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TO: Missouri Natural Gas Operators

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Note: Copies are not sent to all operator personnel. Please forward to the appropriate person(s).

SUBJECT: **1) PHMSA Random Drug Testing Rate for 2023**
2) Spring MANGO General Meeting (March 29, 2023) Scheduled
3) 2022 PHMSA Annual Reports for Gas Distribution and Gas Transmission
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1) PHMSA Random Drug Testing Rate for 2023

On December 23, 2023, PHMSA issued a *Federal Register* Notice stating that it has determined that the minimum random drug testing rate for covered employees will be reduced to 25 percent during calendar year 2023. Operators are reminded that drug and alcohol (D&A) testing information must be submitted for contractors who are performing or are ready to perform covered functions. Additionally, PHMSA provides information on obtaining username and password information required for electronic reporting. A copy of the notice may be obtained at the link below, or by contacting a PSC Staff member.

[Federal Register :: Pipeline Safety: Random Drug Testing Rate; Management Information System Reporting; and Obtaining Drug and Alcohol Management Information System Sign-In Information](#)

2) Spring MANGO General Meeting (March 29, 2023) Scheduled

The spring 2023 MANGO General Meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2023, beginning at 10:00 AM in Jefferson City. The meeting will be on the 4th floor in the Ballroom (Room 450) of the Governor Office Building (GOB). The PSC Staff and MANGO board members look forward to seeing you then. If anyone has a subject or question they would like to discuss during the meeting, please let us know.

3) 2022 PHMSA Annual Reports for Gas Distribution and Gas Transmission

The 2022 Annual Report forms for Gas Distribution (PHMSA F7100.1-1) and Gas Transmission (PHMSA F7100.2-1) must be submitted electronically to the PHMSA Portal by March 15, 2023. After the reports are submitted on the PHMSA Portal, please provide a copy to Staff. This copy may be downloaded as a PDF and emailed to Staff at:

PipelineSafetyProgramManager@psc.mo.gov, or may be sent as a paper copy to Kathleen McNelis, Missouri Public Service Commission, P. O. Box 360, Suite 600, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

4) 2022 Missouri PSC Gas Safety Annual Report

Please submit your 2022 Missouri PSC Gas Safety Annual Report to this office no later than March 15, 2023. An electronic version of the report form (please be sure to use the form updated for 2017) is available by selecting “Download MO Annual Report” on the MANGO website located at <https://mangowp.org/>. The Staff encourages you to use the electronic version and email the completed report to Evan Neuner at evan.neuner@psc.mo.gov by March 15, 2023; mailing a completed form to this office by that date is acceptable.

5) Dangers of Abnormal Snow and Ice Build-Up on Gas Related Equipment

The accumulation of snow and ice increases the potential for damage to meters and regulators and other aboveground pipeline facilities and components. Incidents have occurred in past winters on natural gas distribution system facilities that appear to have been related to either the stress of snow and ice or malfunction of pressure control equipment due to ice blockage of pressure control equipment vents. Exposed piping at metering and pressure regulating stations, at service regulators, and at propane tanks, are at greatest risk. Damage may result from the stresses imposed by the additional loading of the snow or ice. Damage to facilities may also result from the impact of snow or ice falling from roofs, ice forming in or on regulators preventing their

proper operation, or shoveling snow from roofs to protect dwellings from abnormal snow accumulation.

PHMSA issued an advisory bulletin in 2016, recommending steps to address the safety risks from accumulated snow and ice on pipeline facilities. Staff encourages each operator to download and read the advisory bulletin. If you are unable to access the advisory bulletin at the link below, please notify Staff and we will provide a copy. The advisory bulletin may be downloaded at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/02/11/2016-02704/pipeline-safety-dangers-of-abnormal-snow-and-ice-build-up-on-gas-distribution-systems>.

6) 2023 Excavator List Update

Operators choosing to comply with the excavator education provisions of 20 CSR 4240-40.030(12)(I)3.B. and C. through the Missouri One Call System (MOCS) are reminded to review, update, and submit revised excavator lists (or indicate “no additions”) to the Missouri One Call System (MOCS). It is Staff’s understanding that for 2022, the MOCS participation renewal period will be from January 3, 2023 through March 15, 2023. Additional details and instructions will be provided by MOCS. A copy of the automated email from MOCS may be used to demonstrate compliance with the annual excavator list update requirement [20 CSR 4240-40.030(12)(I)2.A.].