



# Draft *Pipeline Safety Management System* Released to Public

Reflects Joint Industry, Regulator & Public Effort to Improve Pipeline Safety

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**Washington, DC** – Today, a joint group of pipeline safety stakeholders, including gas and liquid pipeline operators, federal and state regulators, safety experts and public representatives, released for public comment a draft Pipeline Safety Management System (PSMS).

The work is the product of a recommendation by the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) for the American Petroleum Institute (API) to convene a group to develop a formal framework for pipeline operators to monitor, measure and improve pipeline safety performance continuously over time.

The draft PSMS released today reflects extensive discussions with operators of all sizes and levels of sophistication, federal and state regulators, process safety and safety culture experts, and other industry sectors such as nuclear, refining and aviation successfully applying safety management systems.

The public is invited to comment on the draft, which will also undergo API's industry balloting approval process and meet the requirements of the American National Standards Institute, as recommended by NTSB. The draft's release comes after a day-long public workshop on the benefits of safety management systems hosted by the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. The public may comment on the draft until April 11, 2014, at: <http://ballots.api.org/login.aspx> Ballot ID#: 3178 Log In ID#: <leave blank>.

## A Pipeline Safety Management System (PSMS) Will Help Improve Pipeline Safety

PSMS will help pipeline operators continuously and comprehensively track and improve their safety performance. Users will have better information on the safety of their systems, learn where they can improve safety, and measure their progress toward improved safety performance. PSMS help management emphasize safety, increase a culture of safety across an entire organization, provide measurable progress toward safety goals, and regular, continuous incorporation of safety improvement into everyday operations.

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## A Recommended Practice

The work of the group is intended to result in an industry-wide recommended practice that will guide pipeline operators on how best to implement and benefit from a PSMS. Many operators already use management systems. This PSMS will allow them to compare their current systems and make adjustments to fit their companies. Many are doing the same kind of things to bring continuous safety improvement. A PSMS will bring a regular, formal structure with an emphasis on management commitment, safety assurance and stakeholder involvement. Others will benefit from learning how formally to measure, track and improve their safety performance.

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