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Executive Update

Dear API Executive:

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All the best,



Mike Sommers
President and CEO

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On “811 Day,” API Encourages Americans to Call 8-1-1 Before They Dig

On Wednesday, August 11, API Marked “811 Day” by highlighting the 8-1-1 infrastructure safety hotline, sending an e-communication to lawmakers and posting a suite of social media posts to drive home its importance. The federally mandated “call-before-you-dig” number is available to Americans in every state. According to the Common Ground Alliance, there are more than 20 million miles of underground utilities in communities across the nation. Estimates indicate that a buried utility is damaged in the U.S. every 9 minutes – causing potential injuries and service outages. By picking up the phone and calling 8-1-1, all Americans can reduce their risk of striking an underground line to less than 1%. We recommended that expert-level professional contractors and DIY homeowners alike use the hotline to learn where utilities are located before breaking ground on home improvement or other construction projects. In conveying this information, we also pointed out that our industry’s commitment to safety and sustainability has contributed to a 38% decrease in liquids pipeline incidents impacting people or the environment over the past five years, even as pipeline mileage and barrels delivered increased.

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Weekly Highlights

REMINDER: Complete Survey for 2022 Issue Prioritization by Aug. 20

API annually surveys member CEOs to confirm the issues most critical to the industry and to ensure API’s agenda reflects our member’s priorities. This Issue Prioritization is based on the approach developed by API Management and approved by the Board of Directors in recent years. The recommended Issue Prioritization for 2022 was distributed on July 23 for your consideration and response by Friday, Aug. 20. Using the survey results, we will work with the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee to finalize API’s priorities and proposed budget for 2022 for review and approval by the Board of Directors at the November Annual Meeting.

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Regulatory and Legal Updates

API Publishes Standard to Enhance Process Safety Performance for Refining and Petrochemical Facilities

On Tuesday, API published the 3rd Edition of Recommended Practice (RP) 754 – Process Safety Performance Indicators for the Refining and Petrochemical Industries, an American National Standard, to assist in assessing and mitigating risk to improve safety performance. RP 754 was designed to identify leading and lagging process safety indicators useful for driving operational safety and system sustainability improvements at downstream facilities. The standard helps facilities implement a comprehensive program to reduce safety hazards through a system of continuous assessment and improvement, identifying trends and underlying causes and taking action to prevent their occurrence. RP 754 is not mandated by U.S. federal or state regulations, but it supports U.S. OSHA Process Safety Management regulation and other similar international regulations by identifying and creating a standard measure of safety performance indicators. RP 754 is also used in API's Process Safety Site Assessment Program (PSSAP®) and API's Process Safety Event data collection efforts.

Join the leadership of the API RP 754 standard development committee on September 16 for a [free webinar](#), as they review the major changes to the newly released 3rd edition.

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API Expands the Use of Standards in South America through MOU with Guyana National Bureau of Standards

Today, [API signed](#) a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS), which provides Guyana's primary standards setting agency access to API standards and increases collaboration on safety guidelines and requirements for the country's growing energy industry. The MOU expands the ability of American and Guyanese subject matter experts to collaborate. Ongoing joint meetings and workshops with GNBS will be used to adopt and promote API's best-in-class standards, protocols, guidelines and recommended practices to enhance safety and environmental practices in Guyana. "We are pleased to partner with GNBS to advance safe and sustainable energy development in Guyana," Senior Vice President of API's Global Industry Services Debra Phillips said. "This agreement brings proven API standards to Guyana at the inception of its energy resources development, prioritizing safety, sustainability and environmental protection at this critical moment." The partnership reinforces several steps taken by API and Guyana in recent years to strengthen cooperation on information sharing and training. API also [signed an MOU](#) earlier this year with the Centre for Local Business Development (the Centre), Guyana's premier organization for natural gas and oil information, training and policy advocacy.

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API-Ohio Hires State Mobilization Manager

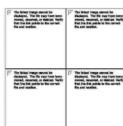
API Ohio announced this week that Todd M. Shelton has joined the organization as state mobilization manager. Shelton will lead the development and coordination of API Ohio's network of energy advocates, who support the significant contributions the industry makes to our daily lives. "Todd is a welcomed addition to the API Ohio team," API Executive Director Chris Zeigler said. "His deep understanding of grassroots organizing and the region's political landscape will be a tremendous asset as we support our members and enhance our efforts to advocate for the responsible development of our abundant energy resources."

A former director of regional public affairs for the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), Shelton is a native of Cleveland, OH. A Kent State University graduate, Shelton has more than 15 years of professional experience in economic development, building public-private partnerships and developing grassroots advocates. Prior to his most recent role at NAM, which included responsibility for issue advocacy, mobilization and political affairs in Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, and Pennsylvania, he served six years as the southeast Ohio district director for U.S. Senator Rob Portman. Shelton was the director of the Athens (OH) County Economic Development Council from 2008 until 2012. He started his career in 2005 as a personal aide to U. S. Senator George Voinovich.

Shelton joins API's external mobilization team, which is led by API Vice President of External Mobilization Steve Sisneros.

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