

Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA) Inaugural Meeting
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Meeting Information

Status	Scheduled
Starts	Jan 15, 2008 at 8:00 AM
Ends	Jan 17, 2008 at 12:00 PM
Web Page	http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/LandUsePlanning.htm
Location	Arlington, VA
On-Line Registration	Register Here...
Purpose & Summary	PHMSA will host the inaugural meeting of the Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA) to develop more detailed guidance for property development in the vicinity of transmission pipelines.

Additional Information

Protecting Communities - Determine if there is consensus on best practices for:

1. Defining acceptable, and unacceptable, types of development adjacent to transmission ROW.
2. Using enhanced building codes for structures adjacent to transmission ROW.
3. Simple, risk-informed guidance for 1. and 2. above. This guidance should be based on attributes of both the pipeline and the proposed development.
4. Model Ordinances, Planning Policies, Regulations, or State Legislation incorporating or promoting any of these best practices.

Protecting Transmission Pipelines - Determine if there is consensus on best practices for:

1. Building setbacks from the edge of transmission pipeline ROW.
2. Incorporating the ROW space in new developments; residential, commercial, and industrial.
3. Defining acceptable land owner uses and activities on ROW.
4. Heavy construction equipment in the easement and necessary precautions.
5. Specification, acquisition, development, and maintenance of transmission ROW. The maintenance practices should include acceptable vegetation and 3. & 4. above.
6. Model Ordinances, Planning Policies, Regulations, or State Legislation incorporating or promoting any of these best practices.

Risk Communication -

1. Determine if there is consensus on best practices for:
 - a. Fostering early communication among local government planners, property developers, and pipeline operators;
 - b. Real estate disclosure of transmission pipeline ROW; and
 - c. Communicating acceptable uses and activities on ROW to land owners

2. Describe benefits of pipeline transportation
3. Examine risk posed by pipelines at the National level
4. Examine possible tie-ins with Common Ground Alliance (CGA) Best Practices
5. Formulate PIPA risk communication plan and design format of final PIPA work product for all Task Teams.

Hotel & Reservations

The meetings will be held at the Hotel Palomar Arlington. The block of rooms for PIPA is not yet available.

Hotel Palomar Arlington
1121 N. 19th Street

Arlington, VA 22209

Reservations: 866.505.1001

Rosslyn Metro Station – Blue & Orange Line

Hotel website: <http://www.hotelpalomar-arlington.com/arp-map/index.html>

Agenda

On January 15, all participants will meet in plenary to learn about land use planning, property development, and transmission pipelines. On January 16, the Task Teams will meet concurrently to refine their scope and develop a plan for attaining their goals. On the morning of January 17, the Task Teams will report back to the plenary.

The PIPA Steering Committee envisions the Task Teams attaining their goals by January 2009. In order to meet this aggressive timeline, the Task Teams will schedule web/teleconferences and use "chat room style" web sites to maintain progress on their goals. The Steering Committee envisions another face-to-face plenary in July 2008 to evaluate progress. During the ensuing six months, the Task Teams will continue with web/teleconferences as needed. A PIPA plenary meeting to validate the Task Team goals is planned for January 2009.

The 3 PIPA Task Teams are:

- Protecting Communities
- Protecting Transmission Pipelines
- Risk Communication