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API 1173 Pipeline Safety Management Systems

*AGA Activities
Related to API
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- Discussion Group
- 9 AGA member companies volunteer to pilot implementation
- 2016 workshop
- Roadmap guidelines document



AGA Discussion Groups

- Query other utilities on what their experiences and challenges have been in this area
- Identify leading practices implemented by other utilities
- Exchange operating procedures, performance indicators, or work documents
- Determine which companies are ideal for additional follow-up discussions

The Pipeline
Safety
Management
Systems
Discussion
Group will
continue
through 2016

- AGA member companies will pilot the implementation of API 1173 at their own companies.
- Over the course of a year, the companies will share information with each other
- At the end of the year, these companies will “report” their stories to other AGA member companies

9 AGA Member Companies Volunteered to Pilot Implementation

- Washington Gas Light
- AGL Resources
- Piedmont
- CenterPoint
- Eversource
- National Grid
- PG&E
- Southwest Gas
- Vectren

AGA Workshop on Pipeline Safety Management Systems

- Speakers/presenters will include
 - Pilot implementation volunteer(s)
 - Regulatory representatives
 - API 1173 development team representatives

In the first quarter of 2016, AGA will host a workshop on Pipeline Safety Management Systems

Roadmap (Guidelines) Document

- Continuing the theme of a safety management system being a journey
- Document will include input from the PSMS Discussion Group, the volunteer pilot implementation companies, AGA technical committees and the Operating Section Managing Committee
- Expected to be published in 2016



A CULTURE OF SAFETY

“AGA and its member companies are committed to promoting positive safety cultures among their employees throughout the natural gas distribution industry. All employees, as well as contractors and suppliers providing services to AGA members, are expected to place the highest priority on employee, customer, public and pipeline safety.”

- Excerpt from AGA Safety Culture Statement
