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Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Voluntary Information-sharing System Working Group Draft Task Statement

Subcommittee: [Mission and Objectives](#)

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Task Statement: [Develop a mission statement and objectives for the final report](#)

Subcommittee Task Number: [18-01](#)

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Primary Mandate Requirement(s) Addressed:

- (c)(1) The need for, and the identification of, a system to ensure that dig verification data are shared with in-line inspection operators to the extent consistent with the need to maintain proprietary and security-sensitive data in a confidential manner to improve pipeline safety and inspection technology.
- (c)(2) Ways to encourage the exchange of pipeline inspection information and the development of advanced pipeline inspection technologies and enhanced risk analysis.
- (c)(3) Opportunities to share data, including dig verification data between operators of pipeline facilities and in-line inspector vendors to expand knowledge of the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of in-line inspection technology and methodologies.
- (c)(4) Options to create a secure system that protects proprietary data while encouraging the exchange of pipeline risk, remediation, and inspection information and the development of advanced pipeline inspection technologies and enhanced risk analysis.
- (c)(5) Means and best practices for the protection of safety and security-sensitive information and proprietary information.
- (c)(6) Regulatory, funding, and legal barriers to sharing the information described in paragraphs (c)(1) through (4).

SMS Alignment ([API RP 1173, 1st ed](#)): [SMS-5](#)



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- SMS-5 (Leadership and Management Commitment)*
- SMS-6 (Stakeholder Engagement)*
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- SMS-11 (Management Review and Continuous Improvement)*
- SMS-12 (Emergency Preparedness and Response)*
- SMS-13 (Competence, Awareness, and Training)*
- SMS-14 (Documentation and Record Keeping)*
- SMS-15 (Safety Culture)*

Task Purpose:

To provide a clear scope and framework for recommendations and report development

Task Description(s):

1. Develop a comprehensive mission statement
2. Develop objectives that align with the VIS mandate and that promotes pipeline safety knowledge sharing across all three industry segments

Deliverable(s):

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1. Draft Mission Statement
2. Draft Objectives
3. Subcommittee Report Out presentation to the parent committee

Target Milestones and Dates:

1. Strategic Mission Statement Approved by Parent Committee on November 2017
2. Objectives Full Committee Approval - February 2018

Date initially presented to VISWG:

2/28/2018

(By in-person or electronic vote)

Please see supporting presentation for approved mission and objectives.

Disposition:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Disapproved	Click or tap to enter a date.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Returned to Subcommittee	Click or tap to enter a date.



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