



## **Public Workshop**

## **Underground Natural Gas Storage Safety**

# **Closing Remarks**

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### Thank you for your participation:

- audience present,
- webcast audience, and
- especially the speakers.
- We came here to present information and to listen.
- We succeeded on all accounts and are appreciative of the engagement to help guide us moving forward.



### Morning Session:

 First-hand accounts of the Alison Canyon incident response and its impact on people (Porter Ranch, CA and surrounding areas).

### Public Awareness importance:

- Communications; who to contact and what to do; and
- People; we must consider the impact on people.

### • Emergency Response Management:

- Importance of incident command structure;
- Need for effective emergency response plans that are;
  - tested through drills, and
  - prior communications before an incident with emergency responders and the public, as well as during an incident.





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#### Afternoon Session:

 Technical focus, operator perspectives, and state perspective.

## Integrity Management Principles (importance of):

- Risk assessments (with valid system information)
- Design factors needed based upon casing string type
- Anomaly evaluation how should they be evaluated?
- Documentation

#### Assessment tools:

- Numerous ones are available;
- Need to use them; and in particular, the correct tool for the threat;
- Currently, there are varying degrees of use.





### Safety Management Systems (SMS):

– SMS will have a role; how is it carried out?

#### States:

- We look forward to working collaboratively with the states
- Both current and future state partners as we look to standup new state certifications

### Training and Qualification:

- Area will be addressed, but did not get full coverage today;
- Underground storage will be covered by current operator qualification code requirements; and
- PHMSA also addressing internally through developing a training curriculum for federal and state regulators.





### Summary:

- We need to collectively learn from underground storage incidents like Aliso Canyon to prevent future recurrences.
- We also need to make sure we learn from prior incidents, such as the Hutchison, Kansas and Moss Bluff, Texas incidents.
- Also, we need to consider lessons-learned from not implementing standards in 1994 when the rulemaking effort was cancelled.









# **Thank You!**





