

# North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team

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Mr. Saurabh Vasudeva, Agreement Administrator  
U.S. Department of Transportation,  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, EE22-305  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: PHMSA Award # DTPH5615GPPT23

Dear Mr. Vasudeva:

The North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team is pleased to provide this final report on the successful completion of our Pipeline Technical Assistance Grant. The following activities were undertaken and accomplished as a result of this grant. The tasks are broken down into four categories.

The first category of the grant was a planning report to enhance planning and identifying vulnerable facilities near pipelines. The report includes suggestions on how to ensure that facilities and all responders are sharing the best available data. In the second task, the Team prepared and distributed to local media outlets a press release advising the public of steps being taken to enhance pipeline safety by emergency responders.

The third task consisted of the Team planning and conducting three pipeline tabletop exercises. The three exercises centered on emergency response activities with the compressor stations in Bradford (Brooker), Gilchrist (Bell), and Taylor (Perry) Counties. The final task consisted of purchasing a small trailer and pipeline training props. This has been integrated into the existing hazmat training programs of fire rescue departments in the region.

This grant has provided resources that have increased pipeline safety in north central Florida. As a result of this grant, pipeline operators and local emergency responders are now working closely together to increase public safety.

Thank you for your assistance with this public safety project. If you have any questions regarding this project, do not hesitate to contact Dwayne Mundy at 352-955-2200 x108 or [mundy@ncfrpc.org](mailto:mundy@ncfrpc.org).

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

xc: Ms. Karen Lynch, Agreement Officer's Representative