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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 28, 2026

TO: President Cynthia Lee Almond
Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden
Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III.

FROM: Jonathan M Kimbril, Director *JMK*
Gas Pipeline Safety Division

SUBJECT: Agenda for August 4th, 2026, Commission Meeting

The following items will be presented to the Commission during the regular August 4th, 2026, Commission Meeting.

GAS PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION ACTIVITIES
June 2026

Inspections

During the month of June, a total of sixty-six (66) inspections were conducted utilizing one hundred and forty-two (142) in person-days. The inspections are as follows:

		STANDARD INSPECTION	CONSTRUCTION	OPERATOR QUALIFICATION	PUBLIC AWARENESS	IMP / DIMP	CONTROL ROOM MGMT	INCIDENT / ACCIDENT	DRUG & ALCOHOL	FOLLOW-UP	OTHER	
GAS PIPELINE SYSTEMS	PRIVATE		6							2		TOTAL
	MUNICIPAL	10	8	1					6	14		
	MASTER METER									2		
	LIQUID PROPANE (LP)											
	LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)		1									
	INTRASTATE TRANSMISSION	3							2	3		
	GAS GATHERING	1							1	1		
	OFFSHORE GAS											
LIQUID PIPELINE SYSTEMS	REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS									2		
	CRUDE OIL									3		
	HVL FLAMMABLE / TOXIC											
	CARBON DIOXIDE											
	BIOFUEL											
TOTALS		14	15	1	0	0	0	0	9	27	0	66

Enforcement Actions

From the sixty-six (66) inspections shown above, eight (8) enforcement letters were issued citing a total of thirty-three (33) non-compliance items. Of the thirty-three (33) non-compliance items cited, twenty-nine (29) were issued for the first time, while four (4) were repeat violations that had been cited consecutively. During the month of June, thirteen (13) non-compliance items were corrected and verified by Gas Pipeline Safety.

Training

During the month of June, the Gas Pipeline Safety Division conducted two operator and contractor training sessions. Training sessions may address a single topic or combine multiple topics based on the specific needs of the operator or contractor. Topics may include polyethylene plastic fusion, fire response, and applicable regulatory requirements contained in the Code of Federal Regulations. These training efforts are designed to enhance public safety, improve regulatory compliance, and promote industry best practices.

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| ➤ 6/10/2026 | Calera Gas Department | PE | 27 | Personnel Trained |
| ➤ 6/24/2026 | Mobile Pipe & Welding. | PE | 35 | Personnel Trained |

Incidents / Accidents

During the month of June, the Gas Pipeline Safety Division received notification of two (2) potential incidents. Following the completion of the investigations, neither incident met the criteria for State or Federal reporting, and no reportable incidents under the Commission's jurisdiction were identified.

The notifications were initially reported to GPS by the operators while their investigations were ongoing. Upon completion of the investigations, GPS determined that the incidents were either outside the Division's jurisdiction or did not meet the applicable reporting thresholds. Therefore, neither incident was reportable to the State or to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

- 6/3/2026 Florence Gas – The Florence Street Department accidentally damaged an aboveground stub-out service line owned by Florence Gas. The service line had been installed for anticipated future use. The damage occurred while Street Department personnel were using a claw grapple to remove debris that had been piled near the edge of the property. The service line was concealed beneath the debris and was accidentally caught by the equipment. The incident was reported to the Gas Pipeline Safety Division because members of the media were present at the scene. This did not meet a reportable state incident.
- 6/19/2026 Southeast Gas - Operator reported that a valve was inadvertently left in the closed position during valve maintenance, resulting in a temporary loss of service to 52 customers. Once the issue was identified, the operator reopened the valve, notified affected customers, and began restoring service as customers became available for the required turn-on procedures. The operator determined that

the incident involved a lapse in following established procedures. This did not meet a reportable state incident.

Miscellaneous

The Gas Pipeline Safety Division received a report from a private citizen concerning a gas odor at an apartment complex near 21325 Annadale Drive in Loxley, Alabama. The apartment complex does not receive natural gas service; however, GPS contacted Riviera Utilities and requested that the area be investigated.

A technician conducted a leak survey of the surrounding gas facilities and found a small leak in customer-owned piping at 21368 Annadale Drive, approximately 300 feet from the apartment complex. The customer was notified, and gas service was shut off until repairs could be completed.

The technician also conducted a migration investigation throughout the apartment complex and inside the apartment from which the odor was originally reported, no natural gas was detected within the apartment or elsewhere in the complex.

During an expanded survey of the surrounding area, the technician identified a significant propane leak at a nearby business's propane-cylinder filling station, approximately 375 feet from the reporting apartment. The business was notified of the leak.

The Gas Pipeline Safety Division also attended the Alabama Natural Gas Association's Annual Conference. GPS delivered a presentation addressing anticipated federal code changes, proposed GPS rule changes, enforcement actions, and potential organizational changes at the Commission resulting from leadership transitions.

The presentation also included discussion of the GPS waiver process for operators under the Commission's jurisdiction and the if the Division would issue a state interpretation concerning regulator-station maintenance. Questions and areas of concern raised by attendees were addressed during the presentation.

The conference is primarily attended by upper-level management from natural gas operators. This provides GPS with an opportunity to communicate inspection findings, regulatory expectations, and the Division's positions directly to operator management personnel who may not normally be present during inspections.