Pipeline Safety

Engaging With The Public – Continuous Improvement Beyond Public Awareness

New Orleans, Louisiana

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Supporting Public Engagement Examples that work ..., to a point
What Works for Public Engagement in Pipeline Safety Initiatives

• Fair and equal representation
  ✓ Numbers and time provided
  ✓ Voting
  ✓ Access to information and data
  ✓ Inclusion in setting the agenda

• Removal of Financial Barriers to Participation
  ✓ Defined Travel Support
  ✓ Staff Support
  ✓ Technical Support
The Pipeline Safety Information Grants to Communities: Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) provides funding to local communities and groups of individuals for technical assistance related to pipeline safety. The program also provides opportunities that strengthen the depth and quality of public participation in the safe development and operation of pipelines in and around communities. Technical assistance is defined as engineering or other scientific analysis of pipeline safety issues.
PHMSA Technical Advisory Committees

• LPAC, GPAC, VIS WG
  – Equal Representation and Voice
  – Travel Assistance
  – Technical Assistance from PHMSA staff
NEB’s Participant Funding Program

Since 2010, the NEB’s Participant Funding Program provides funding to facilitate public participation in certain hearings and environmental assessments of designated projects. The program is not intended to cover the full cost of expenses. It covers:

- Legal & Expert fees
- Professional Services – Staff
- Travel Expenses
- Other appropriate costs necessary for the proposed activity, such as rental of meeting room and collection, distribution, translation or purchase of information materials.
The Intervenor Compensation Program is intended to ensure that individuals and entities that represent residential or small commercial customers have the financial resources to bring their concerns and interests to the CPUC during formal proceedings.

The Program only provides compensation for reasonable costs incurred by intervenors as a result of their substantial contribution to CPUC proceedings in which they participated.
While both ANSI and ISO provide good advice about “consumer” participation, CSA is the only organization we know of that has a defined program to cover travel costs of participation.
This Conference

- Equal Representation
- Balanced Input on Agenda
- Balance of Sessions/Speakers
- Travel Costs – over $33,000 spent on ensuring public participation
- Webcast to Broader Audience
- Presentations and Videos available online

Citizens/Tribal/Local Government – 36
Regulators – 18
Hazardous Liquid Pipelines – 23
Natural Gas Pipelines – 19
Vendors/Consultants/Lawyers – 16
Union Members – 2
Media – 2
Ongoing Relationships

Invited to speak at each others events
✓ Employee Conferences in Findlay
✓ PST Conferences
✓ Marathon all employee video

Ongoing Consultation
✓ Public Awareness & Engagement
✓ SMS
✓ PST Executive Committee to Findlay

Organized Tours
✓ Louisiana Facilities
✓ Marathon Control Room
✓ Whatcom Creek Tragedy Site
This Room
Risk Assessments – Do they help educate the public? Do they improve decisions?

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Voluntary Information Sharing
What it can do and a status update from the Committee