

Final Report to the U.S. Department of Transportation – PHMSA
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The Department of Transportation, Pipeline Safety and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), awarded a grant to the Pipeline Safety Trust to:

Gather, sort and make easily available to local governments and concerned citizens information regarding how state and local governments in all fifty states have approached a variety of land use and planning issues associated with pipeline safety. The information will include existing local pipeline related ordinances and case studies, descriptions of pipeline siting authority in each state, emergency (including hazard mitigation) and oil spill response planning in each state, descriptions of significant rules in each state that go beyond the federal minimum regulations, highlights of each state's excavation damage prevention laws and efforts, and some basic information about where to find information about each state's regulation of oil and natural gas production. Pipeline Safety Trust will make this information available for everyone on their website. Using this information, Pipeline Safety Trust, will also produce and print a Local Government Guide to Pipelines to provide local governments in all fifty states an easy to use manual for where to obtain the information they may be looking for.

The applicable milestones for the grant from the grant proposal are each stated and discussed below.

- **Check in and seek advice from stakeholders on project**

Upon award of the grant in late September the Pipeline Safety Trust began outreach to various groups and individuals to seek input on what changes they believed necessary for the Landowners Guide to Pipelines, as well as what they would like to see included in the new Local Government Guide to Pipelines.

For the **Landowners Guide to Pipelines** we contacted individual and landowner groups we work with around the country, as well as those who had requested the previous version of the guide. We also contacted a handful of attorneys who provide assistance to landowners on eminent domain issues and the national legal group the Owners Counsel to see if there were any new developments we should include. We also contacted our list of advocates that was developed as part of our New Voices project. This contact reminded people of the availability of the existing guide and we mailed out nearly all remaining copies.

For the new **Local Government Guide to Pipelines** we contacted the PIPA Communications Team, the Washington State Municipal Research and Services Center, local government and

municipal lawyers we have worked on with issues over the past few years, and again our list of advocates that was developed as part of our New Voices project.

Feedback from all these groups was noted for incorporation of the update of the **Landowners Guide to Pipelines**, and as we then began to internally design and collect information for the **Local Government Guide to Pipelines**

- **Collect the desired information from the 50 states**

Starting in October we began to internally decide what information to be included in the **Local Government Guide to Pipelines**, and struggled with the question of providing as much information as possible versus allowing the guide to become so large that it would not be useful or cost effective. Along with general information about pipelines we decided to collect for each state information regarding:

- Basic state pipeline mileage
- Pipeline Safety jurisdiction
- Links to Location of pipeline statutes and rules
- Information regarding state pipeline siting authority
- Information on state oil spill FRP requirements
- State Oil & Gas Production Information

We then began to collect the raw individual information for each state, and contact state agencies when the information we were seeking was not apparently available online or confusing.

- **Draft text and graphics for web and paper publications**

Using the extensive research conducted throughout the early stages, we drafted the outline, text, sidebar examples and graphics for the **Local Government Guide**, and updated these same elements of the **Landowners Guide**. The website and paper publications evolved concurrently, with new information updates done on the website while the paper drafting was underway. The examples used in the text were developed with input from local government and emergency response representatives we contacted in a number of states based on referrals from stakeholders. We developed charts, graphs, and sidebar information to further support the messages conveyed in the text.

- **Get review from stakeholders on project information**

Throughout the project, we kept the website up to date with information on the project, and feedback desired, including posting subsequent draft outlines and tables of contents with links encouraging ideas and feedback, and updated our current list of best practices and examples. Highlighted examples were checked for accuracy with the stakeholders involved. As the Guides took shape, we sent each of them out separately for external review, incorporating the feedback prior to developing the final draft.

- **Populate website with information**

As mentioned above, we developed the website concurrently with the drafting process, adding best practices, sample ordinances, and examples throughout the project. The final versions of both the **Local Government Guide** and the **Landowners Guide** are available for download through our website.

- **Update and publish Landowners Guide to Pipelines**

The Trust received and incorporated the combined input from stakeholders, including from the Owners Council, and updated the information, data, and graphics from our previous version to allow for completion of the new **Landowners Guide to Pipelines**. We had 1000 of this Guide printed in full color. That Guide and related information is posted on our website: <http://pstrust.org/2014log>. We have received requests for about 200 of these new Guides and additional information for landowners across numerous states.

- **Layout and publish Local Government Guide to Pipelines**

The Trust also received and incorporate input from stakeholders and local government representatives, and developed the data, information, and graphics to complete the Local Government Guide to Pipelines, and update related information on our website, all of which can be accessed here: <http://pstrust.org/2014lgg>. We had 2000 of this Guide printed in full color. We have received requests for well over 300 hard copies to date, along with inquiries from community members, government representatives and reporters from communities around the country.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need anything more for this final report. We would be happy to mail hard copies of both reports if desired.

Thank you for your help,



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