

# Transparency Review of Pipeline Safety Websites

The Trust has surveyed all the different state pipeline safety agency websites since 2011, and scored them based on the ease of finding what an interested citizen might want to find. Nearly all states have a regulatory body focused on some aspect of pipeline safety within their state, though the specifics vary a great deal.

Finding information does not need to be difficult – we use scoring criteria to review state agency websites on the transparency of their pipeline safety information. Our sixth annual review is presented here, and is on our website under “Transparency of Pipeline Information.”

This year we had a first. Not only is there a three-way tie for first place, but three states achieved a perfect score. Arkansas and Washington are joined at the top by Nevada who took great steps to improve their site this year. Want to improve your state’s score next year? Contact Kate Blystone, Outreach Manager, at [kate@pstrust.org](mailto:kate@pstrust.org) for tips.

	Finding agency web site	Contacts for agency staff	Access to statutes, regulations	Describe what state regulates	Transmission pipeline maps	Pipeline company contact info	Inspection records	Incident data	Enforcement data	Excavation damage data	Siting & routing info	Total Score
<a href="#">Arkansas</a>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	33
<a href="#">Nevada</a>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	33
<a href="#">Washington</a>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	33
<a href="#">PHMSA</a>	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	2	3	3	1	28
<a href="#">Minnesota</a>	2	3	3	3	3	2	0	2	2	2	3	25
<a href="#">Maine</a>	3	3	2	3	3	3	1	2	2	0	2	24
<a href="#">West Virginia</a>	3	3	2	3	3	3	0	2	2	2	1	24
<a href="#">Texas</a>	3	0	3	3	3	2	0	2	2	2	3	23
<a href="#">South Dakota</a>	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	2	3	0	0	23
<a href="#">New Hampshire</a>	3	3	2	3	3	2	0	2	0	3	1	22
<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	3	3	2	3	3	1	1	2	2	2	0	22
<a href="#">Mississippi</a>	3	3	2	2	3	2	0	2	2	2	0	21
<a href="#">South Carolina</a>	3	3	1	2	3	1	0	2	2	2	1	20
<a href="#">Colorado</a>	3	2	2	3	3	1	0	2	2	2	0	20
<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	3	2	2	2	3	2	0	2	2	2	0	20
<a href="#">Illinois</a>	2	1	3	3	3	1	3	0	2	2	0	20
<a href="#">Oregon</a>	3	3	3	2	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	19
<a href="#">Iowa</a>	3	1	1	2	3	1	3	1	1	0	3	19
<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	3	3	1	2	3	0	0	2	2	2	0	18
<a href="#">Utah</a>	2	3	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	16
<a href="#">Nebraska</a>	3	3	1	2	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	16
<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>	3	1	1	2	0	1	0	2	1	3	1	15
<a href="#">Georgia</a>	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	2	0	15
<a href="#">Ohio</a>	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	2	2	2	14
<a href="#">Arizona</a>	2	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	14
<a href="#">North Dakota</a>	2	3	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	13
<a href="#">Wisconsin</a>	3	3	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	13
<a href="#">Indiana</a>	3	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	13
<a href="#">California Gas*</a>	2	2	1	2	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	13
<a href="#">Rhode Island</a>	3	3	1	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	13
<a href="#">Oklahoma</a>	3	1	3	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	13
<a href="#">California Liquid*</a>	2	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
<a href="#">Tennessee</a>	3	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
<a href="#">North Carolina</a>	2	3	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
<a href="#">Michigan</a>	2	1	3	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	11
<a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>	2	3	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	10
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	2	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	10
<a href="#">Missouri</a>	3	0	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
<a href="#">Vermont</a>	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	9
<a href="#">New Mexico</a>	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
<a href="#">Maryland</a>	2	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	9
<a href="#">Virginia</a>	2	1	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
<a href="#">New York</a>	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	0	9
<a href="#">Florida</a>	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	9
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	2	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
<a href="#">Idaho</a>	3	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
<a href="#">Montana</a>	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
<a href="#">DC</a>	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
<a href="#">Kansas</a>	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
<a href="#">Wyoming</a>	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
<a href="#">Puerto Rico</a>	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<a href="#">Delaware</a>	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
<a href="#">New Jersey</a>	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

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\* California is the only state that has different agencies for natural gas and liquid pipelines.  
 \*\* Puerto Rico was not evaluated in previous transparency reviews.