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New Report Shows Pipeline Safety Record Improving

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Association of Oil Pipe Lines (AOPL), along with the American Petroleum Institute, released the [*2018 Pipeline Safety Excellence Performance Report*](#) with federal government-sourced data showing liquids pipeline incidents impacting the public or the environment declined 19 percent over the last five years.

“Pipeline operators are working hard to improve their pipeline safety performance and this data shows that,” said Andy Black, AOPL President and CEO.

The report is based on publicly available data collected by the U.S Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration as part of their federal regulation of pipeline operators. According to the report:

- Total incidents impacting the public or the environment declined 19 percent over the last 5 years (2013 to 2017)
- Incidents impacting the public or the environment caused by corrosion, cracking or weld failures declined 35 percent over the last 5 years
- Incidents impacting the public or the environment caused by operations or maintenance failures declined 24 percent over the last 5 years

In addition to safety performance data, the 2018 report also highlights industry-wide efforts pipeline operators are taking to improve pipeline inspection technology, holistically manage safety company-wide, improve emergency response capabilities and do more to reach out to public stakeholders. The report is available on the [AOPL website](#).

AOPL represents liquids pipeline owners and operators transporting crude oil, petroleum products like gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, and home heating oil and industrial products like propane and ethane.