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Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA)



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Energy Pipelines

- Natural gas, crude oil and refined petroleum products pipelines extend across and into a majority of cities and counties in the U.S.
- Our national economy and security depend on these products.
- Pipelines are the safest, most efficient and most reliable means of transporting energy products.
- Serious pipeline incidents can occur, although in the last few years trends are going down.
- PIPA is addressing the concerns of land use planning and development near transmission pipelines.

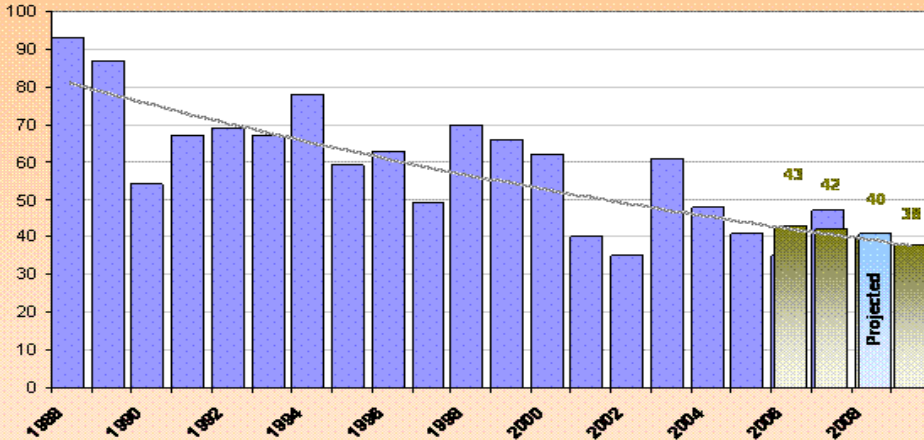




Data Trends

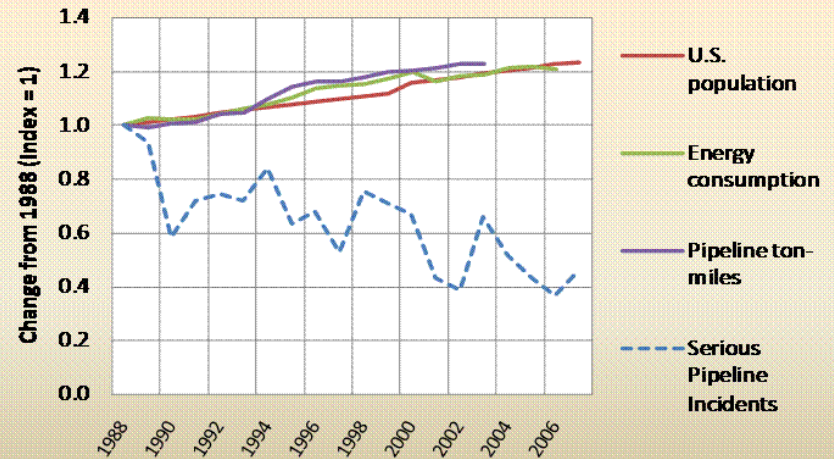
Serious Pipeline Incidents Involving Death or Injury (1988 - 2008)

Targets 2006 - 2009 Actual + 2008 Projected



Source: DOT/PHMSA Incident Data as of 11/14/2008

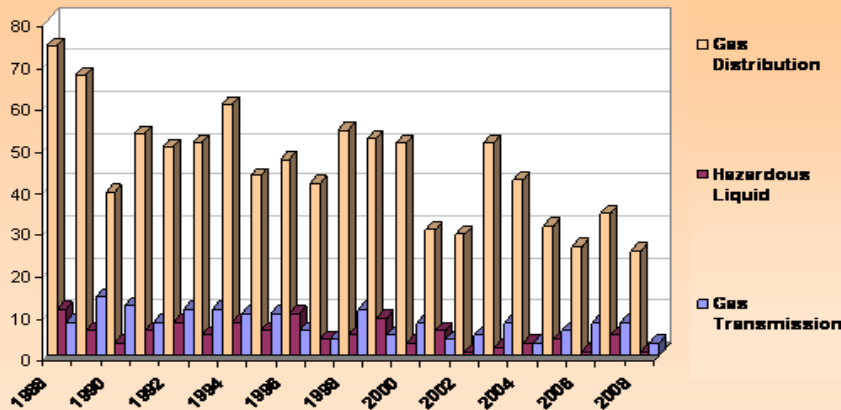
Pipeline Safety: Context Measures



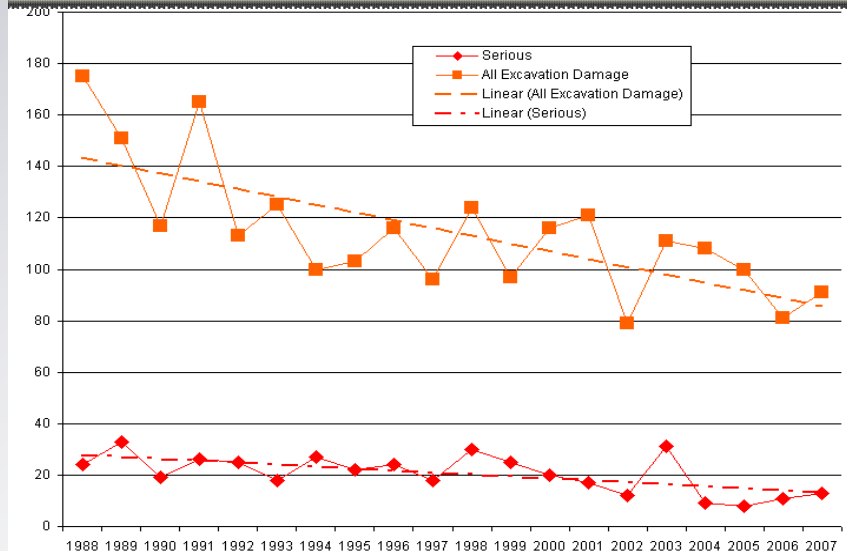
Source: DOT/PHMSA Incident Data, as of Dec. 21, 2007

Serious Pipeline Incidents by Sector (1988 - 2008)

Actual + 2008 Projected



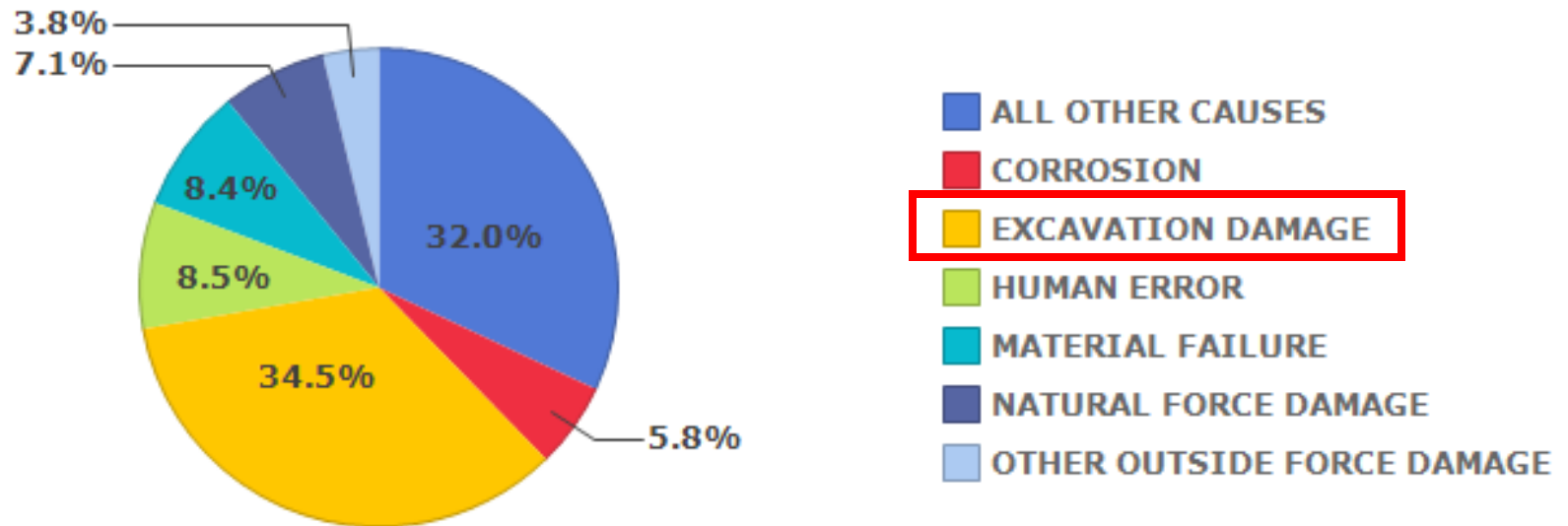
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Data Trends

Serious Incident Cause Breakdown
National, All Pipeline Systems, 1988-2008 YTD



Source: PHMSA Significant Incidents Files October 14, 2008

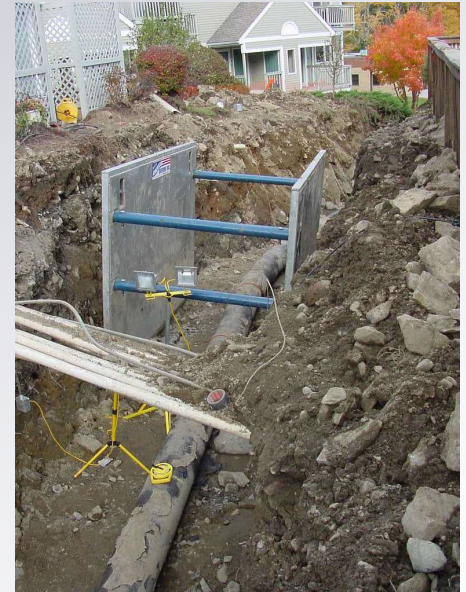


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Energy Pipelines and Land Use Planning

- Land use planning and development can have a direct impact on pipeline safety.
- Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 (PSIA) required DOT and FERC to study land use practices, zoning ordinances, and preservation of environmental resources relative to transmission pipeline ROW.





Population Encroachment

Information from the study to be used to:

- Determine effective practices to limit encroachment on transmission pipeline ROW.
- Address and prevent hazards and risks to public, workers, and environment associated with ROW encroachment.
- Raise awareness of the risks and hazards of encroachment.
- Address preservation of environmental resources while maintaining the ROW.





Population Encroachment

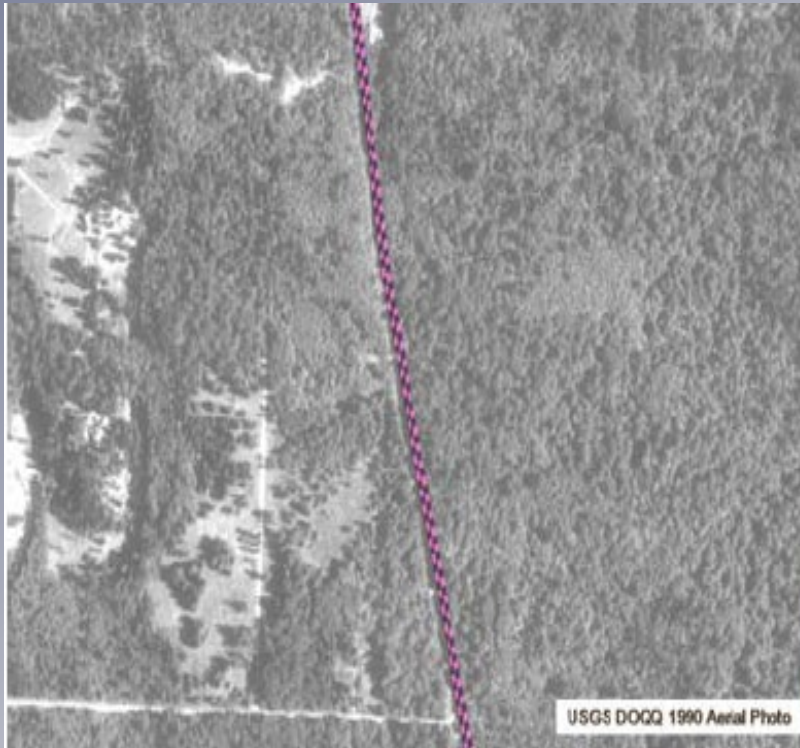


Figure 1 - 1990



Figure 2 - 2002

Illustrated: Growth Along Pipeline in Washington State



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Population Encroachment

Study, TRB Special Report 281, September 2004
(<http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/RiskInformedLandUse.htm>)

- Recommendations to PHMSA:
 - Develop risk-informed land use guidance.
 - Involve all stakeholders
 - Include expertise in risk analysis, risk communication, land use management, and developing regulations
 - Ensure process is transparent, independent, and peer reviewed
 - Refine the guidance over time
- Recommendations to transmission pipeline industry:
 - Develop practices for specifying, acquiring, developing, maintaining ROW.





Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA)

- PIPA resulted from implementing TRB SR 281 recommendations
- Aim is to help understand risks of ROW encroachment
- Need to educate local planners on pipelines and associated risks
- Need to develop guidelines for local planners to make risk-informed decisions about development along pipeline ROW
- **KEY** – Encourage **communication** between local planners and developers and transmission pipeline operators.
- Guidance also needed for pipeline operators regarding maintenance of their ROW.





Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA)

- PIPA is a partnership of stakeholders whose purpose is to further enhance pipeline safety.
- PIPA focus – develop guidance and recommendations for stakeholders in land use planning and property development in the vicinity of transmission pipelines.
- Inaugural meeting – January, 2008
- Approximately 130 stakeholder representatives participating, including several NACo representatives.
- Also:
 - NLC, NAHB, PST, MRSC, APWA, NASFM
 - NAPSR, NARUC, FERC, PHMSA
 - Industry





Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA)

- Key stakeholders for consideration in recommended practices are:
 - Local governments
 - Property developers/owners
 - Transmission pipeline operators
 - Real estate commissions
- Task teams considered existing practices and stakeholder needs and challenges.
- Consensus used to develop recommendations and guidance.





Examples of recommended practices

	BL07	Understanding the Elements of a Pipeline Easement
	BL08	Land Records Management
	BL09	Documenting and Recording Easement Amendments
	BL10	Implement Communications Plan
	BL11	Effectively Communicate Pipeline Risk and Risk Management Information
	BL12	Notification of Right-of-Way Maintenance Activities
	BL13	Encroachment Prevention and Management
	BL14	Participate in Organizations Pursuing Improved State Damage Prevention Programs
	BL15	Enhanced Damage Prevention Practices for Excavation near High Priority Underground Facilities
	BL16	Halting Dangerous Excavation Activities near Subsurface Installations
	BL17	Mapping Abandoned Pipelines
	BL18	Real Estate Disclosure
ND01	Pipeline Operators and Local Governments Should Coordinate with Property Developers/Owners	
ND02	Gather Information for Design near Transmission Pipeline Facilities	
ND03	Property Developer/Owner Review of Acceptable Use Prior to Design	
ND04	Property Developer/Owner Coordination of Development Design and Construction with Pipeline Operator	
ND05	<i>n/a – Practice Deleted –</i>	
ND06	Local Government Requires Consideration of Transmission Pipeline Facilities in Land Development Design	
ND07	Define Blanket Easement Agreements When Necessary	
ND08	Developing the Pipeline Transmission Right-of-Way	
ND09	Provide Flexibility to Property Developer for Providing Open Space In Close Proximity to the Right-of-Way of Transmission Pipeline	
ND10	Record Transmission Pipeline Easements on Development Plans and Final Plats	





PIPA Task Teams

Three task teams established:

- Protecting Communities – Addressed concerns on lands **adjacent to** the pipeline rights-of-way to reduce the risk to communities
- Protecting Transmission Pipelines – Addressed concerns regarding activities **on** the transmission pipeline rights-of-way to reduce risks to the pipelines and community while preserving environmental resources
- Communication – Addressed issues of how risks to communities and transmission pipelines should be communicated among pipeline safety stakeholders
- Populated by volunteers, facilitated

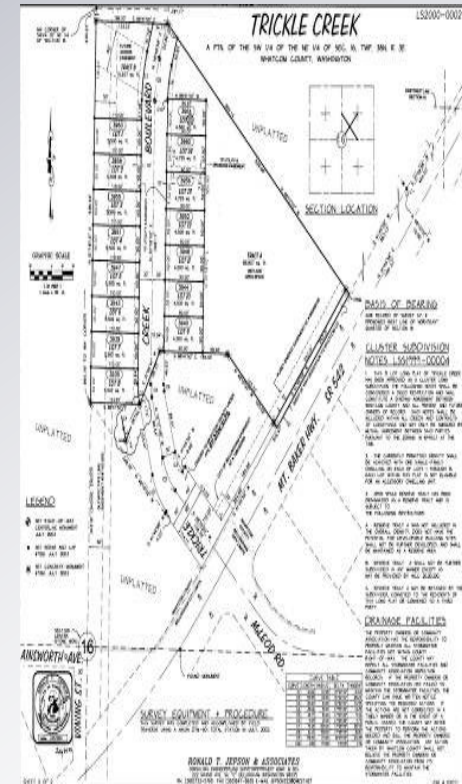




PIPA Report

Recommended Practice Scenarios:

- **Baseline (BL) Recommended Practices**
for either future community land use planning and development or new transmission pipeline siting.
- **New Development (ND) Recommended Practices**
for new development proposed in the vicinity of transmission pipelines.
- **New Pipeline (NP) Recommended Practices**
for transmission pipeline operators when planning routes and acquiring ROW for new transmission pipelines.



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PIPA Report

- Publish as an web-based document
- Printable
- Practices selectable by the stakeholder audience taking action
 - Local Government
 - Property Developer/Owner
 - Pipeline Operator
 - Real Estate Commission
- Each recommended practice will have a brief Practice Statement and a Practice Description





PIPA Status

- Consensus reached on majority of recommended practices
- Ongoing discussion between industry and local government / community representatives regarding Consultation Zone and Planning Zone recommendations
- Publication of the PIPA Report during fall 2009
- PHMSA presenting at national and state stakeholder conferences
- Communications Team evaluating options for getting the word out
- Evaluating path forward regarding “evergreen”
- Stakeholders are encouraged to begin consideration of the recommended practices as soon as they are published.





Stakeholder Communications

- Home
- General Public
- Local Officials
- State Regulators
- Federal Agencies
- Emergency Officials
- Advocates
- Industry
- Excavators

Print

Stakeholder Communications

Site Pages

- Pipeline Basics
- Safety Standards
- Inspection
- Enforcement
- Incident & Mileage Reports
- Damage Prevention
- Alternative Fuels
- Community Assistance and Technical Services
- Land Use Planning**
- Public Meetings
- Public Awareness
- Liquefied Natural Gas
- Pipeline Library
- Pipeline Glossary
- Links

State-specific information:

Choose One... ▾

We are the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) within the U. S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

OPS is the primary federal regulatory agency responsible for ensuring the safe, reliable, and environmentally sound operation of America's energy pipelines. We develop and implement pipeline safety regulations at the federal level, and we share regulatory responsibility with the states, with whom we oversee more than two million miles of pipelines.

We are changing the way pipelines are regulated and we have new strategies that are improving the operation of pipelines as well as public and environmental safety.

We are now more mindful than ever of the roles that others play in helping to ensure the safe, sustained flow of energy products across our country. We are actively partnering with state and local officials, first responders, excavators and the general public - among others - to "get the word out" on pipeline safety. All of us, in one way or another, are pipeline safety stakeholders.

On this website you will find information that you can use right now - regardless of your stakeholder interest -- to help ensure pipeline safety in your community. To begin, please select the stakeholder tab above that best describes you or select a topic from the menu on the left.

If you don't have time to browse our website you can follow this link to download a printable [brochure about OPS](#).

Be sure to come back and browse when you have more time.

Following are some recent items of interest related to pipeline safety. Please visit <http://phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline> for additional What's New and event information.



What's New

- PHMSA solicits additional research on alternative fuels and to address pipeline integrity issues with ethanol, biodiesel, biogas and hydrogen (October 2008)
- PHMSA Publishes Final Rule for Increasing Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure on Gas Transmission Pipelines (October 2008)
- PHMSA Issues Guide for Strengthening State Damage Prevention Programs (September 2008)
- PHMSA Advisory Bulletin: Pipeline Safety: Notice to Operators on the Regulatory Status of Direct Sales Pipelines (May 2008)
- PHMSA Advisory Bulletin: Pipeline Safety: Installation of Excess Flow Valves into Gas Service Lines (June 2008)
- Report - Virginia Pilot Project - Incorporating GPS Technology to Enhance One-Call Damage Prevention - Phase I: Electronic White-lining
- Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA)
- PHMSA Publishes Final Rule to Relax Applicability of Public Awareness Regulations to Certain Gas Distribution Operators (December 2007)
- NTSB Study on Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Systems in Liquid Pipelines (November 2005)

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Thanks for you time and consideration

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