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TO: Missouri Natural Gas Operators

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SUBJECT: **1) Natural Gas Operations Seminar and Trade Fair**
2) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Pipeline Safety: Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair

1) Natural Gas Operations Seminar and Trade Fair

The 2023 Natural Gas Operations Seminar and Trade Fair Sponsored by the Missouri Association of Natural Gas Operators (MANGO) in cooperation with the Missouri Public Service Commission is scheduled for June 28 through June 30, 2023.

A link to Seminar registration and additional seminar information is posted to: [2023 MANGO Pipeline Safety Seminar – MANGO \(mangowp.org\)](https://www.mangowp.org)

You must reserve your room separately on the [hotel website](#). The conference rate for a standard room is \$110 per night if rooms are reserved by 5/26/23. Be sure to click on the

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button and use the NGOP to get the special rate.

2) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Pipeline Safety: Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair

On May 18, 2023, PHMSA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that implements congressional mandates in the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2020 to reduce methane emissions from new and existing gas

transmission pipelines, distribution pipelines, regulated (Types A, B, C and offshore) gas gathering pipelines, underground natural gas storage facilities, and liquefied natural gas facilities. Among the proposed amendments for part 192- regulated gas pipelines are strengthened leakage survey and patrolling requirements; performance standards for advanced leak detection programs; leak grading and repair criteria with mandatory repair timelines; requirements for mitigation of emissions from blowdowns; pressure relief device design, configuration, and maintenance requirements; and clarified requirements for investigating failures. Finally, PHMSA proposed expanded reporting requirements for operators of all gas pipeline facilities within DOT's jurisdiction, including underground natural gas storage facilities and liquefied natural gas facilities. A copy of the related Federal Register publication is attached, and can be downloaded from [Pipeline Safety: Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair | PHMSA \(dot.gov\)](#).