

Citizens Advisory Committee on
Pipeline Safety

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Greetings:

Several high profile pipeline incidents this year have once again reminded us that tragedy can strike at unexpected times. The Citizen's Committee on Pipeline Safety wishes to remind you that our work includes learning from those incidents as well as developing strategies to prevent future ones.

We meet four times a year with representatives from the pipeline industry and look deeply into a wide range of issues, including pipeline incidents around the country and their application to Washington.

The committee's main objective is to routinely engage the state and federal regulators and companies who are responsible for the safe operation of the 20,000 plus miles of natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines in Washington. Our diverse committee of citizens are continually learning, listening and asking tough questions. As far as we know, we are the only committee in the nation doing this kind of work.

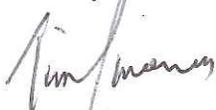
This year, we continue to encourage you to work with your local jurisdictions in raising awareness about land use policies around transmission pipelines. The committee has been active in promoting the national "Planning Near Pipelines" report and encourages local jurisdictions to adopt ordinances that will allow them to guide development around transmission pipelines in a manner that can reduce the risk and consequence of a pipeline rupture.

The committee also wishes to thank the Legislature for adopting improvements to the state's "Call Before You Dig" law. This law should help reduce damage to underground facilities.

I would welcome any opportunity to talk with you more about the committee's past, current and future activities. I also would welcome you to attend one of our meetings. Attached is a report summarizing our activities for 2011.

For more information about our activities, please visit: www.utc.wa.gov/pipeline/ccops

Sincerely,



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