Understanding the Application of Pipeline Automatic/Remote Control Valves

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Good Morning & Welcome!

- **Today's agenda is very detailed and informative**
  - Several focused panels on perspectives and experience
  - Thank you to all participating moderators, speakers, companies and organizations for making this possible!

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Today's Session

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Workshop Objectives

- Setting an improved but common level of knowledge with auto/remote valves.
- Identify constraints with deploying these valves on existing/new construction pipelines.
- Collect public input to guide a PHMSA valve study investigating and documenting these challenges and considerations.
- Public comment via (www.regulations.gov) with Docket # (PHMSA-2012-0021)

Valve Study by the Comptroller General

- Government Accountability Office studying operator response ability on hazardous liquid or gas releases in a HCAs.
- Considerations: swiftness of leak detection/ pipeline shutdown capabilities/location of response personnel/ costs-risks & benefits of installing auto/remote-controlled shut-off valves.
- PHMSA/GAO coordinating - Matthew Cook @ 202-512-6403 or cookm@gao.gov
- GAO reporting findings to Congress in 2013

Please Participate!

- **Q&A after each panel**
  - Utilize Floor Mics and speak into the mic so webcast attendees can hear
  - Index Cards – Registration desk
- **Speak up**
  - We need your input!
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- **Webcast attendees**
  - Please send your questions in via the provided email address
  - Make sure to tag your question(s) to the relevant panel
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Finally

- **Please visit the booths in the foyer!**
  o Examples of leak detection technology
  o Examples of valves and actuators
  o PHMSA does not endorse companies but wanted to provide a context to the discussion