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What’s Happening Nationally to Make Pipelines Safer?
Congressional Involvement and Oversight

In December 2011 Congress passed the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011
That Act contained many things that the public had been asking for.

- Expanding Integrity Management
- Increased Fines
- Automated shut off valves
- Increased Transparency
  - High Consequence Areas
  - Spill Response Plans
  - Incorporated Standards
- Leak Detection
- Study Oil Sands Transportation
- Gathering Lines
- Confirmation of MAOP
Major federal and state rulemakings

- Federal
  - Hazardous Liquid Pipeline ANPRM
  - Natural Gas Transmission ANPRM
  - Implementation of Distribution IMP
  - Excess Flow VAlves
  - Control Room Management

- States
  - Upgrading Damage Prevention Laws
  - Responding to tragedies
  - Responding to New Pipelines
    - Gathering Lines
    - High profile lines – Keystone XL
National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Recommendations

- Recommended that the U.S. Secretary of Transportation Audit PHMSA’s Oversight
  - Of Industry Inspections
  - Of PHMSA Enforcement Policies
  - Of State Pipeline Safety Programs
- Recommended that PHMSA
  - Require pipeline companies to provide local emergency response agencies pipeline information
  - Require better leak detection and automated valves
  - Require pressure testing of gas transmission lines
  - Require all gas pipelines to accommodate smart pigs
Unprecedented Press Coverage
Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA)
Community Technical Assistance Grants

The grants provide funds to communities for specialized assistance and analyses of locally focused pipeline safety issues and help promote public participation in official proceedings. Local projects can range from public awareness activities to technology solutions.

"The Department recognizes the vital roles that communities play in pipeline safety. These grants will provide them with the resources to develop solutions that make sense where they live and work."

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Greater Transparency of Pipeline Information
Increasing the Public Involvement in Pipeline Safety