plenary Meetings
 - Week of July 14, 2008
 - Week of December 15, 2008



Task Team Activities Between Now & July 2008

- Teleconferences
- Web Conferences using Live Meeting
- PHMSA Forums in vBulletin
 - Yes, another UserName and Password
 - Continue and Initiate discussions
 - Review draft documents
- Additional face-to-face meetings possible, if crucial to success



Task Team Agendas for January 16

- Expectations & Responsibilities
- Discussion of Goals
- Topical Presentations vary by Task Team
- Selection of Task Team Chair
- Develop plan for achieving Goals
- Formulate Presentation back to Plenary on January 17



Task Team Locations

- Protecting Communities
 - Vivace A
- Protecting Transmission Pipelines
 - Vivace B
- Risk Communication
 - Adagio A & B



January 17 Plenary

- Will begin at 9 am, not 8 am
- Allow additional time for finalizing Task Team report to Plenary
- Task Team reports 45 minutes, not 60
 minutes





Questions ???

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