



# Public Service Commission of West Virginia

Contact: Susan Small, 304-340-0820, [ssmall@psc.state.wv.us](mailto:ssmall@psc.state.wv.us)



For Immediate Release

Date: February 24, 2015

## PSC and WVONGA Host Joint Seminar on Gas Pipeline Safety

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia and the West Virginia Oil and Natural Gas Association (WVONGA) are holding a Pipeline Safety Seminar in Bridgeport on February 24 and 25, 2015. The seminar is expected to have over 160 participants and will focus on subjects including a review of federal and state requirements and the top ten problems Public Service Commission Pipeline Safety inspectors have seen in the past year.

Featured speakers at the conference will include representatives of the US DOT Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the Public Service Commission's Gas Pipeline Safety Division.

"The purpose of the seminar is to ensure all regulated pipeline operators in West Virginia understand and comply with pipeline safety regulations to ensure the safety and integrity of West Virginia's pipelines" according to PSC Gas Pipeline Safety Director Mary Friend.

West Virginia has over 14,000 miles of natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines which are overseen by PHMSA and the Public Service Commission.

The Public Service Commission Gas Pipeline Safety Division is responsible for the inspection and enforcement of Federal and State pipeline safety regulations for intrastate natural gas and hazardous liquid transmission, regulated gathering pipelines and gas distribution.

WVONGA, the oldest trade association in West Virginia, has represented a wide cross section of the oil and gas industry for 100 years. A membership organization representing over 200 companies, WVONGA members include all sections of the industry from exploration, drilling and transmission to legal and technical support.

###