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TO: Missouri Natural Gas Operators

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SUBJECT: 1) GW-2021-0355

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## 1) GW-2021-0355

PHMSA awarded grant funding for the Missouri Public Service Commission to first research best practices that have been used by other entities (e.g. CGA, PHMSA, other states), and then engage operators of pipelines in Missouri in a process that will result in the development of state-wide practices for locating quality assurance. The grant agreement states that this will be accomplished through the MO PSC's working docket process, individual discussions with pipeline operators and other stakeholders, a workshop to jointly discuss findings and suggestions, and a final published summary document. The project deliverable will be a compilation of best practices for locating quality assurance to be distributed to natural gas operators throughout the state and made publically available to other interested parties.

The Commission opened Working Case GW-2021-0355 as a repository for documents and comments regarding development of state-wide best practices for locating quality assurance to reduce the amount of pipeline damage in Missouri resulting from insufficient locating practices. Stakeholders and the public are invited to participate in a virtual workshop meeting to be held via Webex on June 17, 2021. Staff will provide further details about the workshop meeting and how to participate as the date for that meeting approaches.