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National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives

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ATLANTA: The U.S. Department of Transportation today announced that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) released the Pipeline and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA) final report entitled *Partnering to Further Enhance Pipeline Safety in Communities Through Risk-Informed Land Use Planning*. The report is a collaborative effort by land use planning and pipeline safety stakeholder representatives to identify and recommend practices related to risk-informed planning for development around transmission pipelines. It is available at the following website: <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/PIPA.htm> .

“Our state members have been involved in the PIPA effort since its inception with representatives on each Task Team. With the nation’s ever growing pipeline infrastructure, the PIPA recommended practices and appendices will serve as a tool to protect the public by raising awareness about pipelines and thus reducing excavation damage,” said NAPSR Chairman Danny McGriff. “The PIPA report will also serve as a planning guide to communities seeking to familiarize themselves with the underlying issues in advance of construction of a pipeline in or near their homes, schools, and businesses. We commend PHMSA for sponsoring the PIPA effort and look forward to partnering further in developing a path forward.”

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The National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR), established in 1982, is an organization of state agency pipeline safety managers who are responsible for the administration of their state's Pipeline Safety Programs. NAPSR provides an effective mechanism for fostering the federal/state partnership through 52 state agencies whose mission is, "to strengthen state pipeline safety programs through promotion of improved pipeline safety standards, education, training, and technology."