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Statement from Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration on NTSB Enbridge 2010 Oil Spill Findings

WASHINGTON – “The NTSB’s recommendations support the findings of PHMSA’s own investigation, which found [multiple violations](#) of federal pipeline safety regulations and lack of a safety culture at the company, which culminated with a breakdown in communications. That is why last week PHMSA [proposed a record \\$3.7 million civil penalty](#) against Enbridge Energy. PHMSA’s top priority is safety, and if operators violate pipeline safety laws, we will hold them accountable.”

Background

The new Pipeline Safety Act of 2011, provide PHMSA the authority to issue civil penalties double that of previous statutory amounts, [like the one proposed for Enbridge last week](#).

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration develops and enforces regulations for the safe, reliable, and environmentally sound operation of the nation's 2.6 million mile pipeline transportation system and the nearly 1 million daily shipments of hazardous materials by land, sea, and air. Please visit <http://phmsa.dot.gov> for more information.

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