Pipeline operators are working diligently to restart pipelines affected by Harvey as soon as safely possible. We are thankful for our dedicated employees working in trying conditions, many with families personally affected by this historic storm.

Pipeline operators want to get their systems up and running as soon as safely possible. Pipeline operators make every effort to remain running in order to generate revenue. Also, pipeline transportation rates are charged independently of the charge for crude oil or gasoline supply. So, there is no incentive for pipelines to remain shut down or pump less than their systems can handle or customers demand. Pipeline operators also recognize the role they play in our interconnected chain of delivering energy from producers to consumers. Operators want to meet their commitments to delivery customers and provide the affordable, reliable energy consumers want and need. More information on pipeline operations and issues is available at www.aopl.org.

Safety
Safety of employees is paramount as workers enter unknown situations. Operators will not put personnel in unsafe conditions.

Flooding
Flood waters are receding at different rates at different locations. Some facilities are now dry while some still have water on the ground preventing access or operations.

Power
Pipelines need electricity to power their pumps. All locations will need power restored with either temporary generators or permanent power supply before pipelines can operate.

Access
Personnel need to access their pipelines and pump stations to assess damage, perform safety checks and resume operations. Operators are working with authorities to permit re-entry into closed areas. Access by ships may also be needed into and out of closed or limited access ports.

Supply
Supplies of crude oil from ports or gasoline from refineries may be suspended, forcing the pipeline to reduce flow or send product in batches as it becomes available.

Inspection
Operators will inspect, assess and make repairs to their facilities and systems to ensure they are safe to restart and operate.

Regulations
Government restrictions on hours-of-service or fuel content may require temporary waiver during emergency recovery.