

# 2022 Kentucky PSC Pipeline Safety Seminar

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# 2022 PSC Focus

- Sec 114 Pursuant to the PIPES Act of 2020, operators must have completed updates to their plans by December 27, 2021. PHMSA and our state partners are required to inspect these plans in 2022.
- Cyber Security
- Underserved Areas
- Drug / Alcohol plans
- Protocol 9
- State Checklist – Private Distribution

# PSC Reminders

## PHMSA Program Requirements

- Damage Prevention Inspections
  - ❖ 25 or more damages
- NAPSR Survey
- NTSB Questions
- Standard inspections
- Informational Emails
- Construction 20%
- Annual Report Reviews – Gas loss



# Reminders

- Have you updated and reviewed Plans as required.
- Is Operator Qualification tasks current ?
- Is your annual fusion up to date
- Have you met and maintained liaison with emergency officials per emergency plan and public awareness plan.

# Reminders

- Verify 50 % of gas employees being drug tested
- Supervisory Drug / Alcohol Training
- Review Public Awareness Requirements
- Records (If it is not written down it did not happen)



# Top Findings

- Not maintaining records
- Manuals not meeting 192 Requirements
- Contractors not properly Operator Qualified
- Employees not proper OQ Qualifications
  - Hands on and Test
- Employees not properly trained
- PAPE
- Not doing what plan says

# PSC Goals 2022

- Complete 2022 Inspections
- Return to normal inspection protocols
- Complete Section 114 Inspections
- 20 % construction inspections
- 2023 work plan
- Implement 2023 quarterly virtual meetings

# Questions ???

The most  
dangerous phrase  
in the language is "we've  
always done it this way."

Rear Admiral Grace Hopper

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