



NAPSR

National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives

RESOLUTION

Originator NAPSR Board of Directors

Resolution 2014-02

ENCOURAGING PHMSA TO REQUIRE MANDATORY ATTENDANCE BY ALL STATE PROGRAM MANAGERS TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of PIPELINE SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES (NAPSR) NATIONAL MEETINGS.

WHEREAS, the NAPSR Annual Board of Directors Meeting (National Meeting) has evolved to include the sharing of regulatory information, various state and federal enforcement actions, lessons learned for incidents and inspection activities, training issues, reviewing of results and actions resulting from NAPSR task groups, reviewing of new technology; and other issues involving the states specific safety issues; and

WHEREAS, PHMSA supports NAPSR and has identified the value of information sharing between state programs and currently requires program managers to attend their respective regional meeting; and

WHEREAS, each state needs to be aware of national pipeline safety issues, trends and lessons learned by other states; and

WHEREAS: PHMSA recognizes the meetings provide an opportunity for the State agencies and PHMSA to discuss common objectives and problems concerning pipeline safety; and

WHEREAS, the National meeting provides an opportunity for all state program managers to interact directly with other program managers and PHMSA leadership; and

WHEREAS: at the National meeting resolutions and recommendations are brought forward and decided upon that have the ability to impact all State Agencies; and

WHEREAS: State agencies not in attendance at the National meeting lose the opportunity to participate in the discussion of issues that directly impact their agency programs; and

WHEREAS, mandatory attendance at regional meetings has resulted in near 100 percent participation by all state agencies, and

WHEREAS, as discussed with and reported to the National board many states have difficulty obtaining approval for attendance to the National meeting because attendance is not required as part of the certification agreement between PHMSA and the states.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NAPSRR encourages PHMSA to amend the Guidelines for States Participating in the Pipeline Safety Program, Section 8.4, (3rd sentence) with the following language;

Each State agency shall send the program manager to the appropriate NAPSRR Region meeting and the NAPSRR National Board meeting or risk reduction of grant-in-aid funds.