

PIPELINE RISK MANAGEMENT

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Special Edition

Reaching Out to the Community— OPS to Broadcast its Second Satellite-Based Video Presentation on the Status of the Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program

The Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) will sponsor its second satellite-based video presentation on the status of the Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program on Wednesday, September 17, 1997, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will air the program as a part of its Emergency Education Network's (EENET) 150th broadcast.

In addition, the program will be available via new Internet technology. Information, links to the show, and the necessary software to view it are found on the Town Meeting Homepage at: <http://ops.dot.gov/tmvid.htm>. You may also contact John Hess for additional information at (202) 366-4576 or via e-mail at pipeline.safety@rspa.dot.gov.

This program will feature updates on demonstration projects OPS is considering. It will show how safety and environmental officials, and other members of the public can learn about and easily comment on projects being considered in their communities. Viewers can learn where to get additional information and how to provide comments on any aspect of the program. If you have questions you would like addressed on this or

future broadcasts, please send them via e-mail pipeline.safety@rspa.dot.gov to John.

Here are some ways you can watch this broadcast:

- View the broadcast via Internet (start at the links at the Town Meeting Homepage, address <http://ops.dot.gov/tmvid.htm>).
- Contact your local television cable company and ask if they will carry this EENET video broadcast.
- Contact your local government cable access office for specific information. Many local governments have dedicated internal cable systems that carry programs such as these to their offices and other facilities.
- Use a local facility that has a Television Receive-Only dish. Many schools (elementary, secondary, and community colleges), hospitals, or local hotels and motels have these facilities.
- Rent a portable Television Receive-Only dish and have it set up at your viewing place.
- Set up a Television Receive-Only dish at your viewing facility.

The technical information necessary to align the receiver dish with one of the satellites is:

C-Band

Galaxy 6
Transponder 11
Downlink Freq: 3920 MHZ
Audio Frequency: 6.2/6.8
Location: 74 degrees West
Polarity: Horizontal

KU-Band

SBS 6
Transponder 14
Downlink Freq: 12043.5 MHZ
Audio Frequency: 6.2/6.8
Location: 74 degrees West
Polarity: Vertical

A technical test will be shown 15 minutes before broadcast. For additional information on the broadcast, call EENET at 1-800-527-4893.

This broadcast, as well as the previous Risk Management Town Meeting of June 5, 1997, will be available on videotape. Individuals may borrow copies of the videotapes from their state pipeline safety office or OPS. To borrow copies of the videotapes via the OPS Homepage, follow the instructions at <http://ops.dot.gov>, or contact OPS by e-mail at pipeline.safety@rspa.dot.gov.

OPS Hosts Risk Management Public Meeting and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings

On November 19, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Department of Transportation's Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) will host a Public Meeting to update you on the Risk Management Demonstration Program and to receive your input on the progress we have made thus far on specific demonstration projects and other studies. The agenda will include an overview of the demonstration projects, an update on what we

have learned from the consultation process, a discussion of the potential benefits of the projects and technologies used, an update on the progress of the LDC RAQT, and more. Following the meeting, individuals will be available to answer questions about specific demonstration projects and to demonstrate how to use the Pipeline Safety Risk Management Information System (PRIMIS).

The Risk Management Public Meeting is being held in between two technical advisory committee meetings. The Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards and the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committees (THLPSSC & TPSSC) will meet on November 18 and 19. The THLPSC will meet during the morning of November 18, followed by a joint session of the THLPSC and the TPSSC in

Technical Advisory Committee *(continued)*

the afternoon. The TPSSC will meet on the afternoon of November 19 following the risk management meeting.

These meetings also are open to the public. Members of the public may speak on meeting topics. Meeting agendas will be published in the *Federal Register* in the near future. Due to the limited time available, each person who wants to make an oral statement must notify Peggy Thompson, at (202) 366-1933, no later than October 24, 1997 of the topics to be addressed and the time needed to address each topic.

Please join us at the Adam's Mark Hotels and Resorts, 2900 Briarpark

Drive at Westheimer, Houston, TX 77042. Rooms have been reserved under the U.S. Department of Transportation. The hotel rate is \$78 (federal and state employees must present a tax exemption form at check-in). To make hotel reservations, call (800) 436-2326. The hotel fax number is (713) 735-2727.

Hotel accommodations are reserved from November 17 through November 20. You must call the Adam's Mark by October 24, 1997, to guarantee your reservations with a major credit card. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check out time is noon. A \$25.00 fee will be

assessed on early departures not verified at check-in.

The Adam's Mark Hotel is 35 minutes from Houston's Intercontinental and Hobby airports. Hourly shuttle and taxi service are available to either airport.

If you have any questions regarding the Risk Management Public Meeting, please call Janice Morgan at (202) 366-2392. If you'd like to speak with someone regarding the Technical Advisory Committee Meetings, contact Peggy Thompson, at (202) 366-1933. Both Janice and Peggy will be happy to assist you with information regarding the hotel arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Risk Management Public Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 1997
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. • Houston, TX
Draft Agenda

<p>8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>RSPA Perspectives</p> <p>Risk Management Demonstration Project Overview</p> <p>What we've Learned from the Consultation Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview - Benefits - Use of Technologies <p>Talking about Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal Role - State Role - Industry Perspective - Public Perspective 	<p>9:30</p> <p>Break</p> <p>9:45</p> <p>What's next?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing Performance Measures - Audit Process <p>Audience Questions and Comments</p> <p>LDC RAQT Kick-Off</p> <p>11:55</p> <p>Closing</p>
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Pipeline Risk Management is published once each quarter by the Joint Risk Assessment Quality Team (JRAQT). The goal of this newsletter is to communicate information to our sponsors and stakeholders on the activities of JRAQT and related risk management activities within OPS and the pipeline industry.

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