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Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

**Voluntary Information-sharing System Working Group
Task Statement**

Subcommittee: **Regulatory, Funding, Legal**

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Task Statement: Identify and Make Recommendations to Overcome Regulatory, Funding and Legal Barriers

Subcommittee Task Number: **18-06**, (*Regulatory, Funding, Legal*)

Primary Mandate Requirement(s) of Section 10 of the PIPES Act Addressed:

- (c)(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.
- (c)(2) Ways to encourage the exchange of pipeline inspection information and the development of advanced pipeline inspection technologies and enhanced risk analysis.
- (c)(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.
- (c)(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.
- (c)(5) Means and best practices for the protection of safety and security-sensitive information and proprietary information.
- (c)(6) **Regulatory, funding, and legal barriers to sharing the information described in paragraphs (c)(1) through (4).**



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SMS Alignment): The Subcommittee's work under this Task Statement is aligned with and supports all of the following elements of API RP 1173:

- SMS-5 (Leadership and Management Commitment)*
- SMS-6 (Stakeholder Engagement)*
- SMS-7 (Risk Management)*
- SMS-8 (Operational Controls)*
- SMS-9 (Incident Investigation, Evaluation, and Lessons Learned)*
- SMS-10 (Safety Assurance)*
- SMS-11 (Management Review and Continuous Improvement)*
- SMS-12 (Emergency Preparedness and Response)*
- SMS-13 (Competence, Awareness, and Training)*
- SMS-14 (Documentation and Record Keeping)*
- SMS-15 (Safety Culture)*

Task Purpose:

To identify and make recommendations to overcome regulatory, funding and legal barriers to a system designed to improve pipeline safety by encouraging the sharing of relevant pipeline safety information and inspection technology pipeline data between pipeline stakeholders.

Task Description(s):

1. Identify regulatory, funding and legal barriers; and
2. Make recommendations to overcome regulatory, funding and legal barriers.

Deliverable(s):

1. Subcommittee Report Out Presentation(s) to parent committee
2. Summary Report recommendations(s) to parent committee for approval
3. List of acronyms and common terminology and definitions
4. Sources and references

Target Milestones and Dates:

1. Submit initial recommendations and finding to the parent committee (July 2018)
2. Initial Recommendation Report Drafted (Aug/Sept 2018)
3. Final Recommendation Report Approved (Dec 2018)

Date initially presented to VISWG:

February 28, 2018

(By in-person or electronic vote)

Disposition:



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