

# API RP 1185: Pipeline Public Engagement

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# RP 1185 is Mutually Beneficial

- Builds relationships to improve safety over time
- Supports public's desire for engagement
- Improves public understanding and trust
- Provides elected officials and policymakers with critical information
- Engagement remains a top priority for PHMSA and others
- Improves corporate reputation and public perception

# RP 1185 Founding Principles

- **Flexible** to accommodate current company programs offering opportunity to fill gaps or upgrade efforts
- **Scalable** to size of company, type of project, and on-the-ground conditions
- **Balance** of industry, government and public stakeholders helps address differing needs to provide greater buy-in
- **Provides** operators a way to demonstrate they are acting in good faith

# Cornerstones to Successful Engagement

- The basis of this RP:
  - Openness and Transparency
  - Respect
  - Reciprocity
  - Inclusiveness
  - Accessibility
- More about **what** than **how**

# Who's covered in the RP

- Jurisdictional to the U.S. Department of Transportation
  - Hazardous liquids inter & intrastate transmission pipelines
  - Natural Gas inter & intrastate transmission pipelines
  - Certain regulated gathering pipelines
- Does not include distribution systems operated by a Local Distribution Company (LDC) or municipality
- Covers the lifecycle of the pipeline from preconstruction and design through operation and abandonment

# Who are Stakeholders

- The RP refers to individuals, including communities, populations, and their representatives, potentially affected by a pipeline who have an interest in that pipeline.
- For engagement to be successful an operator will need to identify, understand, and acknowledge that some stakeholders hold legal or even constitutional rights.
- Successful engagement is built upon acknowledging and honoring these rights.

# Importance of Accountability

- Primary focus on operator but most effective when stakeholders engage & share with operators
- Clear commitment from Top Management
- Plan, Do, Check, Adjust ensures continuous improvement
- Minimum program documents required of operators



# RP 1185 Program Elements

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6 ELEMENTS	Yields a cohesive system
VALUES	Underly all elements
COMPONENTS	Stakeholders, lifecycles, tools





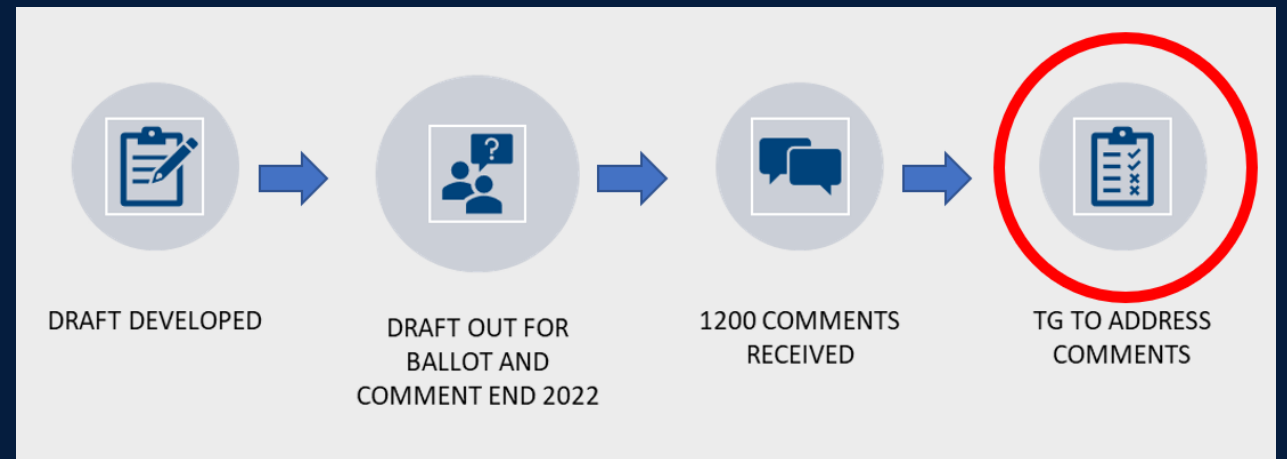
# Ballot Results

- Ballot issued December 2022
- Document open to public comments during ballot period
- Ballot passed with 22 Affirmatives and 2 Abstentions (incl. FERC)
- Ballot closed with over 1200 comments
- API Staff sorted comments and identified duplicates
  - 90% of comments come from industry
  - 10% of comments come from public
  - No comments from government



# Comment Resolution

- Each caucus to address respective comments
- Public Caucus already addressed public comments
- Industry Caucus continues to address Industry comments by meeting every other week.
- No timeline for comment resolution has been established.
- Reviewing comments that represent significant issue for industry caucus.
- Once comment resolution is completed, TG will identify next steps



# Timeline for Completion



At the current rate of comment resolution, it is expected to take until late summer/early fall before starting a second review period.

# Resources to Support Implementation

- Two-page overview briefings on RP 1185 and its importance
- Booklets providing more detailed techniques & methods
- Pipeline safety material shareable via existing sources, e.g., pipeline 101, operator websites, etc.
- API & pipeline trades have created an RP 1185 implementation team to develop guidance and tools to support operator implementation



**PIPELINE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**  
RECOMMENDED PRACTICE 1185

**INTRODUCTION**

Recommended Practice (RP) 1185 for Pipeline Public Engagement will help pipeline operators gain input from the public on proposed and existing pipelines. RP 1185 provides a scalable and flexible framework with implementation specifics dependent on the type, size and location of a pipeline, existing programs already in place.

**NEW AND DIFFERENT**

RP 1185 goes beyond traditional public awareness one-way information flows from a pipeline to the public. RP 1185 will help pipeline developers and operators proactively engage the public in conversation, providing equity and inclusivity for input from a broader range of the public, different perspectives and potential concerns.

**BENEFITS**

- Everyone can develop relationships, build trust and achieve meaningful involvement in the engagement process.
- Operators gain perspectives and information needed to consider, develop and operate pipelines within their community.
- Public participants learn about, better understand, and share their perspectives on pipelines in or proposed for their community.

**STAKEHOLDERS**

- Pipeline operators
- Developers of proposed pipeline projects
- Interested parties in the public
- Governments
- Rights holders

**TYPES OF COVERED PIPELINES**

- Existing hazardous liquids
- Existing gas transmission
- Proposed hazardous liquids
- Proposed gas transmission
- Gathering pipelines

**ENGAGEMENT ELEMENTS**

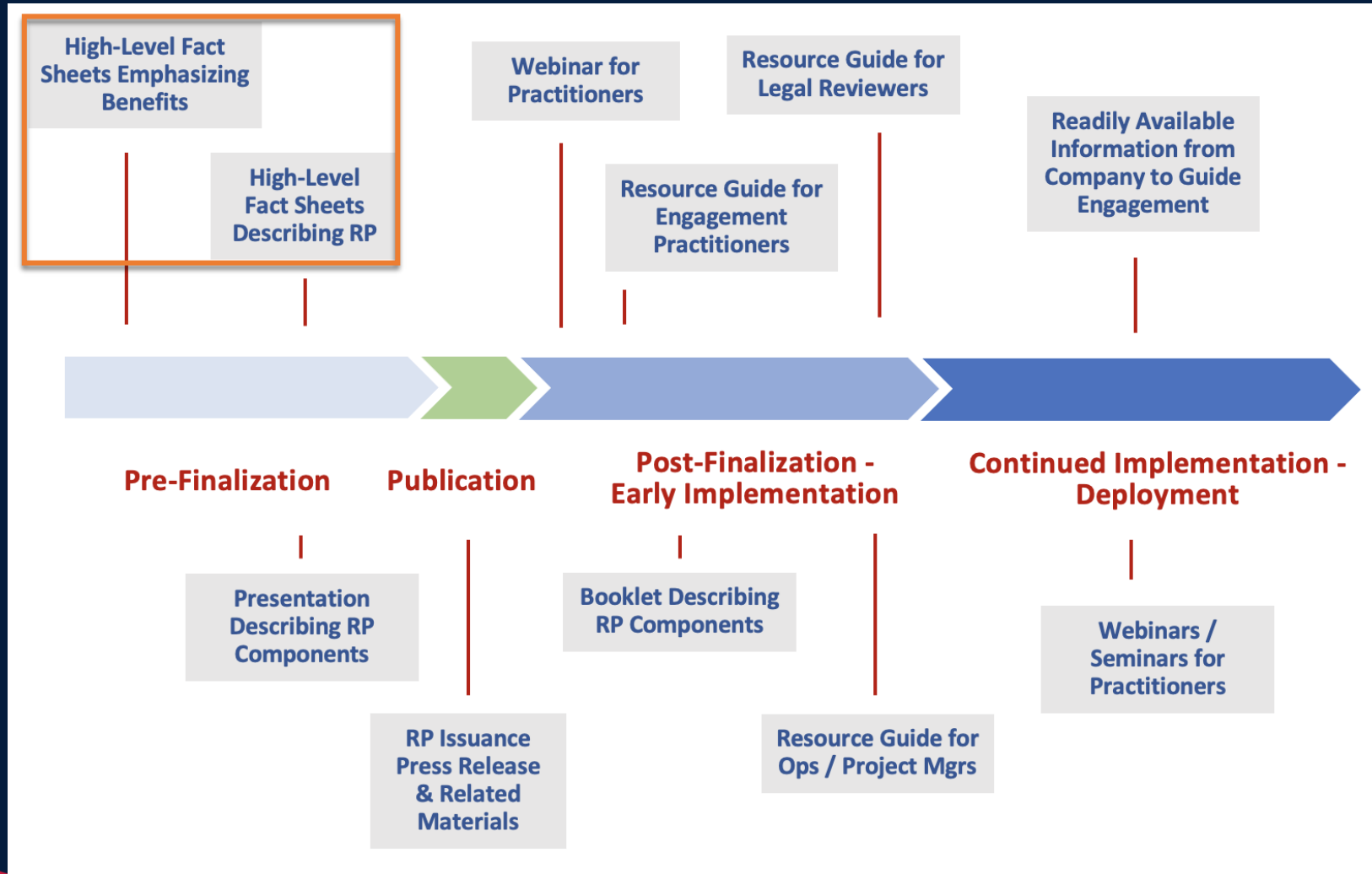
RP 1185 includes six elements to apply when engaging the public at any point in a pipeline's lifecycle, from early design and siting, through operation, maintenance and emergency response, to abandonment and decommissioning.

- COMMIT AND ALIGN** Describes how operators, through their management, demonstrate the organization's commitment to stakeholder engagement.
- IDENTIFY, UNDERSTAND AND CONFIRM** Describes stakeholders who should be the subject of engagement.
- PLAN AND PREPARE** Describes how operators get ready for stakeholder engagement activities.
- SHARE INFORMATION** Describes what operators should share as part of baseline information.
- ASK, LISTEN AND RESPOND** Describes how operators engage with stakeholders.
- MONITOR, EVALUATE AND ADJUST** Describes how operators assess, document, verify and improve stakeholder engagement performance.

**CORE PRINCIPLES**

- OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY** Frank discussion, sharing of truthful, timely, and relevant information, and willingness to listen and learn and nurturing an environment of transparency.
- RESPECT** Considering and respecting others' points of view by listening to questions, understanding concerns, and allowing each other to share perspectives.
- RECIPROCITY** Communication and action for mutual benefit, listening as well as speaking, being responsive to inquiries and interests, and sharing responsibility for interactions and relationships.
- INCLUSIVENESS** A deliberate effort to involve parties interested in the subject or action.
- ACCESSIBILITY** Commitment to provide a variety of methods and opportunities for all interested stakeholders to participate.
- EQUITY** Deliberation and decision-making that take into account the needs, circumstances, and resources of all stakeholders.

# Implementation Roadmap



# Thank you!

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