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State of Washington Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety 2009 Work Plan - DRAFT

Focus on hazardous liquid and gas transmission and distribution pipelines; Educate membership; Review current issues and proposed practices; Make recommendations; Move solutions forward; Maintain the strength and influence of the Committee.

Damage Prevention – Prepare to make recommendations for possible legislative changes in 2009/2010 to the state’s one call law and to improve prevention of damage to hazardous liquid and gas transmission and distribution facilities.

- Engage in discussions with a variety of stakeholders on what needs to change
- Develop short white papers on the changes we see needed
- Develop strategies and partnerships to positively impact damage prevention rules and processes.

Land Use Around Pipelines – Washington State has taken a key leadership role in the development of the “consultation zone” and other best practices for land use on and around transmission pipelines. Continuing Committee involvement is needed to help ensure that best practices are incorporated into Washington land use policies and processes.

- Review specific land use issues involving pipelines around the state
- Stay informed and involved with national PIPA effort
- Sponsor regional workshops on the PIPA best practices and on local government process that are planned or in place to support these best practices.
- Encourage government agencies to review how land use planning around pipelines can be integrated into their policies and practices including Growth Management activities that local governments are required to consider
- Sponsor the creation of a Washington pipeline safety best practices newsletter/publication

Public Education & Right to Know – This has been one of the Committee’s key areas for a couple years now.

- Review public education efforts and available information from WUTC

Short-term Work Items - Where Committee can have affect or make comments

- Review proposed state and federal regulations, rules, legislation
- Review any new pipeline or expansion proposals
- Track status of issues Committee has commented on
- Approve Work Plan and assign tasks