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Dear Midstream Committee Members,

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As a reminder, our next meeting of the Midstream Committee will be virtual and is scheduled to take place September 22nd from 2:00 to 3:30 eastern. An agenda and materials will be sent out a week prior to the meeting, but if there is any issue/topic that you want to be sure we discuss, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Be Safe and Well,

Best,



Robin Rorick
Vice President
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PIPELINE SAFETY
API Hosts Virtual Tailgate

On August 17, API held its third Virtual Tailgate of 2021. During the Tailgate, members provided an important safety share on a recent incident. The incident occurred during a horizontal directional drilling (HDD) operation where a worker was fatally struck when the drill pipe unexpectedly rotated. The presenters shared lessons learned as well as steps taken to prevent similar incidents from occurring. Approximately 250 participants joined the call, which also featured a Q&A session after the presentation. Looking ahead, API is planning its annual Pipeline Information eXchange (PIX), which will take place in November. PIX is another opportunity for pipeline operators to share and learn from one another. PIX presentations typically include incidents, best practices, or lessons learned. If your organization would like to present during PIX, contact [David Murk](#).

Public Engagement RP Task Group Meets Virtually

Earlier this month, the RP 1185, *Pipeline Public Engagement*, Task Group met virtually to continue progress on drafting the first edition of the RP. The group heard a presentation on participatory engagement, where stakeholders play an active role in decisions and processes which impact their lives, as well as in the co-design and co-production of engagement programs and metrics. While full participatory engagement may not be feasible for every pipeline in every community, this presentation provided attendees with the values and trademarks of participatory processes. Attendees also discussed tribal engagement with two leading tribal experts on the Task Group, including the importance of government-to-government negotiations and cultural sensitivities. The group also planned for their September engagement, which was proposed for in-person at API's offices in Washington, DC, but is being postponed due to travel restrictions and safety protocols from the Delta variant. Recognizing the importance of in-person meetings, the Task Group will try to reconvene in person later this year and will push their deadline for a completed and published RP into the first part of 2022. For more information, contact [Sam Minifie](#).

API Promotes 811 Day

On August 11, API and other trade associations promoted National 811 Day to support excavation damage prevention to critical underground infrastructure. API issued a [blog post](#) discussing the importance of calling 811, even for home improvements or do-it-yourself projects, and [provided free copies](#) of damage prevention-related standards and recommended practices. National 811 Day also coincides with Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Safe and Sound Week from August 9-15, which focuses on highlighting occupational and environmental safety for pipeline operators and contractors alike. For more information, contact [Sam Minifie](#).

PRCI Hosts Leak Detection R&D Workshop

On August 13, the Pipeline Research Consortium International (PRCI) concluded four days of workshop sessions on leak detection research priorities and gaps. Panels addressed internal and external leak detection methods, continuous and noncontinuous approaches, and external stakeholder perspectives. On the latter, API and AOPL participated on a panel of industry trade associations that followed a government panel of representatives from Department of Energy (DOE), Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and PHMSA. Breakout sessions discussed where industry needs to go with leak detection research and standards, which groups and agencies offer collaboration opportunities, and challenges to executing future research. API and AOPL are actively coordinating with member companies holding leadership and contributing roles in PRCI in support of liquids industry priorities. For more information, contact [Dave Murk](#).

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Communications

API has engaged on a variety of topics via press releases, social media, and op-eds:

- Issued a [press release](#) and conducted one-on-one interviews to highlight the publication of the third edition of API Standard 1164, *Pipeline Control Systems Cybersecurity*, and underscore the industry's commitment to protecting the nation's critical energy infrastructure.
- [Bloomberg Government](#): Oil Industry Group API Updates Cybersecurity Standard for Pipes
- [E&E News](#): API Issues Cybersecurity Guidelines In Wake of Pipeline Hack
- [Rigzone](#): API Updates Pipeline Cybersecurity Standard
- [Washington Examiner](#): Daily on Energy: Industry Promotes New Cyber Standard for Pipelines
- Promoted National 811 Day and the importance of safe excavation practices with an [e-communication](#) and [social media posts](#).
- Worked with Jim Gilmore, former governor of Virginia and U.S. ambassador to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to place an op-ed in RealClear Energy focusing on Biden's contradicting actions of shutting down the Keystone XL pipeline while giving Nord Stream 2, the prominent Russian pipeline, a go-ahead for completion.

- RealClear Energy: Critical U.S. Pipelines Remain Stopped, As Russian Pipelines Are Greenlighted

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