Voluntary Information-Sharing System Working Group Meeting

December 19, 2016
Hilton Arlington, Arlington, VA

Welcome

- Welcome to the first VIS Working Group meeting.
- Thank you for joining us (in person/remote).
- Designated Federal Official (DFO), presiding official today.

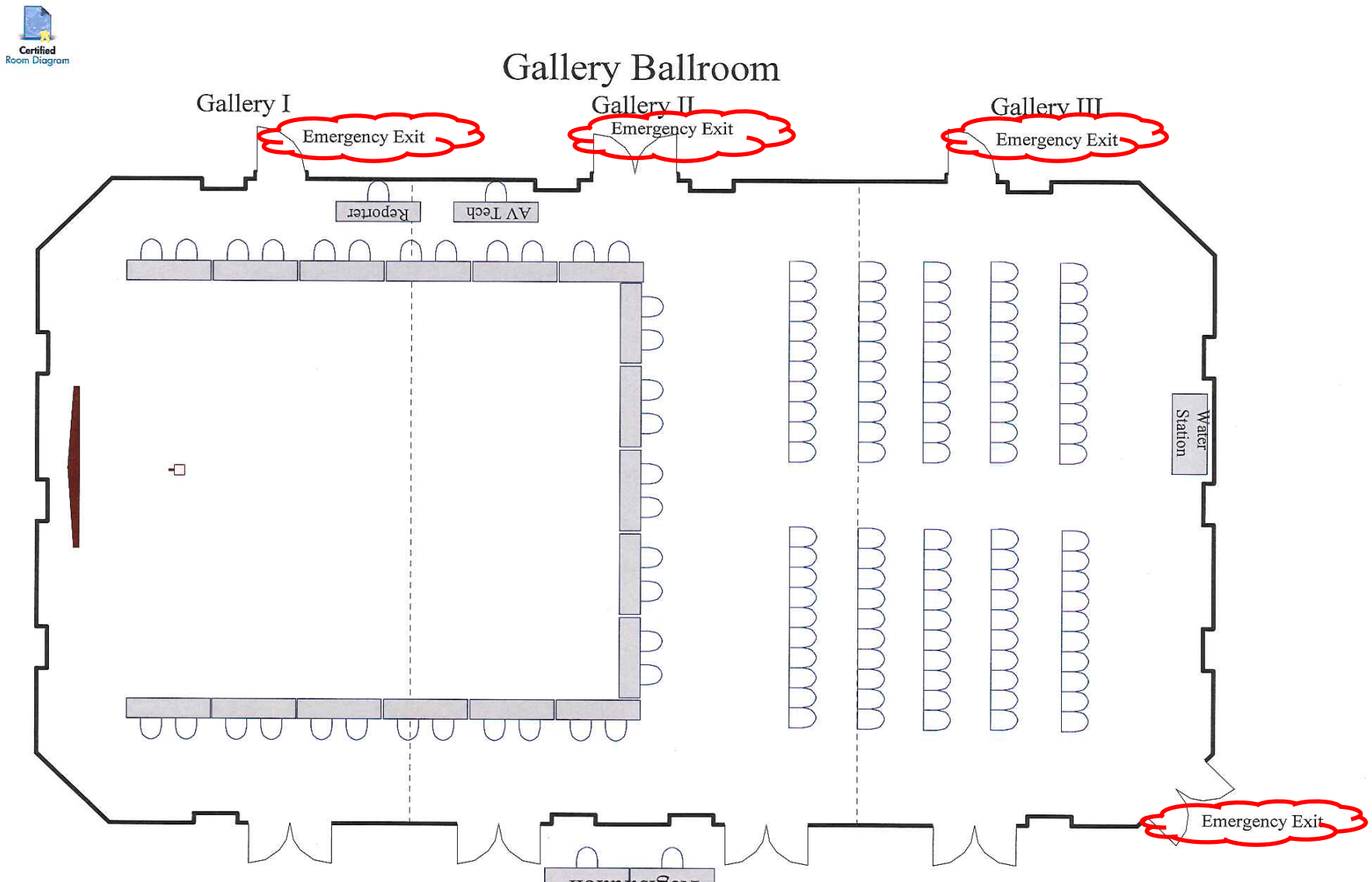
Purpose

To fulfill section 10 of the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2016:

- Consider the development of a voluntary information-sharing system to encourage collaborative efforts to improve inspection information feedback and information sharing with the purpose of improving gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipeline facility integrity risk analysis.
- Provide recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation.

Safety

Emergency Exits



Housekeeping Items

- Restrooms are located near the elevators.
- Silence your mobile devices to minimize disruptions.
- Audience participation:
  - Hold comments until we open the floor
  - Please keep remarks brief (less than 5 min)
- Written comments should be submitted to the docket: Docket No: PHMSA-2016-0128

Agenda Overview

- Opening remarks
- Committee Management
  - Introductions
  - Chair Selection
  - Charter Review
  - Committee Orientation
  - Review of Bylaws
- Lunch on your own (noon ET) - 1 hour (see restaurant map)
- Committee Business
  - Introduction to Voluntary Info Sharing
  - Overview of Recommendation Deliverables
  - Proposed Common Definitions
  - Future Committee meetings
  - Briefing/informational meetings
  - Discussion on subcommittee needs
- Action Item Recap and Closing Remarks

Opening Remarks

Ms. Marie Therese Dominguez
Mr. Alan Mayberry

Committee Management

Committee & Staff Introductions

Membership Representation

(b) **Membership**.—The working group convened pursuant to subsection (a) shall include representatives from—

(1) the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration;
(2) industry stakeholders, including operators of pipeline facilities, inspection technology, coating, and cathodic protection vendors, and pipeline inspection organizations;
(3) safety advocacy groups;
(4) research institutions;
(5) State public utility commissions or State officials responsible for pipeline safety oversight;
(6) State pipeline safety inspectors;
(7) labor representatives; and
(8) other entities, as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

VIS Working Group Representatives (24)

Representatives	Candidate Name	Organization
PHMSA Representative(s)	Alan Mayberry	PHMSA
Industry Stakeholders		
Operators of Pipeline Facilities	Leif Jensen	Sunoco Logistics (API)
	Dan Cote	Nisource Gas (AGA)
	Eric Amundsen (INGAA)	Panhandle Energy/Energy Transfer Partners
Inspection Technology Vendors	Bryce Brown	ROSEN Group (INGAA)
	Jason Cradit	TRC Oil and Gas (Wilbros Divestiture) (INGAA)
	Alicia Farag	LocusView Solutions
	Mark Zuniga	Universal Pegasus International Inc.
Coating Cathodic Protection Vendors	Robert Buchanan	Seal for Life Industries
	Christopher Warner	Mears Group Inc
Pipeline Inspection Organizations	Mike LaMont	Integrity Plus
Industry (General)	Mark Hereth	Process Performance Improvement Consultants (INGAA)
Safety Advocacy Groups	Kate Blystone	Pipeline Safety Trust
	Dr. Simona Perry	Pipeline Safety Coalition
Research Institutions	Dr. Yiming Deng	Michigan State University
	Michael Keller	University of Tulsa, Mechanical Engineering Department
State Public Utility Commissioners/State Officials	Diane Burman (NARUC)	New York State Public Service Commission
	Sherina Edwards (NARUC)	Illinois Commerce Commission
State Pipeline Safety Inspectors	Joe Subsits	Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
	Michelle Thebert	Georgia Public Service Commission
Labor Representatives	John MacNeill	Utility Workers Union of America
	Eric Sherman	Native American Contractors Association
	Walter Jones	Laborers' Health & Safety Fund of North America
Other Entities	Holly Pearen	Environmental Defense Fund

Roundtable Introductions

Committee Members and Staff

- Name
- Title
- Company/Organization Representing
- Interest in the VIS Working Group

Chair Selection Concurrence

- Consider one chair (non-rotating)
- Commissioner Diane Burman

Committee Management

Charter Review

Committee Management

Committee Orientation

Committee Management

Review of Bylaws

Lunch

On your Own

Committee Business

Introduction to Voluntary Information-Sharing

Committee Business

Review of Recommendation Deliverables

Recommendation Deliverables

(1) **the need for, and the identification of, a system** to ensure that dig verification data are shared with in-line inspection operators to the extent consistent with the need to maintain proprietary and security-sensitive data in a confidential manner to improve pipeline safety and inspection technology;

(2) **ways to encourage the exchange of pipeline inspection information** and the development of advanced pipeline inspection technologies and enhanced risk analysis;

(3) **opportunities to share data, including dig verification data between operators** of pipeline facilities and in-line inspector vendors to expand knowledge of the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of in-line inspection technology and methodologies;

Recommendation Deliverables

(4) **options to create a secure system that protects proprietary data** while encouraging the exchange of pipeline inspection information and the development of advanced pipeline inspection technologies and enhanced risk analysis;

(5) **means and best practices for the protection of safety- and security-** sensitive information and proprietary information; and

(6**) regulatory, funding, and legal barriers** to sharing the information described in paragraphs (1) through (4).

VIS Definitions Discussion

- Consider common definitions
- Definitions will support consistency in team discussions
- Sources for definitions:
  - Section 10 of PIPES Act of 2016 - Information-Sharing System
  - 14 CFR 193 - Protection Of Voluntarily Submitted Information
  - FACA Definitions
- Other terms/sources?

Section 10 of PIPES Act of 2016 – Information-Sharing System

- Confidential information
- Confidential manner
- Dig verification data
- In-line inspection technology and methodologies
- In-line inspector vendors
- Operators of pipeline facilities
- Pipeline inspection data
- Pipeline inspection information
- Proprietary data and information
- Secure system
- VIS working group

14 CFR 193 - PROTECTION OF VOLUNTARILY SUBMITTED INFORMATION

- De-identified means that the identity of the source of the information, and the names of persons have been removed from the information.
- Disclose means to release information to a person other than another agency. Examples are disclosures under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), in rulemaking proceedings, in a press release, or to a party to a legal action.
- Information includes data, reports, source, and other information. “Information” may be used to describe the whole or a portion of a submission of information.
- Summarized means that individual incidents are not specifically described, but are presented in statistical or other general form.
- Voluntary means that the information was not required to be submitted as part of a mandatory program, and was not submitted as a condition of doing business with the government. “Voluntarily-provided information” does not include information submitted as part of complying with statutory, regulatory, or contractual requirements, except that information submitted as part of complying with a voluntary program under this part is considered to be voluntarily provided.

Committee Business

Committee Planning

Future Meetings

- Face -to-face meeting (4 per year)
- Briefings and informational meetings (virtual)
  - Pipeline 101
  - SMS
  - In-line inspection basics
  - Lessons learned from other info-sharing efforts
- Identify presentations and briefing needs
- Identify potential dates for next meeting

Subcommittee Considerations

Subcommittee	Description
Best Practices	Understand current industry initiatives applicable to this effort and lessons learned.
Policy/Legal/Funding	Address system security, proprietary data, funding and other policy concerns through recommendations.
Data and Information Structures	Consider appropriate pipeline inspection and other safety data and information and data structures.
System development	Identify system development standards, technologies alternatives.

Thoughts? Others?

Action Item Recap

Closing Remarks