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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PIPELINE SAFETY, TECHNICAL
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**MIDTERM PROGRESS REPORT
April 29, 2018**

The following PHMSA grant activities were implemented during the period September 29, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

1. Goal: Project Planning

Target Period: Quarter 1 - 3

Project Status:

- A. Information and new resource links were updated. Planning will continue as opportunities for outreach are identified.
- B. Updated the PBRPC Pipeline Safety webpage to include additional relevant information
- C. Collaboration with Texas 811 call centers, utility companies, business and local leaders will continue through participation in the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council meetings and regional activities.
- D. Provided project information to the PBRPC staff and the PBRPC Board of Directors. Pipeline industry representatives made presentation to PBRPC Board of Directors about pipeline safety initiatives. Reviewed the project objectives and discussed responsibilities of elected officials.
- E. Updated the Homeland Security program of the PBRPC to insure it receives on-going information targeted for the emergency coordinators throughout the region, and that it remains a member of the Damage Prevention Council.
- F. Collaborated with the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, Homeland Security Program to include pipeline hazards and safety issues in the Domestic Preparedness Advisory Committee information dissemination.
- G. Reviewed PHMSA and Texas Railroad Commission websites for new information and available links for resources.
- H. Scheduled events for National Safe Digging Month for April. Requested local municipalities and counties support in issuing public proclamations in support.

2. Goal: Extend public awareness to environmental advocacy organizations, recycling agencies, landscape and construction companies, and environmental/code enforcement officials

Target Period: Quarter 1 - 4

Project Status: Ongoing

- A. Attended meetings and disseminated information and educational materials to Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates and other related clean-up programs in region.
- B. Provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to local code enforcement offices, landscapers, and construction companies.
- C. Provided 811 and damage prevention materials to rural schools and cotton gin in northeastern area of the region.

3. Goal: Engage local public community and economic development offices, as well as chambers of commerce

Target Period: Quarter 2 – 4

Project Status: Ongoing

- A. Provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to local Chambers of Commerce, economic development corporations, and other local community events as they were identified.

4. Goal: Increase local government officials' awareness

Target Period: Quarter 2-4

Project Status: Ongoing

- A. Participated in planning activities of the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council, to host Permian Basin Safety Day, which will include safety training and live mock line strike demonstrations on June 7th, 2018 in Fort Stockton and June 12th, 2018 in Midland. The goal of the events is to spread the 811 message and provide education to elected officials, emergency management coordinators, excavators/contractors, first responders, and the general public. PBRPC invited the Safety Day organizers to speak with and disseminate information to the PBRPC Board of Directors made up of the chief elected officials representing 17 counties. PBRPC also outreached Emergency Coordinators, City Managers and the Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates in the Permian Basin region.
- B. The Pipeline Safety Public Education Meetings for local elected officials, municipal administrators, law enforcement agencies and emergency responders throughout the region were held in March 2018. PBRPC disseminated announcements and calendar to all elected and local officials, first responders and emergency coordinators in the region and encouraged their participation.
- C. Coordinated with the Homeland Security department of the PBRPC to co-sponsor the Pipeline Security in Rural Communities Course (AWR 302) in June. Pioneer

Resources will host the venue, the headquarters for US Department of Homeland Security will facilitate the course. All local stakeholders, including law enforcement, public leadership and the pipeline industry representatives will be invited to participate.

- D. Provided educational materials and decals to Public Works and Utility departments in thirteen counties with plans to reach the additional areas in the region.

5. Goal: Address needs of special target groups

Target Period: Quarter 1-4

Project Status: Completed; Ongoing

- A. Provided 811 educational materials and training videos to vocational and trade schools in the region; Oil and gas industry programs such as the Midland College Petroleum Professional Development Center, Williams Regional Technical Training Center, and Odessa College' Continuing Education department were targeted.
- B. Scheduled 811 awareness campaigns using local radio stations across PBRPC region for National Safe Digging Month. Public service announcements will be conducted in English and Spanish, and at various dates and times from April 2nd – April 6th, 2018.
- C. PBRPC created agreements with public transit, both urban and rural, to promote the 811 message and pipeline safety awareness during National Safe Digging month in April. PSAs printed and “wrapped” on buses will insure promotion throughout the region. The routes in the urbanized areas will impact two general population markets with a total population of over 300,000. The other routes will target the harder to reach rural and agriculture population estimated over 150,000.
- D. PBRPC will be participating in the Permian Basin Safety Days on June 7th, 2018 in Fort Stockton and June 12th, 2018 in Midland. PBRPC plans to promote the 811 message and provide pipeline safety awareness education to elected officials, first responders, emergency responders, excavator, homeowners and the general public.
- E. Disseminated 811 information and education/outreach materials to the public through Texas Agrilife Extension offices, 4-H organizations, plant nurseries, plumbing companies, and regional gardening groups.
- F. Began dissemination of 811 and safe digging information in rural areas, including cotton gin, agriculture supply stores and rural schools.
- G. Staff attended the Texas 811 Summit in February to gain best practices and for staff development opportunities. Staff participated in round table meetings with other Damage Prevention representatives and received damage prevention updates from across the state and the nation, which will be shared with local partners.