



APGA Commitment to Pipeline Safety

A safety management system is a systematic approach to managing safety. Embedded in a SMS are the overarching structures, policies and procedures an organization uses to direct and control its activities. In many situations, pipeline operators already have these elements implemented and Pipeline Safety Management Systems (PSMS) offers a framework to continuously improve these programs.

One of the elements of a safety management system that is essential to safe operations is a commitment by management.

Whereas: Safety is the highest priority of APGA members; and

Whereas: public gas systems have an excellent safety record; and

Whereas: the basic elements of pipeline safety management systems are applicable to systems of all sizes and can assist operators in identifying areas where pipeline safety performance can be enhanced; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that APGA members are committed to continuing to enhance pipeline safety through the following Safety Management System elements:

1. Promoting a positive safety culture within our system.
2. Communicating and educating our employees, contractors, and the public regarding pipeline safety.
3. Implementing processes and actions that reduce risk and maintain the integrity of our pipeline assets.
4. Developing and maintaining safe work practices.
5. Investigating incidents and near-misses on our pipeline system in an effort to identify and implement corrective actions moving forward.
6. Verifying that existing operations and safety practices are improving pipeline safety.
7. Reviewing our system's safety performance to determine if additional actions are necessary to improve pipeline safety.
8. Responding effectively to pipeline incidents.
9. Ensuring that our personnel and our contractors are competent in performing all tasks that impact the integrity of our system.
10. Maintaining documentation needed to ensure pipeline safety.