



**The best communication
starts with the most accurate information.**

We are the key holders of that information

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Importance of Data Transparency

- ❖ **Joint Data Goal of PHMSA and API**
 - Understand the pipeline industry's record
 - Learn from the record to drive improvement
 - Communicate the record to the industry, regulators and the public.

- ❖ **Accuracy is key**
 - If information is inconsistent, then the confidence of the public is lost

- ❖ **Today's session:**
 - The use of the PPTS Data
 - Linkage to DOT-submitted Data
 - Feedback from Workshop participants on DOT reporting issues
 - Possible action items

How is PPTS Data used?

- ❖ **Industry uses information to drive toward the stated goal of 0 spills, 0 deaths and 0 injuries, and no operating error**
 - Companies use information to evaluate themselves relative to the industry
 - Industry uses combined data to communicate improvements in pipeline safety
- ❖ **Information has been used to influence legislation**
 - Recent Pipeline Reauthorization Legislation
- ❖ **PPTS data is reviewed and validated for accuracy before finalizing and communicated**

Public's Request for Information

- ❖ **Public is becoming more vocal in their requests**
- ❖ **PHMSA is aggressively working to respond to these requests**
- ❖ **PHMSA is being pressed by Multiple Stakeholders for information on pipelines in their communities**
 - First National Workshop held by Public on pipelines in their communities November 2006
- ❖ **Consistent, Accurate Information is imperative**

Submittal of Data to PHMSA

- ❖ **Type of data submitted**
 - Infrastructure
 - Incident Information
- ❖ **How is information submitted?**
 - Electronic
 - Paper
- ❖ **When is incident data submitted?**
 - Within 30 days of incident
 - Updated when information changes
 - Finalized when data is complete
- ❖ **When is infrastructure data submitted?**
 - Annually in June for snapshot of previous year-end

Submittal of Data to PPTS

❖ **Timing of Incident Submittal**

- Either during the year or before end of February
- If submitted during the year, update as data changes

❖ **Timing of Infrastructure Submittal**

- Before end of February

Sources of Inconsistencies in Data

- ❖ **Companies have different people submitting information to API and PHMSA**
- ❖ **Data is submitted at different times**
- ❖ **Data changes and both databases are not updated consistently**
- ❖ **PPTS data is reviewed for relative accuracy by 3rd Party**
- ❖ **PHMSA data is not reviewed by 3rd Party for accuracy (changing)**

New PHMSA Website

- ❖ **Site used by Operators for Online Data entry**
- ❖ **Site also available to Stakeholders for viewing pipeline data**
 - Recently made more user friendly
- ❖ **PHMSA Website Link**
 - <http://ops.dot.gov/>
 - ODES – Online Data Entry System
 - Stakeholder Communications
 - Created to provide Stakeholders with Information on Pipeline Safety

Errors in PHMSA Data

- ❖ **Examples have been reported by operators of PHMSA data being wrong**
- ❖ **Please review your company submitted data for accuracy when completed**
- ❖ **Correct any errors with PHMSA**
- ❖ **Examples of errors**
 - Wall thickness
- ❖ **If you report these incidents to your PPTS representative or with any member of the API Data Mining Team, we can communicate these to PFMSA to convince them to validate their data for accuracy.**

Accuracy and Transparency

- ❖ **Imperative that we supply consistent accurate information to PHMSA and PPTS**
- ❖ **Information is being used by Industry and PHMSA to Communicate their Positions on Pipeline Safety**
- ❖ **Historically information was just internally used**
- ❖ **Now the primary use is external communications for both Industry and Regulators**
 - Much of your data was used during this years debate on the recently approved Pipeline Reauthorization Act
- ❖ **Remember: the Best Communication starts with the most accurate information and we are the key holders of that information.**