

Open Invitation to Pipeline Operators

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's Office of Pipeline Safety will hold a one-day Operators Meeting with pipeline and LNG operators at the Houston Marriott Sugar Land hotel in Sugar Land, Texas, on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., CT. The Agency is hosting this meeting as part of its core mission to improve safety through better communications between PHMSA and the regulated community. The meeting will provide a forum for open discussion on a variety of subjects including how PHMSA develops its annual inspection plans, how each system-specific inspection protocol is created, general enforcement processes, and lessons-learned from incidents and accidents. In hosting this meeting, PHMSA intends to answer your questions, and provide you with an opportunity to speak with us outside of the inspection environment.

Your participation in this meeting is strictly voluntary and PHMSA understands that some companies will not be able to participate. The Operators Meeting is only open to pipeline and LNG company employees, excluding contractors, and reservations are limited to a maximum of two representatives per company. Due to the meeting format, the Operators Meeting will not be web-cast. Space is limited to 350 attendees and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you wish to attend, **please RSVP no later than February 12, 2020**, at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=148>. Registration at the door will not be available. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact Ezinne Ebi at 202-493-0591 or by email at ezinne.ebi@dot.gov.

Separately, but at the same location, on the following days, PHMSA will webcast public meetings related to two recently released rules. PHMSA will hold public meetings on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, related to implementation of the newly-issued Hazardous Liquid final rule, and on Thursday, February 27, 2020, related to implementation of the newly-issued Gas Transmission final rule; both were published in the Federal Register on October 1, 2019. During the afternoon of Wednesday, February 26, 2020, PHMSA will also host a forum to discuss Safety Management Systems (SMS) principles, inclusive of highlighting the benefits of developing an effective safety culture. Information on registration for the public meetings can be found at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=146>.

Please feel free to call our office at 202-493-0591 if you have any questions or require any additional information. Thank you for your efforts to improve pipeline safety.

Best regards,

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