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MIDSTREAM COMMITTEE UPDATE

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Dear Midstream Committee members,

As Texas turns a corner and recovers from the impacts of the recent polar vortex, I hope you too have fully recovered. As we re-engage with many of you who were actively recovering from the cold weather and the subsequent power and water issues, some of the stories we have heard of both the impacts and the recovery are quite amazing. I hope this note finds you, your family and friends healthy and well, and we continue to hold you and the rest of the impacted communities in our thoughts and prayers. Please don't hesitate to let us know if we can assist in any way.

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The next two meetings of the Midstream Committee will be one-hour update calls on Tuesday, March 23 and Wednesday, April 28th. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday May 26th. Calendar invites for all of these have been sent out, but if you are having trouble finding them, please let me know.

Please know that the API staff are here to support you wherever needed, and I would encourage you to reach out to any of us if can be of any assistance.

Best,



Robin Rorick
Vice President
Midstream & Industry Operations

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RP 1185 Task Group Makes Progress on Engagement

On February 24, members of the RP 1185, Pipeline Public Engagement, Task Group met virtually to continue their efforts to develop the draft RP. In the three-hour call, participants reviewed content from RP 1162; Public Awareness Programs for Pipeline Operators, specifically, Audience Group definitions; and Delivery Methods that with some modifications may be applicable to RP 1185. Additionally, participants reviewed an early draft outline of the RP and provided feedback, reflecting the group's intention to mirror common elements of RPs 1162 and 1173, as well as structure engagement by stages of a pipeline's life cycle, including pre-construction, construction, operations, emergency responses, and abandonment. The team also discussed key audiences for

engagement during the life cycle stages, with members asked to further build out the audience categories in advance of the next meeting. Lastly, the group started a discussion around pre-construction, including audience types and delivery methods, as the first stage in the life cycle. Several participants noted that this was a highly productive meeting with the group now working on tangible content. During the next group call on March 10, the group will look to further define key audiences, may potentially view some case studies from operators and government officials, and continue working on the life cycle stages. For more information, contact [Dave Murk](#).

Pipeline SMS Featured on Pipeliners Podcast

In mid-February, API and the Pipeline SMS Steering Committee Chair, John Hill, Black Hills Energy were featured on the Pipeliners Podcast. This is the second podcast in a series of six that API is partnering with the Podcast to produce. This week's episode discussed the progress industry has made by publishing RP 1173 and by encouraging a broad range of pipeline operators to participate, with an unprecedented nine trade associations involved. The podcast was also a great opportunity to discuss further opportunities for collaboration and the connectivity with API's PSMS Assessment Program, while encouraging more people start their PSMS journey. Click [here](#) to listen to the podcast. March will include additional podcasts on API RP 1169 Pipeline Construction Inspections and RP 1183, Assessment and Management of Dents in Pipelines. For more information on Pipeline SMS, contact [Sam Minifie](#). For more information about API's Pipeline SMS Assessment Program, contact [David Toth](#) or [Colin Frazier](#).

Participate in the 2021 PAPERS Cycle!

The sign-up and enrollment period for the [Public Awareness Program Effectiveness Research Survey \(PAPERS\)](#) remains open through the end of April. Transmission operators are required to evaluate their public awareness programs regularly, and the PAPERS program provides a best-in class methodology used by industry peers for over a decade. The survey complies with the requirements of API RP 1162, Public Awareness Programs, and this year, the survey analysis will provide operators with draft responses to PHMSA Form 21 regulatory questions. Please feel free to connect with us for additional information on the program or to speak with an industry peer who has participated previously. For more information, contact [Sam Minifie](#).

Reminder: Application Deadline for 2020 API Distinguished Pipeline Safety Award

The API 2020 Distinguished Pipeline Safety Awards [application](#) deadline is quickly approaching. Companies will have until close-of-business March 4, 2021 to submit their applications. If you have any questions regarding the 2020 Distinguished Pipeline Safety Awards application and [guidance](#) document please send a request to pipelineawards@api.org.

API strives to identify an exemplary level of both occupational and operational safety in our Distinguished Pipeline Safety Awards, recognizing our operators' performance in the pipeline industry. Winners of a Distinguished Pipeline Safety Award—in the categories of small, medium and large operator—demonstrate leadership in fostering a safety culture; are proactive in their sharing and learning of leading practices; and participate in API policy and technical work, including the implementation of Recommended Practice (RP) 1173. Recipients are chosen by a Selection Team of their peers from members of the API Environment, Health, and Safety Group (EHSG). The Selection Team carefully examines the performance, management, and culture utilizing the specific screening and selection criteria. Selection will not be based on statistical measurement alone but will also be determined by the organization's written application, which will include pertinent information relative to the organization's implementation of RP 1173 and participation and sharing amongst the industry. For the 2020 award, there have been some revisions to the application in relation to the weighting and utilization of metrics in determination of final evaluation.

The Distinguished Pipeline Safety Awards will be presented as part of the annual API Pipeline Conference which will be held virtually throughout April. The virtual awards presentation will be held via Microsoft Teams on April 20th at 11:30 AM Eastern. The 2019 Award winners included Marathon Pipe Line (Large Operator), Colonial Pipeline Company (Medium Operator) and Citgo (Small Operator). For more information, contact [Paul Hartman](#).

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MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE CAMPAIGN

API Holds Marine Coalition Meeting

On February 24, API convened a meeting of the marine coalition. Bringing together maritime trades, industry trades that rely heavily on US marine infrastructure, and labor, the coalition was originally formed by API over a year ago to align on needed maritime infrastructure improvement issues. Following a highly successful advocacy campaign leading to the finalizing of WRDA 2020, members are now focused on engaging with the USACE to ensure the industry's voice is heard throughout the implementation process. The coalition discussed the opportunity to engage with the US Army Corp of Engineers at their upcoming listening sessions. Members also reaffirmed their dedication to keeping the coalition updated on additional opportunities to advocate for sufficient funding of US ports and waterways.

Last week's meeting gave members an opportunity to discuss potential funding opportunities for ports and waterways and align on efforts to ensure the maritime coalition's voice is heard. Members agreed to increase advocacy efforts following the outcome of the COVID relief funding bill, specifically to pursue forward leaning opportunities that will be paramount in ensuring industry needs for the maritime sector are understood and supported. Lastly, members discussed the need to engage in the topic of climate, as it is a key policy aspect moving forward for all infrastructure projects. Federal government grant funding programs now must address climate resilience equity, low carbon and emissions considerations to secure grant funding. Moving forward, the coalition will closely follow developments in the anticipated infrastructure bill, support WRDA implementation guidance, and build a supportive climate message to provide a cohesive voice in future maritime infrastructure narratives. For more information, contact [Kenny Roberts](#).

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

See below for updated Communications activity:

- Helped shape narrative of two Fox Business articles discussing how canceling pipeline projects could lead to increased rail congestion and negatively impact Midwest farmers.
 - [Fox Business](#): Biden Shutting Dakota Access Pipeline Would Cause Food Prices To Spike
 - [Fox Business](#): Biden Halting Dakota Access Pipeline Will Increase Transportation Costs, SD Farmer Says
- Activated third-party voices to further amplify the benefits of pipeline infrastructure development to America's economic recovery.
 - [Missoulian](#): Cancelling the Keystone XL Pipeline Puts U.S.-Canada Relations on the Wrong Foot
 - [The Hill](#): Biden's Treatment of Energy Firms is no Way to Run a Healthy Economy
 - [Traverse City Eagle Record](#): To Embrace Michigan's Energy Future, Gov. Whitmer Should Let the Process Work
 - [Washington Examiner](#): Biden's Next Big Pipeline Decision Could Deepen Clash of Greens and Unions
- Published blog posts highlighting bipartisan support for energy infrastructure and the economic consequences of the Keystone XL Pipeline cancellation.
 - [API Blog](#): Pipeline Infrastructure as a Bipartisan Issue
 - [API Blog](#): Lost Infrastructure is Lost Opportunity for Local Businesses and Communities

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Point of Contact
March 10	RP 1185 Task Group Meeting	Teams	Dave Murk
March 11	Pipeline Steering Group Monthly Call	Teams	Dave Murk
March 16	API Public Engagement & Awareness Group Call	Teams	Sam Minifie
March 16	API/AOPL Damage Prevention Work Group Call	Teams	Sam Minifie

March 17	API-AOPL Performance Excellence Team Winter Meeting	Teams	Dave Murk
March 18	Pipeline SMS Industry Team Call	Teams	Sam Minifie
March 19	EHS Pipeline Week	Teams	Paul Hartman
March 25	Gathering Lines Meeting	Teams	Damon Evans
March 26	Natural Gas Infrastructure Subcommittee	Teams	Paul Hartman
April 5	Rail Policy Subcommittee	Teams	Paul Hartman
April 15	API-AOPL Pipeline Safety Excellence Steering Committee	Teams	David Murk
April 19	API Pipeline Subcommittee Steering Group	Teams	David Murk
April 20	API-AOPL Pipeline Leadership	Teams	David Murk
April 20 – May 20	API Pipeline, Control Room and Cybernetics Conf	Teams	David Murk
May 27	Gathering Lines Meeting	Teams	Damon Evans