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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PIPELINE SAFETY, TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE GRANT**

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**MIDTERM PROGRESS REPORT
March 31, 2016**

The following PHMSA grant activities were implemented during the period September 30, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

1. Goal: Project Planning

Target Period: End Quarter 1; End Quarter 3

Project Status:

- A. Information, new resource links and emergency contact directory were updated. Planning will continue as opportunities for outreach are identified.
- B. 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.
- C. Provided project information to the PBRPC staff and the PBRPC Board of Directors. Reviewed the project objectives and discussed responsibilities of elected officials. Scheduled new elected official orientation for project period.
- D. PBRPC hosted the Permian Basin Oil and Gas Supply Chain Regional Resiliency conference. The conference addressed the transportation resiliency of the oil and gas infrastructure. Attendees included state and local law enforcement officials, oil and gas industry representatives, the FBI, and Texas Homeland Security Department representatives, Texas 811; and included a presentation by a Commissioner of the Texas Railroad Commission, the agency regulating the oil and gas industry in the state.
- 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 local code enforcement and conservation organizations

Target Period: Quarter 1 -4

Project Status: Ongoing

- A. Attended meetings and disseminated information and educational materials to Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates and in the region.
- B. Provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to local code enforcement offices.

3. Goal: Engage local public community development offices

Target Period: Quarter 2 – 4

Project Status: Ongoing

- A. Provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to local Chambers of Commerce and local community events as they were identified.
- B. Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Banquet with local business owners on February 16, 2016. PBRPC provided 811 and other pipeline safety materials for the Keep Big Spring Beautiful booth for the banquet.

4. Goal: Increase local government officials' awareness

Target Period: Quarter 2-3

Project Status: Ongoing

- A. Participated in planning activities of the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council, to host the inaugural Permian Basin Safety Day, which will include a live mock line strike demonstration on April 22nd, 2016. The goal of the event 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 2016. PBRPC disseminated announcements and calendar

to all elected and local officials, first responders and emergency coordinators in the region and encouraged their participation.

- C. Provided educational materials and decals to the Public Works department in two counties with plans to reach the other counties and cities in the region.

5. Goal: Promote pipeline safety awareness and 811 requirements throughout the region

Target Period: Quarter 2-4

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 and the Williams Regional Technical Training Center were targeted amongst others.
- 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 4th – April 8th, 2016.
- 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 200,000. The other routes will target the harder to reach rural and agriculture population estimated over 140,000.
- D. PBRPC will be participating in and sponsoring a booth at the inaugural Permian Basin Safety Day on April 22nd, 2016. 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, county livestock show, community health fairs, local 5k races, library events, community college literacy programs, and regional gardening groups.
- F. Staff attended the Texas 811 Summit and the Common Ground Alliance 811 Excavation Safety Conference & Expo 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 nation, which will be shared with local partners.