

Citizens Advisory Committee on Pipeline Safety
Meeting Minutes Summary
June 27, 2001

Present

Chuck Mosher, Chair
Lee A. James
Richard Gilda
Brad Rosewood
Sarah Spence
Laura L. Parsons

Absent

Bill Hinkle
Grant Jensen
Alan J. Cabodi
Harry “Jay” Follman
Susan Harper
Don Evans
Duane Henderson

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Adoption of June 27, 2001 Meeting Minutes
3. Discussion of Locations for September and October Meetings
4. Public Comment
5. Public Education
6. Federal Rules
7. Damage Prevention
8. New Items
9. WUTC Status Report
10. Tour of Chevron Pipeline Tank Farm Facilities

1. **Welcome** – Chairman Chuck Mosher welcomed everyone to the eighth meeting of the Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety. Brad Rosewood welcomed the Committee to Chevron’s Pasco facility.
2. **Adoption of May 23, 2001 Meeting Minutes** – The Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from the May 23rd meeting.
3. **Discussion of Locations for September and October Meetings** – The Committee members decided to hold the September committee meeting in Bellingham and plan to take a tour of the Whatcom Creek explosion area. The Committee also discussed holding their October committee meeting at the BP Olympic Renton Control Center.

4. **Public Comment** – Chairman Chuck Mosher opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.
5. **Public Education** – Ric Trent from Turtle Ridge Media made a presentation on targeted marketing and how this might be applied to information that pipeline companies need to distribute to property owners. Brad Rosewood mentioned that he and Don Evans were continuing to review information that pipeline companies may wish to distribute. The companies may wish to collaborate on the message and covering the cost of development and distribution.
6. **Federal Rules** – Gary Saenz, Chevron compliance specialist reviewed current rulemakings and federal legislation. Gary generally described the Integrity Management Rule – 49 CFR Part 195.452 and how Chevron was working to develop their integrity management plan. Gary was asked if he could get updated information on OPS proposed budget cuts by the Bush Administration. Gary finished by reviewing Notices of Proposed Rulemakings for:
 - Corrosion Protection
 - Unusually Sensitive Areas
 - Integrity Management Plans for Natural Gas Pipelines
 - Emergency Flow Restriction Devices
 - Increased Inspection Requirements, and
 - Community-Right-to Know

Richard Gilda distributed a draft document by Whatcom County Planning Department on factors to be included in siting new facilities.

7. **Damage Prevention** – Penny Hansen, from the WUTC, presented information on the recent history of damage prevention discussions in Washington. She also went over a draft workshop announcement for a meeting that the WUTC was going to co-sponsor on August 18, 2001 in Ellensburg. She mentioned that the WUTC was interested in facilitating discussion of the need to enforce the current one-call law (RCW 19.122) and methodologies for accomplishing this.
8. **New Items** – Sarah Spence was asked about the status of her investigation of digging procedures. She mentioned that she had received something from Al Cabodi of McChord Pipeline and Duane Henderson from PSE. Sarah reiterated that her three areas of concern were:
 - Bedding materials in rocky areas
 - Quality of backfill materials
 - Compaction of backfill to maintain minimum coverSarah mentioned that she was interested in determining how existing companies procedures compared to existing federal regulations. If company procedures are stricter than the federal regulations then maybe the regulations could be updated to this level.

9. **WUTC Status Report** – Doug Kilpatrick gave an update on current work accomplishments by the WUTC pipeline safety staff. Numerous Local Distribution Company (LDC) inspections were being completed and the findings of non-compliance were being mailed to the companies this week. Interstate inspections were also in progress and staff will be completed those and sending their recommendations to the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) soon. The hazardous liquid rulemaking (TO-000712) is still going on and some committee members expressed an interest in receiving more information about the rulemaking. Doug also noted that Penny Hansen is now fulltime with the pipeline safety division working on damage prevention issues.

10. **Tour of Chevron Pipeline Tank Farm Facilities** – The group toured Chevron Pipeline’s facilities, including viewing two product tanks that were being fitted with double bottoms. The retrofit included improved leak detection capability.