WELCOME

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- I want to thank all the presenters and panelist for participating and the audience for coming.
- There is a lot of passion and energy regarding today's topics. I ask everyone to make all comments in a business like manner.



PURPOSE

- PHMSA'S role is to ensure a safe, reliable and environmentally friendly pipeline transportation network
- We apply risk and leverage data to ensuring pipeline safety
- This meeting will assist PHMSA in data gathering efforts



Purpose

- Move discussions on anomaly assessment and repair to a public forum
- Present research results
- Gather input on assessment and repair processes to provide guidance to regulators and industry
- Add clarity to expectations contained in regulations; in particular outside HCA's

Impacts

- Safety
- Cost
- Operations and maintenance plans
- Research
- Transmission and distribution
- Gas and liquids operators



Meeting Management

- Emergencies
- Quiet cell phones
- Please be on time
- Lunch options

