



## **Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission**

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**RE: Grant Agreement DTPH5615GPPT19, Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission**

Dear Agreement Officers:

Attached please find the final activity report for the PHMSA Technical Assistance project administered by the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission (PBRPC) for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

The PBRPC wishes to thank the U.S. Department of Transportation for the resources your department provided this region, enabling this agency to join the pipeline safety industry to promote pipeline safety and awareness in each of our jurisdictions. We are pleased to announce the partnerships between the public and private sector necessary to sustain all efforts will continue forward.

Sincerely,

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

**AWARD NO: DTPH5615GPPT 19**

**FINAL PROGRESS REPORT  
September 29, 2016**

The following PHMSA grant activities were implemented during the period April 1, 2016 through September 29, 2016. PBRPC will remain committed toward support of pipeline safety education and outreach activities throughout the region. The partnerships established between the private sector and local government agencies will be sustained and continued.

**1. Goal: Project Planning**

**Target Period: Quarter 1 - Quarter 4 (Final)**  
**Project Status: Project Completion**

- A. Information, new resource links and emergency contact directory were updated. Planning will continue as opportunities for outreach are identified, and website information will remain intact.
- B. Collaboration with Texas811 and Lonestar811 call centers, utility companies, business and local leaders continued through participation in the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council meetings and the regional activities implemented by the council. The PBRPC will maintain active membership and participate in education and outreach activities targeted at elected officials and homeland security agencies.
- C. Provided project information to the PBRPC staff and the PBRPC Board of Directors, on-going. Reviewed the project objectives and discussed responsibilities of elected officials during month of April board of directors meeting for the agency, at which time the board passed a formal Resolution proclaiming support of pipeline safety awareness throughout the region.
- D. PBRPC hosted the Permian Basin Oil and Gas Supply Chain Regional Resiliency conference in the first quarter. 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. The Homeland Security program of the PBRPC received 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 planning activities, and provided the necessary information to the Domestic Preparedness Advisory Committee to insure issues remain a priority for future planning.
- 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. Outreached all local municipalities and counties to support activities by issuing formal public resolutions and proclamations.

**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 the following Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates and conservation groups in the region:
  - a. Keep Odessa Beautiful
  - b. Keep Midland Beautiful
  - c. Keep Big Spring Beautiful
  - d. Keep Historic Fort Stockton Beautiful
  - e. Re-Klaim Kermit
- B. Provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to six 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. These local events include Healthy Kid's Day (Odessa), Summer Reading Kick-Off (Midland), and I Will Survive Event (Permian Basin Red Cross).
- B. Provided outreach materials to local municipalities and offered assistance in their planning and additional local public/private activities which may provide outreach opportunities.
- C. 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 2-4**

**Project Status: Ongoing**

- A. Participated in planning activities for the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council to host the inaugural Permian Basin Safety Day. The Safety Day included a live, mock line strike demonstration held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. The goal of the event was to promote "Call Before You Dig" 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 staff by attended these meetings, disseminated announcements, and encouraged participation from all local officials, first responders and emergency coordinators in the region.
- C. An additional CoRE Pipeline Safety Program session was held on September 20<sup>th</sup> in Midland. PBRPC disseminated announcements and calendar to all elected and local officials, first responders and emergency coordinators in the region and encouraged their participation.
- D. Provided educational materials and decals to the Public Works department in five 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 at vocational and trade schools throughout the region; including high schools, and community college trades programs such as oil and gas industry programs such as the Midland College Petroleum Professional Development Center and the Williams Regional Technical Training Center. Targeted elementary and high schools, with special outreach conducted in rural and agriculture areas through local 4H and County Extension offices. Staff provided education materials during special events at area schools as opportunities arose during the school year.

- B. Scheduled 811 awareness campaigns using local radio stations across PBRPC region for National Safe Digging Month. Public service announcements were conducted in English and Spanish, and at various dates and times from April 4<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 ensure 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 participated in and sponsored a booth at the inaugural Permian Basin Safety Day held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. PBRPC promoted the 811 message of “Call Before You Dig” and provided 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 shows, 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 roundtable meetings with other Damage Prevention representatives and received damage prevention updates from across the nation, and information was shared with local partners.
- G. Provided educational materials and decals for local equipment rental businesses to place on heavy equipment inventory. Provided the same to agriculture stores, and plant nurseries in the region for dissemination to customers. Insured recipients obtained necessary education as materials were presented.
- H. Outreached the Permian Home Builders Association and provided educational materials and 811 decals to local homebuilders to give new homeowners as part of a welcome package.
- I. Provided 811 educational materials to local nonprofits throughout the region, such as the West Texas Food Bank and Catholic Charities. These materials were then made available to clients and customers.
- J. PBRPC staff is scheduled to participate in the Permian Basin International Oil Show in October as part of the outreach efforts of the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council. The International Oil Show will target over 700 different companies from

pipeline operators, excavators, and oil and gas producers, as well as the local leadership in the public sector.