Streamlining Review of Pipeline Repair Projects

The Service, along with the other participants to the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 Memorandum of Understanding (PSIA MOU), have been actively involved with working out the details necessary for the implementation of the PSIA MOU.

The Department of Transportation's (DOT) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) is in the process of developing a massive data base that will be internet accessible. To view the homepage go to: http://environment.ops.dot.gov . The database will serve as the primary streamlining tool for all of the involved parties. As a pipeline company gleans information on future testing locations, the company will note the projections on the website. By sifting through a checklist, the pipeline company can compute a predicted list of mitigation measures and best management practices (BMPs), as defined by the resource agencies, which will assist them. Upon initiation by the pipeline company, the website will trigger messages to the appropriate contacts for the various participants.

The website is still under construction and many details and links are currently being worked out. Part of working out the kinks includes the testing the system. The working group is focused on a set of specific projects to assist with development of the integrated website and associated databases.

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