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The 191/192 & 195 Pipeline Safety Conference will take place July 25-29, 2011 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Located along Bourbon Street, The Royal Sonesta Hotel is the gateway to the most exciting destination, the New Orleans' French Quarter. Due to the high demand for hotel rooms, please make your room reservation NOW by calling the hotel directly at (504) 586-0300 or (800) 766-3782. Be sure to mention that you are attending the PIPELINE SAFETY SEMINAR to receive the special rate of \$93 for a single/double guest room. The deadline for receiving this special room rate is July 11, 2011.

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USDOT Announces New Safety Guidelines to Better Protect Communities Close to Transmission Pipelines

Guidelines will foster improved land-use planning and development practices

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) today released new safety guidelines to help local governments, developers, and community planners better protect areas near transmission pipelines. The guidelines, developed by the Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA), mark the first time a set of recommendations for development near existing transmission pipelines has been issued.

"Development of residences, businesses and green space has increased all over the country, and these areas frequently contain transmission pipelines," said Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. "Safety for our communities is our number-one priority, and having these new guidelines in place will help communities and pipelines safely coexist."

The report, *Partnering to Further Enhance Pipeline Safety in Communities through Risk-Informed Land Use Planning*, offers nearly 50 recommended practices for local communities, developers and pipeline operators to use to help reduce the safety risks that result from growth of communities near pipelines. The recommendations offer options on how land-use planning and development decisions can help protect existing pipeline infrastructure and growing communities. The report also provides recommendations on how communities can gather information about local transmission pipelines and how local planners, developers and pipeline operators should communicate

Updated DIMP FAQs

PHMSA/OPS has posted updated DIMP Frequently Asked Questions on the [PHMSA website](#).

These Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are intended to clarify, explain and promote better understanding of the distribution pipeline integrity management rules.



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Scholarship Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Ed Willis with John H. Carter, who is the winner of the 2010 Scholarship Raffle and now the proud owner of a 46" Sony Bravia TV donated by Gulf South Pipeline!

This year, LGA raised over \$4,300 through the Scholarship Raffle and Silent Auction. All the proceeds will benefit the LGA Scholarship Program.

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during all phases of new development to understand pipeline risks, and how to minimize pipeline excavation damages during site preparation and construction.

PIPA, a historic partnership led by USDOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), is a 130-member coalition made up of representatives from the pipeline safety community, local city and county governments, the public, developers, fire marshals, pipeline operators, and state and federal regulators.

"PHMSA continues to look at ways to reduce risks and improve safety near pipelines," said PHMSA Administrator Cynthia Quarterman. "These recommendations describe actions local governments can take to make full use of available resources and how they can communicate effectively with transmission pipeline operators to better understand all factors that can affect risks."

New coalition partners include the National Association of Home Builders, the National League of Cities, and the National Association of Counties. They join longtime pipeline safety organizations such as the Pipeline Safety Trust, the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives, and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, as well as government partners such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

To read the report: <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/PIPA.htm>

PHMSA Pipeline Safety Regulations: e-CFR

During the 191/192 & 195 Pipeline Safety Conference a current version of the PHMSA Pipeline Safety Regulations are handed out at registration and are always in high demand. The Pipeline Safety Regulations are also available electronically online.

Click [HERE](#) to view the most current Electronic Code of Federal Regulations.

2010 LGA Annual Operations Conference

Louisiana Gas Association held the 2010 Annual Operations Conference October 25-27 at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The conference had approximately 200 attendees and included a great lineup of speakers, exhibitors and sponsors.

The conference was kicked off on Monday with a Golf tournament and the 3rd Annual BBQ Cook-Off held at Copper Mill Golf Club in Zachary, Louisiana. After the cook-off was judged, attendees were invited to enjoy a delicious BBQ feast prepared by the competing teams along with Gumbo and Sausage Po-Boys. Everyone enjoyed GREAT food and entertainment while networking before and education filled Tuesday.

Speakers traveled from across the United States to share their knowledge and experiences in the Natural Gas industry and discuss topics that affecting everyone in the industry. Tuesday's sessions included breakouts for Small Operators and Management Operations.

LGA hosted a reception after the sessions ended on Tuesday. LGA honored two special members at the reception. Congratulations to Phil Wieggers, 2010 Hall of Flame recipient, and Bobby Burns, LGA Past President Special Honoree. During the reception on Tuesday evening, LGA raised over \$4,300 through the Scholarship Raffle, Live and Silent Auction. Clay Vanderlick presented the 2010 scholarship recipients with a special certificate and did a short presentation on all the recipients' scholastic accomplishments and future career goals.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the 2010 Annual Operations Conference in Baton Rouge! LGA continues to grow and provide educational and networking opportunities to our members through the active participation of all attendees.

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