Pipeline Safety Trust Annual Conference 2019
Federal Pipeline Safety Reauthorization


TC Energy
U.S. Facts

• More than 3,000 U.S. employees working in 40 states

• Over 31,000 miles of natural gas pipelines in the United States
  • Industry as a whole supports 300,000 miles of natural gas transmission pipelines

• 1,900 miles of liquids pipeline

• Moving more than 25% of all natural gas molecules in North America, every day
Delivering Energy Responsibly

• TC Energy’s goal is to ensure that the public, our employees and the environment aren’t affected by an incident involving our assets.

• Our facilities are some of the most technologically advanced in the industry. One way we manage the safety of our assets is through integrity and preventative maintenance programs. We invested more than $1 billion in these programs in 2018.

• 193 Drills and Exercises in 2018
  • Being prepared is an important part of our commitment to safety. We work with our communities through emergency drills and exercises, and build relationships with local first responders and officials to achieve coordinated and effective response.
Pipeline Safety Reauthorization: Gas Transmission Priorities

Finish Outstanding Gas Transmission Mandates and Rulemakings
- These rules, supported by Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee (GPAC) bring PHMSA’s code into the 21st century by requiring and regulating the use of modern technologies and engineering processes to enhance pipeline safety.

Ensure New Mandates do not Disrupt Pending New Regulations
- Congress did a great job in the last two Reauthorizations. Allow PHMSA to finalize and implement – and industry to adapt to – the new regulations.

Strengthen PHMSA and its Rulemaking Process
- Industry has advocated for PHMSA workforce enhancements to ensure prompt rulemakings and effective oversight.
Pipeline Safety Reauthorization – State of Play

• Reauthorization hearings began in spring of 2019 with the goal of reaching a bipartisan, bicameral agreement.

• Senate Commerce Committee passed a bipartisan measure in late July.

• Neither the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee nor the Energy and Commerce Committee have been able to move a bill forward.

• PHMSA will continue to receive funding regardless of reauthorization, but new programs/projects may be delayed.

• There is rumor of potential legislative mark-up in both House Committees prior to Thanksgiving.
The Path Forward

- Consider the bipartisan Senate bill to be a realistic standard.
- Build on positive bipartisan provisions to achieve further consensus. There is more agreement than disagreement in all House drafts that have been considered.
- All stakeholders should remain engaged going forward.
- Pipeline Safety Reauthorization Bill of 2020??