

Presentation to SC Pipeline Conference

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1. Thank you for your efforts to protect our Nation's Blood Vessels
2. Thank Vernon Gainey and the entire staff of the SC PSC for hosting this event and for allowing me to provide you with the SR update
3. For a quick update on SR, here is a little back ground of SR:
 - a. James Urisko is the SR - RD
 - b. We currently have 21 employees, of that we have 17 inspectors, all in ATL except one in Tampa FL area. I am the operations supervisor and Derick Turner is acting OS
 - c. Nancy Chai is our secretary
 - d. Mo is currently talking about retiring at the end of this year
 - e. D'Shante Lucas is relatively new hire with P/L controller experience
4. For PHMSA over-all
 - a. Jeff Wiese has gone to private industry
 - b. Alan Mayberry is the new Jeff Wiese (Associate Administrator)
 - c. Linda Daugherty is over Field Operations, Regions, Deputy Associate Administrator for Field Operations
 - d. We have an announcement out for replacing the Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy position vacated by Alan
 - e. We also have an announcement for 3 RD's, WR, ER and SWR.
 - f. Alan Beshore is the RD over CR
5. PHMSA is working to strengthen our knowledge of the SMS, API 1173.
6. Future pipeline construction in SR is Atlantic Coast Pipeline and small scale LNG liquefaction projects in FL.
7. PHMSA has just started an Accident Investigation Division headed by Pete Katchmar
8. Now I would like to talk about what is very important, **Safety**.

It is important to me because of many reasons, but one is because I lived thru a nearly fatal accident in 2011. After several surgeries and a lot of praying and most of all thankful to Jesus that I am able to be here with you today. I learned a lot from this experience. I learned that it is a miracle to be able to stand up and walk. I learned that it's a miracle to be alive and embarrassingly, I took everything for granted. I also learned that when things go bad, they go bad fast. Thinking about Sully flying the jet, he only had a few seconds to make a life or death decision. His training and experience and probably other things help him save 155 lives. Sometimes you don't even have that second. If you can make a difference, do it.
9. Now I would like to talk about some of the pipeline accidents:
 - a. Earlier this year, We had a pipeline buckle and had a roughly 1-inch crack on the top of the pipe that spilled roughly 8,000 BBLs of refined products.
 - b. While working on the line, an experienced contractor accidentally hit a TOR and ignited the spraying fuel and lost his life. NTSB is investigating this accident.

- c. In 2009, we had contractor's performing a pressure testing a meter station with nitrogen, the dead weight table was set up adjacent to the station scrubber, and the scrubber door blew off and the piping and scrubber violently tumbled and killed one man and injured others.
 - d. A directional drill was running telecom cable up the side of a road in GA and hit a gas line, unknowingly drilled thru the sewer line feeding from the home to the sewer, the gas traveled down the drill and into the home, several minutes later the home was gone and the man in the home was killed.
 - e. Recently in Lancaster, PA, a gas company employee was killed when a home blew up and the flying debris struck and killed the man.
 - f. We need to learn from every accident and work to prevent this from ever happening again.
10. In closing, I have been working for the American People for 36 years, with 20 years for PHMSA. I want to asked each of you to help everyone to stay safe. Keep safety in the front of our minds, always do the right thing.
11. If I can help you strengthen pipeline safety and promote public safety and protect our environment, please give me a call.

Blessings,

Greg Hindman