

## Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety ([PIPES](#)) Act of 2016:

### SEC. 19. UNUSUALLY SENSITIVE AREAS.

(b) <<NOTE: 49 USC 60109 note.>> Unusually Sensitive Areas (USA) Ecological Resources.--The Secretary of Transportation shall revise [section 195.6\(b\) of title 49](#), Code of Federal Regulations, to explicitly state that the Great Lakes, coastal beaches, and marine coastal waters are USA ecological resources for purposes of determining whether a pipeline is in a high consequence area (as defined in section [195.450](#) of such title).

## Questions for Facilitated Discussions:

### 1) How would you define a marine coastal water?

- a. Consider water on both sides of the coastline, and how to define the coastline.
- b. Consider brackish waters, bays, inlets, coastal estuaries, etc.
- c. What national GIS data is available, including Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico?

### 2) How would you define a coastal beach?

- a. Consider the area inland of the coast, and how to define the coastline.
- b. Consider why certain portions of the coastline are or are not considered beaches.
- c. What national GIS data is available, including Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico?

### 3) How would you define the Great Lakes?

- a. Consider connecting waters, marshes, estuaries, etc.
- b. What GIS data is available?